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Mr. Sidney B. Swirsky
4244 Corinth Avenue
Culver City, California

Dear Mr. Swirsky:

Thanks a great deal for sending me those items which were certainly "of interest". We had seen only the Daily News' treatment of our most recent catastrophe: both your own version and the Manchester Guardian's review of "The Holy Sinner" were news. The latter bit ought to do some good, as, in fact, your story should. By now T.M. feels very sorry that he ever wrote that birthday letter. Needless to say it happened while I was in one of my hospitals, and he never gave the thing any "political" thought. He knew, though, that virtually everybody concerned would send some kind of a message to old Becher who, as an exponent of "German unity" happens to be highly esteemed among non- and anti-communists in western Germany. He also is vice-president of the German PEN Club which convenes in the Bonn republic. Naturally, - had he considered the proposition at all, he would have realized that once again he was bound to be singled out for attack. But then, you will admit that things have gone pretty far when a man is likely to ruin himself by sending a bunch of congratulations to a colleague who has always been nice to him.

Thanks again for caring and for sending me the clippings.

Yours as ever cordially

Erika Mann.