

Dear Boris:

The best thing about this book is its title, because its contents constitute a hodge-podge of valid, invalid, and "doctored" information. We have never met its authors and the source of their information about us is a mystery. However, as one of the tokens of our regard and affection for you, we hope you will at least take a look at it. Our very sincere congratulations to you on the attainment of your 70th birthday — and we wish it were possible for us to join in celebrating that happy event.

W. J. J.
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Dear Boris:

This book contains a great deal of quite up-to-date information. In presenting it to you it is our hope that you will find in it interesting material for reading in the hours you should devote, upon attaining the ripe young age of 70, the age when most men retire from active service. But apparently you don't intend to retire. Good for you! Many, many happy returns of birthday celebrations!

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Appassionately
E. S. F.

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Dear Boris:

I was just on the point of mailing the accompanying letter, dated 9 July, when Elizebeth phoned to tell me about the receipt of the very fine photograph of Annie and you standing beside "my little frog" in the garden overlooking that lovely lake in the rear of your Sundsvik estate.

Both of you look very well and your appearance belies your age. Again let me say: "Many, many Happy Returns."

I am glad the books arrived in good time. As to your hopes of profiting, as a result of reading them, in dealings with your Washington friends -- well, perhaps you will!

It is good to learn that the birthday parties turned out so happily, and we shall hold you to your tentative promise (or hope) to tell us about them, either here or over there. It is also nice to learn that both of you feel unusually well, notwithstanding the rather turbulent time you've had since your arrival in Sweden.

I have been keeping very busy indeed, what with serving in this consultant capacity with RCA, and writing things of interest to me. Soon my article on "Shakespeare, Secret Intelligence, and Statecraft" will be off the press, in the Proceedings of the American Philosophical Society, and I shall be happy to send you an offprint. Perhaps I shall start soon on an expansion of that article, to take the form of a book on the same subject.

I also want to follow up my article on Jacques Casanova, for various friends are insisting that I must do so.

Then there are several other pieces I want to start in doing, and these will keep both of us very busy because Elizebeth does a good deal of the research for me if I am sole author, and also, of course, she does a lot of research when we are joint authors.

I think I have told you how deeply young Kahn appreciated your courtesies to him. He was little disappointed, however, that you didn't tell him some secrets! Of which you do have many, I sure!!

Love to Annie and most affectionate greetings to you.

Sincerely,

Bill