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Dear Chevalier sans Peur,

Thank you very much for drawing the old Giesey sword against the dragon of *TLS*.¹ Though quite amusing, I do not believe that they will print it. I have no idea who wrote it, but suspect [Richard] Southern—whereas Ernest Jacob, who was here last semester, said it was not Southern; but he will try to find out. It is a silly and superficial review, and the only thing that made me angry was the remark about “Germanic sources” in order to discredit it. But the germanophobia of *TLS* is proverbial; see the review of Mommsen’s *Roman History* last May 8th (“Return to Rome”) where that idiotic reviewer labeled Mommsen a “Junker loathing Cicero” and talked about “the *old Prussian*’s obsessional Caesar-worship” although Mommsen was a Dane and the son of a very poor parson. To that your friend Ph[illip] Grierson answered well on May 22, whereas my note sent to *TLS* was not printed. And far worse was the case of Miss Erna Auerbach some two years ago, which drew letters to the editor for six weeks or more.

Thanks also for your long letter, which describes the “fog” of your situation very well. I know nothing about openings in your field though I am sure there are some; and to get another invitation before the book is out will be difficult. [Stuart] Hoyt got at any rate his Fulbright, as I found out through my spies. Whether he will get a Guggenheim in addition to that I do not know. So if you manage to step into his shoes next year, you have gained a year and an important one on account of publications. Where do you want to publish the “Succession” paper? Moreover, it is a good idea to get the coin papers ready. Numismatics is rather *en vogue* now, and it may be useful to use the wave.

I shall not be in Chicago, but Michael [Cherniavsky] is going to act as “Christkindlein” for you and bring you half a case of Schloss Vollrads—as much as he could carry on the plane. Don't open them in Chicago, because the bottles need a very long test before being sampled. Michael and Lucy were here a week ago and we had a very pleasant evening together. His dragon is pretty Miss Miriam Brokaw of the Princeton Press. He will tell you the long story. They definitely want the book, but tell him it needs some reshuffling (Jumpiness), which Michael would admit; but they do not tell him what exactly he is supposed to change, and M. himself has naturally lost the judgment as every author would. So there he stands.

I shall be off next Sunday. It will be nice to plunge again into warm seawater and watch the fish. The winter here was very mild and we had hardly any frost at all.

Have a pleasant reunion in Chicago and drink my health with vodka, whiskey, or wine. A merry Christmas to you and Nora and a lucky new year.

Love,
EKa. [Signed]

¹ See [my letter of 9 Dec 59](#), to *The Times Literary Supplement*.