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Leukerbad, Wallis

June 20, 1965

Mrs. Marie-Jacqueline Lancaster
1 Crescent Mansions
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London S W 3

Dear Mrs. Lancaster,

Your good letter of June 2nd finally caught up with me. I was very glad to hear about the memoir of Brian and am looking forward eagerly to read it.

As for myself, I am rather ill (a progressive bone complaint owing to which I have had to undergo three major operations so far) and quite incapable, I fear, of serving as a contributor.

I wonder whether among Brian's papers you found a piece he wrote as a memoir to my late brother Klaus. He had meant to be included in a book of memories of Klaus but somehow failed to send it to the publishers. He so often acted that way, as you know. But years after Klaus' death he read it to me in Zurich, crying bitterly - and a most moving sort of poem it was, truly beautiful and haunting. To my mind that particular piece of writing would not only make an excellent contribution to your memoir but would also be something that Brian should have wanted to figure there. Should you succeed in finding the piece and accept it for your book, I should be happy to try and add a few paragraphs further to illustrate Klaus' and my own long and close association with Brian.

You ask about Toni Altman. When last heard of Toni was somewhere in the USA - I believe in Chicago. But that's neither here nor there. Besides, it is probably much better simply to refer to him as "Toni". I knew him very well and doubt that he'd be able to contribute anything worthwhile.

Your synopsis reads extremely promising and impressive. And I hardly need to say how I should have loved to join your contributors.

Looking forward to hearing from you

yours very sincerely,

