

22 ALEXANDER STREET  
 PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY  
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Dear Henchman:

I was delighted to hear that you are willing to accept the modest offer I could extend to you.<sup>1</sup> I was equally pleased to learn from your letter that Hercules has cut the cord linking him to Omphale (I do not mean the actual connecting link) and that I am going to have, for a change, a bachelor assistant. Nothing against Lucy [Cherniavsky] whom, as you know, I love. But—well, but I am quite glad you are alone for the time being. Please do not get married again *before* you arrive in Princeton. Nor do Michael [Cherniavsky] and I know actually what you are going to do with your Herculean excesses here, in Princeton. New York is not far away. However that may be— and I take it to be a rather private matter—I am very glad to “collaborate” with you at the Institute and I am sure you will get very much out of that year.

I am not going to write a long letter. This is just to tell you that I am sailing with the help of Neptune and allied gods on the Queen Elizabeth on May 6th, arriving London May 11<sup>th</sup>, staying there about 10 days, then one day Paris to see and brief you, then hop to Naples to see the [Leonardo] Olschkis off who are sailing to the *patria* on May 24<sup>th</sup>, I believe. But since they are going to California, I may not see them for quite a long time unless I catch them before they embark.

We will be able to discuss everything in Paris. I shall see to it that you get your letter of appointment next week or so. You do not need to answer it before we have met. As for your salary, there is no difficulty, on principle, to get it beginning August 1, for the month of July. But where to send it. Shall I ask them to mail the check to Michael? You will have to stay in touch with him. I will be out of bounds - that is, it will be difficult to get hold of me while I am in Europe. Whereas Michael is going to be here in the East all summer, certainly around August 1. So he might mail it to you if you let him have your address in England.

If you sail on August 28, it will be fine. I myself am going to sail around that time, so there is no point at being here before I arrive. Besides, I am sure that Michael will be overjoyed to take you to Princeton and to introduce you to whom it may concern, in case you should be arriving earlier than I am.

Can I phone you in Paris, say, from London? And what is your number? And what time of the day has one a chance to get hold of you?

Please write about all that.

The chapter on *Dignitas quae non moritur* will be written under your tutorship.<sup>2</sup> So do not bother to send me anymore papers on burial, resurrection, and heraldic cries.

Wonderful [*sic*] to see you soon.

Love,  
 EKa [Signed]

If you should see John Phelan<sup>3</sup> do tell him that apparently the plans I had for him did not materialize. But at present I cannot push them ahead.

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<sup>1</sup> To be his assistant at the Institute; the annual salary (if memory serves) was \$4,000.

<sup>2</sup> See *Reminiscences*, “Personal Relationship to Eka,” for explanation of this.

<sup>3</sup> John Leddy Phelan, historian of Hispanic America, had been a member of Eka’s seminar in Berkeley; at this time he was in Bordeaux, with a Fulbright scholarship, and (as I had told Eka) had come to Brussels in January to be best man at my marriage.