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My dear Doc,

It is good to have your letter -

First to answer questions - I don't know about the legality of what can be used - of a writer - but I feel Pudge wouldn't mind - Perhaps you should ask her. Haven't Ernest's wife been some sort of legal hold on anything he ever wrote?

Mr. I haven't read Islands in the Stream. I still don't like to read anything E. wrote.

I have read one or two reviews.

I understand what you say about being dubious about one's self. I still can't accept myself as a status quo - and try to change into something else.

But I have been reading a book by Dr. Viktor Franzl - a world famed

psychiatrist - my favorite because he includes spirit in his considerations of man. This is the second of his books I have read - Dr. Doctor and the Soul - and I find it rings quite a few bells in my recognition of mental spots of

neurosis in myself. I can also spot things to make me better understand other people - including Ernest. In his

chapter on the meaning of love - I can
spot exactly where Ernest belonged in
my growth as a person - perhaps in him
too. It is what he calls the second stage
of attitude toward another - where the
psychic rather than the physical is stirred.
Real love is another step. It makes me
wonder whether I have ever matured
enough to reach the third stage he
describes as real love. Some of us
remain immature - no matter what
our age.

I remained happy with the
father figure - and so I must have
remained a child - sort of an older
sister to my children. Ernest remained
immature in his need to be strongest and
the best in everything.

It is all encompassing and nothing
fits in any exact category. But it
is good to take a detached viewpoint
now and then. I was interested
to find a reference to "twoness" I
in the book - but not quite as I
saw it. You feel my eye to say I
am literary. Probably in the same
way I am musical. I feel it but

could never produce it.

The holidays are over but not
without taking a small toll.
George and the boys went to Tahoe
with friends - to ski. Roger
came home on crutches with torn
ligaments and a sprained ankle.
I am glad to settle back into routine.

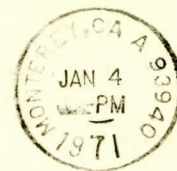
I am glad to settle back into routine.
Tell Ruth I enjoyed the
Christmas letter and the added message.
I am looking forward to a time to
meet her, too. Will it be Florida,
Michigan - N. H. or where.

I feel I may be pulled back to Michigan
now that Bill Ahle will be living in
Pittsburg. I still love your friends
that I knew as a child. Not a
bad average.

Best of New Year wishes with love.
Marge.

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