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ABBEY OF GETHSEMANI
TRAPPIST, KENTUCKY

Monday May 16, 1960

Dear Victor:

in a folded page

Here is the poem. It is perhaps not long enough, but rather than add useless lines I think it would be better to divide some of the lines in two, if you so desire. I am marking several places where this is possible. I think it is a good idea for a cover. I think that short lines on the cover, with that remarkable initial, will be more effective than long ones. But I am perhaps no judge. I am very taken with that initial. I hope you can run off a few extra copies of the cover, say fifteen or twenty (is that too much?) I mean just the poem with the initial, ~~perhaps folded over~~, or just a plain sheet, whatever is most convenient for you. I would like to send a few around. It would be nice to frame one and hang it on the wall. I can send it to some Carmelite nuns who would appreciate it, I am sure.

The picnic of the other day was superb. It is wonderful to be blessed ~~with~~ with such fine days. I am so happy with the book: it is in many ways more ~~beautiful~~ beautiful even than the other: being slightly thinner, for one thing. I have lent it to one of the Fathers who will understand it, but otherwise I would probably have spent the whole weekend just sitting and admiring it.

I forgot to speak about the little prayer card, where Christ says He forgetteth utterly. But I know you have been keeping it in mind and will do ~~something~~ something with it at your own convenience. I am a little busy at the moment and Isaac of Niniveh, who has waited for over a thousand years, can wait a little more. And I enjoyed meeting George Headley: the only regret was that Carolyn could not enjoy such a marvelous picnic.

Now here are those to whom the book may be sent. The others you can bring me some day when you come.

- X 1. Mr Ernesto Cardenal - Monasterio de la Resurreccion, Cuernavaca, ~~Mex~~ Mor. Mexico.
2. Rev Pere Jean Danielou S.J., 15, Rue Monsieur, Paris vii, France
- X 3: Col. Laurens Van der Post, 13 Cadogan St. London S.W.3. England.
- X 4: Mark Van Doren Falls Village, Connecticut
- X 5 Mr Robert Lax, 3739 Warren Street, Jackson Heights, N.Y.
- 6 M. Czeslaw Milosz, 10 Ave. de la Grange, Montgeron, (S. et O.) France.
- 7 M. Louis Massignon, 21 Rue Monsieur, Paris VII, France.
- X 8 Mrs S. Spender, 15, Loudoun Road, St Johns Wood, London NW8 England.

And that will leave three others, then.

With all blessings and good wishes, until we meet again: Cordially in Christ

In Louis