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Dear Victor

Here is the proof of "The Unquiet Conscience". I have only made one fussy change, moving a phrase to make a sentence sound better.

I will be expecting you both on August 7th, at one o'clock (by which I presume you mean fast time). This will be very good for us.

About the Innocent Bystander: indeed one of the purposes of the piece was to discuss the possibility of his existence at all. What is said toward the end, about the King's New Clothes, is rather a statement of what the bystander ought to do if he were really innocent. And in any case if he did this he would not be a bystander he would be in the fullest sense a participant, and this too was one of the main reasons for writing the piece. That one should not delude himself with the thought that it is possible to be innocent by being a bystander, and that what matters is not to seek to avoid guilt by avoiding participation, but to participate in an innocent way, which is almost impossible, and humanly speaking IS impossible, but it has been done by Isaias, Jeremias, Ezechiel, William Blake, St Francis of Assisi....

Well, I will see you both on the 7th and then we can talk more of all this- perhaps the piece is too ambiguous

With all blessings and good wishes in Chris

*for Louis*

*Do they have in the library  
Palmer, E.E. - Communist problems in America - N.Y. 1951*