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Sunday night

Dear José,

Thanks very much for the books and reprints, which I shall read with pleasure. When Jaime brought them (a week ago last Wednesday) he was feeling somewhat depressed, and so I had a long talk with him, which seemed at least to help him sort out some of the reasonable parts of his worries from the unreasonable parts. He promised me that he would work hard for the next few days in preparation for his exams, and call me before returning to Philadelphia. Unfortunately, I have not heard from him, and wonder how everything went. Perhaps he was too rushed in getting off to Philadelphia, or perhaps our line was busy. In any event, I should be pleased to hear from him. There is not much point in my trying to give you a detailed account of our conversation. Suffice it to say that I am -- or at least was -- hopeful that we were becoming friends, and that he felt able to speak freely to me. Since he is seeing a psychiatrist, and for reasons of common sense, I feel somewhat reticent in giving him detailed advice, or in insisting too strongly on any line of action. I have tried to talk to him on a trans-psychiatric level, if I may use so elegant a metaphor for a much simpler phenomenon.

I appreciate your offer to let me use your name to Mr. Wiggins of Columbia. Perhaps it will prove necessary for me to do that, but for the time being I must wait to see what happens at Basic Books, where Irving Kristol (formerly editor of The Reporter) has my Symposium manuscript.

We are still awaiting the arrival of our baby. I am hard at work on various projects, mainly on finishing the Symposium book.

With best wishes to you and your family for happy holidays,

As ever,

Stanley