

11.20.73

Dear Lanny,  
Sorry to take so long in answering. The pile of letters I had to write was immense and too depressing and I knew dear friends would understand if I waited to write back so that I could write too the prisoners and others who shouldn't be kept waiting for many reasons - such as paranoia that mail was intercepted and held for evidence, etc.

I still go into frequent depressions, but am working things out, learning in general to be more aware of the bad aspects of things which I have tended to hide while emphasizing the good aspects. Much of this from a heavy experience with strong hash oil recently, the most scary phenomenon, but quite enlightening when I got in control again after going down.

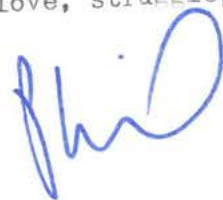
The best things are still the best. With Ronnie, life is so worth living and being. We are getting closer all the time, and really have so much love to give each other. This is like no other relationship I have had and I really love her so much. It will take a while before we live together, but I don't feel in a waiting kind of place since there is so much else going on with us that we don't concentrate on talking all the time about what it will be like soon, etc. when Lauri leaves the country, or before even. I really wish you two could meet.

Share this letter with Stan and Barb and hug them muchly for me. Also, please ask a Graper if I can have a free sub to the Grape since I really dig the paper a lot. I'd buy one but RT ripped off  $\frac{1}{2}$  my annual income. Dig their fucked-up letter/editorial in the new issue and the fucked up style of the issue.

This is the time of the year I met you last year. Times of reminiscence and fondness. It would be so wonderful if I could get a way out there for a visit.. Take care, and feel better. Let me know about the MPA conference and the outcome of the plan you outlined - which sounds great though I fear that people will be frightened by its structure and that the effort to clarify why that structure is good is a really important task.

If you're still writing that book, would you want a bourgeois publisher to do it? If so, maybe Harper and Row will.

love, struggle,



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10.4.73

Dear Lanny,

Hope you're doing fine out there. I keep having crazily wonderful rememberings of my time there - mostly of you - and I need such good thoughts in really hard times...

I'm no longer with RT. The story is incredibly long and complicated. In the midst of us all feeling good about the way things have been going, I was informed of my unwillingness to change certain attitudes of control, power, intimidation, intolerance, etc. and that it was not possible to struggle through it any more. Certain of these were raised over a  $\frac{1}{2}$  year ago, and to some extent were true. They were things I worked to change and have in fact become more tolerant, less purist, less into actively pushing certain editorial policies. There was hardly any intervening criticism, especially not on a level of being super heavy, drastic. Then the shit hits the fan as Jackie arrives, largely based on her, I feel. In all this, my goodness, changing, general context of what I do at RT - all disregarded and I was made to feel like a real bad person. Jackie comes up with lots of disagreements with the course - like on Marxism and class perspective, need for structure of some sort, ability for men and women to work together. She has been running around saying all sorts of shit, and this now presents a real problem in the Cambridge-Goddard course, where there is no way we can work together. As yet no resolution to that, but it's a shitty way to start a new year out, and I feel all sorts of hurt, angry, humiliated, etc. The political issues were not raised: my pushing mental patients liberation and prison struggles and class perspective. They were not clear and dry disagreements, but were nevertheless somewhat occurring. Most particularly I am angry at Michael, my supposed dear friend who told me up till the day before the meeting how great things were going, etc., etc., and I feel really deceived and fucked over.

All the work I do from day to day over 3 years has been pulled out from under me with no way for me to continue. I feel that the RT and I have different realities, their the consensual reality from which they psychologize me into oblivion, creating me into a monster with a character structure that uses people for personal uses, treats them as objects, etc. Now they threaten to fuck up the course at school in the sense that they feel Jackie and I should work together, as if that's possible, and they are stirring up resistance to me there - which will not be overwhelming but will be nasty and make me feel like shit, make it difficult for me in certain ways which I won't know until they happen in the future.

I am pretty well over the first week of depression concerning this. (forgot to say that they used the euphemism of a 2 month leave of absence for them to decide finally, but with no mechanisms for us ever getting together over the duration, also implications of permanence, plus: how could I go back after this horrible thing they've done to me? Ronnie, Becky, and Richard have been incredibly supportive, as have other people. Much of that support is not just for my 'position' in this situation, but for also keeping me from going crazy and believing that I'm as bad as they say I am at RT. I'll tell you, it was the most desolate feeling, only thing which was like it was when my father died. That was much worse, but the only instance in which I remember such dread and such an ending of things.

I know that I must go on and do things, etc. but fear a long depression of less heaviness than initially. The main thing this will hurt is in school and in my preparing for NYU comprehensive exams which I was nervous enough about in the first place.

Can't think of more, or want to say more, now. I do hope things ~~will~~ will work out. Thanks for being there, Lanny.

love and struggle,



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Sept. 30, 73

Dear Phil,

It was good getting your letter. The poem is beautiful. We're hoping to print it in the next Nutshell.

With an opening like that it seems incongruous to tell you about what's been happening with me. I have resigned my job at MPA. Perhaps, taking a leave of absence is more accurate. It doesn't matter. It's only semantic. I just got to the point where I couldn't take any more of that pressure. I've been off for a month now and am very confused about what's next. I'm trying to take it day by day, but in really depressed moments the future does seem quite hopeless.

I still spend quite a bit of time at mpa and I guess I'm unofficially working about 20% of the time. I've done quite a bit of work on the newsletter and have been around the office enough to know what's going on and to be able to give advice. The structure has been somewhat reorganized so that the office people are now working in a more collective way, which is of course a good thing. Stan is now doing many of the chores that I used to do, so I am in close contact in that regard. The newsletter is also being done more collectively which frees up a lot of Stan's time to do office work.

I have been trying to write a book about my experiences in the "mental health" field as a psychology student, mental patient and mpa organizer. The first 20 pages flowed quite easily, but since then it's come to a halt. I find it very hard to write when I'm so down; and when I'm up I always seem to drift into more active activities. So maybe the book is really impossible. Trying to write when I'm feeling shitty is just knocking myself over the head.

I'm finding it quite hard to fill my time. Barb feels that it will take months for me to unwind from the 3 years of frantic work at mpa. She may be right and I'll just have to accept that doing nothing is ~~is~~ okay for now.

It seems like such a long time since I've written you a letter when I've been on top of things. I begin to feel like a broken record. I hate this obsessive preoccupation with the goings on in my head. It is like being so cut off from the outside world. As in yr poem, I guess there are still times when I want to dissociate myself from the reality of the monster. The effort is like treading water while straining to keep your nostrils above the surface.

I keep coming back to what you said about our friendship when you were here. It feels good and it is important to me. You sound quite fine in yr last letter. That too makes me feel good.

Love from Stan and Barb and me.

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9.7.3

Dear Lanny,

Back to good times. Everything has been really up since I returned: working with Nancy and Michael feels really good, we're working to also bring in friends to help out and expand the group; also Cambridge-Goddard; wonderful times with Ronnie; generally feeling good about what's coming up.

As soon as I got to Berkeley, Ann and I got into a wonderful trip; eight hours of stoned stream of consciousness ramblings through the streets. Had lots of important mind-zaps for each other, lots of good feeling and ability to connect on lots of meta-levels. Santa Cruz was beautiful too. Spent not too much time with Jackie but most with Karen Rotkin and Karlene Faith, Karlene's a most incredible person.

Returned here with so much energy and renewed faith in struggle and love. It was just so important for me to be with you and Barband Stan. It is so good to be able to connect so easily with you.

Have gotten into much good music since I returned, learned many Ochs songs. (Ochs sang for the Gainesville 8 shortly before they won the trial and was reported to have sung lots of very up songs - this should make you all feel good).

Enclosed is a poem for you all. Love to Stan and Barb.

love, struggle



Heightened View

Mt. Baker, suspended as a public triangle  
past Fraser Valley fog  
and strike-stopped tankers on the river  
after an easy rock-clambering of hungry people eager to taste  
their German sandwiches and warm canned juice.

On all sides from Mt. Seymour  
we can see strikes: Island ferries,  
wheat-carrying railroads, millworkers.  
How easy to stop the monster when we  
no longer dissociate ourselves from its reality.

~~On the inside~~

Feel our energy! Our bodies are warm and warned against incursions  
from sexual bosses and factory bosses  
and failed positions of no-trust.

August 27, 1973  
for my comrades in Vancouver



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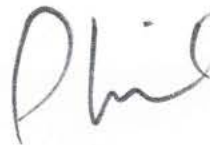
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7.19

Dear Lanny,

We're going to print the organizing article, being real happy about it and seeing how useful it will be to people who don't realize that they too can get it together. The only thing is that we need a new title to reflect the fact that the model is an ex-patient model, not a ward model. Can you come up with a good one? Be rush, as the issue is at least 3 weeks off. See you soon.

love and struggle

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Phil".

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June 30

Dear Lanny,

Glanced through the NUTSHELL, though haven't have time to read it carefully - I will do this in the next few days. It's been looking better and better, and seems more permanent. Madness Network News is also, and I look forward to a large amount of radical psychology/wolf papers all over the country.

Sorry to hear about Brian - do you all still keep in touch a lot? There's just 4 of you now, right? Hug Stan for me. You know, I have always meant to write him and Kathy and Dick and never did, always telling you, say hello.

I hope to be in Vancouver in early August and hope that will be convenient for you with me staying there. Also, some very dear people are going to be passing through and I gave them your address. They are Becky Tipples and Richard Krushnic and dog, Sheba. They're people who've been very important to me this year especially Becky. I've told them nice things about you and Vancouver, and do hope you get to see them.

I have been super-busy between C-G, RT, and my book, doing much rewriting that I want to finish before I leave on vacation. Also, many hours spent interviewing people for the C-G class, which has been real educating. One man, with his work brother and a woman, came by here from Danville, I l., and he will be in the class. Had a good time talking about politics and collectives - he's been with a far-out collective there doing community and industrial work, together for 3 years now, and the decision to come here for a year is based on collective discussions. He's probably the most politically advanced person who'll be entering the course. I really look forward to teaching with Jackie, and to having her with us at RT.

I guess my life is confused but somehow coming together. I feel the real need to stop feeling like a life-planner and hassling about where I'll be next year, etc. Also feeling the need to live with a group of people, and to integrate my life in certain ways - like, my closest friends, who are also my closest political comrades - how do they fit into what I'm doing at RT? Things like that. Also feeling the need for a collective of people doing various types of political work to come together and feed on each other's energy and begin talking about higher forms of organization, like a party, or pre-party formation, etc. This has been part of talking over the faults of the current pre-party groups like RU. This is the first year of my life where my political comrades have been very important in sorting out personal things, and seeing the revolution as a total human transformation. Sometimes I am in the clouds with joy and/or fear, sometimes in the depths with confusion/pessimism, self-doubt. That, combined with a year-long on-and-off depression, largely related to my father's death, has been heavy. Also confusing is my 2-year relationship with Sara and all the secondary relationships with women. She and I talk this out in real good ways, and have been consistently supportive to each other in the most incredible ways. Confusion is that we'd never want to live together, have real political differences, but have good love for each other and have taught each other so much about real people in the world. Sexually, we've had the most incredible open and honest relationship, learning to be real free with our bodies, to talk everything out, to be able to integrate everything with our bodies. It's hard to describe, and sometimes seems a fantasy.

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Another confusion is the difference between my rhetorical anti-monogamy and my often-felt need to have an ongoing primary relationship, living with a woman. Added to that is the funny dynamics that occur between single people and couples, and the kind of loneliness arising from seeing so many people relying on their coupled relationships. Can't tell if this will ever be straight in my head.

Another hassle is my rushing through life, on a success trip, masked by things like "I really feel I must do all this now, etc." But why in hell should I be demanding so much constant tiring work and 'necessary' activities? In 24 years, I have rushed too much and have left myself out of much of the possibilities of quiet, relaxation, etc. Jewish-compulsive-radical neurosis with a definite propensity towards something.

Anyway, I've exhausted myself, but finally conveyed some of the things I have long wanted to. I feel you'll really understand a lot of this, and feel free in writing it to you. I often think of the warm times in Vancouver in November, and need to be back there soon.

love





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May 8

Dear Lanny,

Wow, really great to hear from you. Hope that the good parts overdid the bad parts. I have been in the middle of on-and-off depression for a while, so I feel a lot of you must be going through. I have gotten by by having dear people reaffirm to me that I am good, and worthwhile, and just having fun with me, also calling me when I use the depression for ulterior motives. So, Lanny, you're good and beautiful and an important person and you'll be really fine -- already are.

For me, much of the pain is the burden of work, fearing that others won't do it; the overwhelming sense of the difficulty of the struggle -- how can the world make a revolution, what path should one choose, etc? But, that's their game -- people for all time have felt that way and the ruling class has always won. We must show each other and other people that our love and collectivism and support really is special and really helps people's problems.

I am really up at several things. The book is selling real well --  $4\frac{1}{2}$  thousand copies in the first  $1\frac{1}{2}$  months. Tavistock will put out an English hardcover in August. I handed in my *Toward a Marxist Psychology*, really happy to have finished it. It will be out in Dec. or Jan. and Tavistock wants it too. Many movement people are beginning to turn on to the things that we are saying about psychological liberation and the alteration of the struggle to include personal liberation. I am speaking to many groups of people about this, and feel that there will be real changes.

The new book (*Toward a Marxist Psychology*) covers the range of what's in the anthology, but in original form, with further developments. Chapters on Marxism as method, ideology of mental illness, anti-psychiatry, Reich, Fanon, Sexuality, beyond therapy, and a final wrap-up *Dare to Struggle Dare to Win*. People here, and my editor ~~and~~ are reading it to make suggestions for minor changes, but there won't be too much real change. I would like for you to see it after the changes -- would have asked you to read the MS but you were away and I figured you were busy and wouldn't have the time -- plus the distance, etc.

Take care, hugs to you and others, and write soon.

love





March 7, 1973

Dear Lanny,

Forgive me for being such a negligent correspondent, but I have been up to my ears in work since I got back from Somerville, and my visit with Phil and RT. I've put together a Women's Film Series for UC-Santa Cruz for the Spring Quarter, and am reading student papers until they come out my ears (as part of my Fellowship), planning my own course for next quarter (a radical film course), writing my dissertation proposal, which must be finished during the Spring Qtr. so I can take my oral qualifying exams (affectionately called "anals"), and a zillion other things.

4/30/73

And now it is almost May. I don't know what pulled me away from the letter I started, but it has been like that this whole year so far. I'm now trying to get caught up on my correspondence at least. I don't seem to be getting very far with my dissertation proposal. I really am finding it increasingly difficult to relate to the university--even one as "liberal" as UCSC. As it is, I only relate to it physically <sup>(from myself only)</sup> two days a week, but I am still caught up in it the rest of the time--feeling the pressure to get my work done (the proposal) so I can leave with at least that completed. As it stands now, it looks like I will be leaving in September to go to Somerville and be part of the RT for a while. I will also be co-teaching the radical social psychology course with Phil at Cambridge-Goddard.

In many ways (mostly <sup>because of</sup> the mellow environment here) it has been a difficult decision to make. I guess it is a common thing to get attached to a place and friends, etc., and I am very attached to Santa Cruz and my people here. But I am not attached to the university and would really like to be somewhere where there are more people doing what I am interested in doing--namely radical psychology political work, and there isn't much happening here. I suppose I could probably put energy into getting it going, but I am more drawn to going where it is already happening. Probably I will come back here after a time in the east (a year, maybe two) and get things moving here, if they aren't already moving. But right now it feels right to go to Somerville for a while. I am really looking forward to working with the RT people and I expect that I will learn a lot (hopefully contribute as well).

Now, on to other things.

Lanny, I do hope you are in a better place now. Phil read me parts of your letter while I was in Somerville and you also indicated in your last letter to me that you had been sick and bummed out. I mentioned to Phil when I was there that I thought the book wasn't a good idea now and suggested that we do it by serializing in RT for a year or so--which I would take responsibility for when I got there, if necessary. He liked the idea and I am glad you did, too. ~~XXXX~~ We'll see what happens then.

You said you hoped I was "only moderately freaked out" indicating that would be the best shape you've seen anyone in for months-----well, I do have downs every once in a while, but they don't last more than a day. Most of the time I try to keep my perspective on things and not let any one thing in my life take on too much importance---and most of all, try not to overextend myself. I do feel like I have a lot to do this Spring--but I could put it off if I had to; there's really no pressure, other than that which I create for myself. So I try to lead the best kind of life I can, without becoming insensitive to the total situation of others--giving part of my energy to others, and part of my energy to my environment (including my seven cats & a dog), and part of my energy exclusively to myself. I take walks on the beach everyday for an hour with my dog--gives me time to think and meditate (in my own way)--I give part of my time to the Santa Cruz Women's Center (for crisis counseling)--part of my time to the Women's Film Series, teaching the course, & doing workshops at the Women's Prison. And a big part of my time to my own work, which is ultimately work which will be given to others. And for myself, I work in my vegetable garden, read, write, and think. I've tried to work out a balanced existence to the best of my ability, including time for everything that has meaning. But if something has to be eliminated because I feel pressed, it is most certainly not the time for myself. I find that if I don't take that, then is when I become fragmented and bummed out, and then--as you have indicated in your own life--I become physically broken down, mentally spiritless, and I am no good to anyone, even myself.

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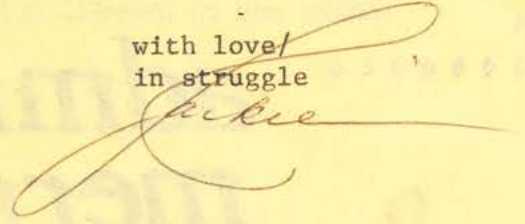
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Hang in, Lanny. Keep in touch when you can. I'll be moving to Somerville in September; hope to hear from you before then. If you need to take a little vacation and cool out, you are welcome to come here.

with love/  
in struggle

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jackie", written in dark ink. The signature is fluid and extends across the right side of the page, partially overlapping the typed words "in struggle".



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Dear Larry,

Just a short note to say hello & give hugs.  
~~Hectic~~ Things are real busy here & we're in  
a heavy \$ problem. Plus I have to go to  
Fla. for a week to deal with my mother's  
house - the people renting it moved out owing  
much & stealing 1/2 the house.

New Mitchell was nice - Thanks to Dick for  
the wonderful review. Glad the new center  
opened. Can't wait to get there & see you  
& everyone - I hope to come at the begin-  
ing of Aug - is that good? I want to have a  
free, fun month which I badly need after  
such a hectic year - will be the longest  
vacation ever for me.

Hi to Stan, Dick, Cathy, Barb, everyone  
else.

Love,  
P. M.

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Fri.

Mar 2/73

Dear Lanny,

Doesn't sound like a good time for me to visit. I just wanted to get away from here for a while, but you sound too busy and pre-occupied, which I certainly understand. I'll see if I can get started on something for the book. I wrote to the 2 people you mentioned but no reply. Are there commitments to actually write for the book?

My divorce is getting messy. E. wants alimony! She'll only have \$12,000 in cash, a \$5,000 horse, a car, 2 master's degrees, a teaching assistantship, books, clothes, etc. etc., but she also wants more money from me. Seems that she feels entitled to get anything she can from "the enemy" which I automatically am since I'm in the category, male. She's become impossibly depersonalized, thinking entirely in terms of categories, and ignoring any concrete situations or people. I hate being treated that way: nothing of the last 5 years matters to her, all that matters is that we're in different social categories and are therefore enemies. What shit. I despise her now. She's really liberated from all the petty shit of capitalist society.

I guess you're an expert on divorce. Were yours messy and painful?

Let me know how you're doing.

Carl

Ans.  
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4.3

Dear Lanny,

Glad things are going better. The demo sound real good -- cultural response.

Where will you be in Cal? Will you get down to Santa Cruz? If so, Jackie would probably love to meet you, and her friends there are very mellow and perfect for calming down political heavies like you and me. Also if you go to Berkeley, you have some addresses there like Roth. Also, look up Ann Mine at 2929-B Benvenue, 841-5416. She used to be with RT and is a real wonderful person.

Do get a good rest there, and eat local Mexican food.

I never got tapes from Dick, but did a few days ago from Michael ?, an a-v person from the public schools. Felt good to hear them and re-affirm the parts of the book I'm in the midst of. The book is moving along fine and I hope to be finished in a few weeks-end of April at the most.

I thought Jackie would have been in touch about the book. We both felt that none of us all had the energy to do it now, and anyway no sections came in and response was bad, so it should wait indefinitely. Best for me, I know. We got off on it too quick,

I keep wanting to write to Stan, Cathy, Dick, but never get around to it. Hug them and say I will write.

Love on your vacation and a huge hug from me.

venceremos

*Phil*





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DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

Wed.

Dear Lanny,

Just got the MPA newsletter and liked your presentation of psychiatric care in Vancouver. I'm going to keep the tables, etc. to use in classes.

I'm really happy about the prospects about doing an anti-psych. book. The only problem is, who wants to re-read all that shit. I don't think I could handle too much of it, but enough to convey how terrible it all is. I'm happy to read contributors' articles and to comment on them. I have been making notes on attit. measurement, F-scale, and the like and could do something on that.

I'm not sure what the status of the book is right now. Has anyone begun to write anything; is it all still in the planning stage; should I start thinking about things to write, etc.? I have a contact w. an editor at Random House which is the publisher of the other "anti-texts". I'm sure he'd love to publish an anti-psych. book. So I think we have good possibilities there. I'm writing to the 2 people you told me about to find out what they can definitely do.

How did you find out about these 2? Don't tell me you read the Am. Psychologist! Do you know I'm not even in the APA. I may start going to WPA meetings to try and start something, tho the last one I went to a few yrs. ago was so impossible I couldn't stay. Everyone pushing for jobs, impressions, giving ridiculous talks, and nothing serious at all. I think the best approach is to line up something before attending. I've tried to submit critical articles to the Am Psych. but they rejected them as "dogmatic and speculative." They'll pay for that. So I odn't know how to break into the field to start something. Maybe a book will

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help.

I can't seem to find the outline of the book, so could you send me another. I'll see if I can suggest any modifications.

Old B.F. himself came to campus last week for a \$2,000 talk in the men's gym. There was also a luncheon of select assholes, to which I wasn't invited -- someone told me it's because they didn't want me embarrassing them. Skinner is really stupid. It was good to see him simply so that I could see he's not as dangerous as he seems. Of course his ideas are popular -- who doesn't believe that the past has some affect on behavior? -- but I don't think he'd do well in a confrontation. Of course, he never confronts anyone, except for C. Rogers who may be even stupider than Skinner. The guy's really a jerk; has no explanation for anything. He was talking about the sloppiness of Americans and explained it by saying there was "a miscarriage of freedom" that occurred and so Americans are no longer disciplined. Pretty scientific explanation, huh? Called China a police state. He's never even read his critics, e.g., Chomsky. Never heard of phenomenology; ridicules dialectical materialism w/o knowing what it is.

It's good to know you're active and "happy." We'll have to see each other some time.

Why did Canada refuse to let Stokley give a talk in that free country?

Carl

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Tues.

Dear "enny,

It finally happenned: I'm getting divorced. At first it was very painful, but now I've come to hate Elinor for her abstract, impersonal brand of women's lib, and I no longer feel guilty and self-pity. I've been thinking of ways to get away from here for a while, and was wondering whether you'd like a visit from me over spring vacation (Middle of March). I thought we could discuss, old times, the book, and I could have a little vacation away from here. Is this convenient?

Being an expert on divorces, you must know how I feel -- both the pain and the hatred and the loneliness. I'm getting over it pretty quickly, since it just happenned about 2 weeks ago. It's funny how even tho we weren't getting along at all for a while, and even tho she was away at Berkeley for 1 1/2 years, still things seem different here. Takes a lot of readjusting. Makes you re-evaluate your whole life.

Anyway let me know what you think, soon.

Carl



3/3/73

Dear Lanny,

Just a short note. Hope you are feeling OK - your last letter sounded better. Thanks a lot for the \$. Most of my trouble is pressure from too much work. Also, alternating between feeling barraged by people + feeling alone/apart from them. Today is my alone day for work + relaxation - listening to Mozart's "Don Giovanni" now. What I need to know for myself is if I should try + live with other people. At this point I'm pretty comfortable in my place, having fixed it up nicely + it's geared for survival. My piano + stereo can seal me off when I need that.

What I need really badly ~~from~~ from you is the tape of my talk there - even if there's no copy, I could make one off the original + send the original right back. I need it to help me finish this Judein book which is going on forever, though actually it's more clear each day - I usually only work on it weekends. Soon...

Love + struggle,  
Phil.

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2.16

Dear Lanny,

Got back today and tons of things to do. With my schedule it is impossible to leave for a week without preparing months in advance and even then it's difficult. The Miami trip was a bummer, but things are in shape, sort of. Do send the letters, better to Jackie, since she will have more time to answer them.

Please write about how you feel about our idea for the book. It seems the only possible way and certainly will take pressure off us all. I myself will no longer accept any more of the "little" commitments around here that sind up boggling me.

I hope you are in a better place. There are vibrations in the atmosphere besides the decadence of our society which is recently being made known and many people are flipping out. I was in a really bad place for a while, but have really managed to channel this strange energy and to use it for breakthrough. I do, however, see and understand a lot of weirdnes going on lately with people, and it can be fearful. What I did was to change my ways of looking at the world and th accept new levels, like the spiritual, through the Don Juan books and J ckie and Michael Gald. This is hard to describe, but at some time I can share it with you. All the hassles when Jackie was here are part of that process, and it was a difficult struggle, but I feel on top of my situation now. Later, when you are feeling more up to it, I'll try and tell you about the things that went on.

Take care of yourself. Hope to see you soon somewoh, and write more for support or anything.

love and struggle





Feb 6

Dear Lanny,

I really hope that you are feeling better be now. I felt sad when I read your letter and wished that therewere something I could do instead of just write you. I can't say I understand exactly how you feel, although I know I have felt that way a lot in the past, usually alllowing my compulsivity and guilt/ responsibility to propel me along. My present situation is maybe the most difficult - this needs more going in to, but not now - brielfy, Jackie's being here is a terribly heavy experience for me and I am in many conflicts which seem to engulf me and call my whole being into questi on. But I don't want you to have to wrorry about my problems now since I feel they're on the verge of resolution. I am writing this just before bed - tomorrow I have to go to Florida to deal with a major problem involving my mom's house there and it should take about a week, so I will be able to write more at that point.

I know it may seem trite or whatever, but these times of conflict seem to be around everyone and there seem to be be good resolutions evenif the duration seems stifling and suffocating. I think I know you to an extent to say that I feel you can pull things together and be in a better place. I don't want to sound gratuitous either. You are an important person to me and I am very happy to have gotten to know you - it is from this point that I can talk to you, to say these things which I'm not sure are helpful or not. I believe you have, as I do, a good support network. Stan and the others in your house and the MPA people must be really good, really there for you when you need them. For me, I would find my life purposeless if I could not have a support group as I do which has been pul<sup>l</sup>ing me through the recent times.

Don't worry about the book. Jackie and I have talked about it a bit and she will write you soon to tell you about our ideas of holding it up for a while, although continuing to wrok on it in a different way - most likely through pieces in each RT that would then yield a book. That also fits into a lot of RT changes

Rest of this is being written from Miami - believe  
it or not - also rushed. So I'll say good-bye  
+ take care. Things will be good.

love, struggle,  
Phil



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1.18.73

Dear Lanny,

Got a letter from Bickley today and it looks like he'll be doing a bunch of stuff for us. He is presently working on some material and will work it out for us. He is interested in chapter ~~66~~ 6, methods and techniques; ch. 3, social, ch2, treatment, diagnosis; also maybe something on testing and assessment. I will tell him to go on with all of the material and that we'll edit in if there is duplication with others. He's very together, and can write non-academic stuff like his IQ article in RT.

March 31 is a good date. We haven't decided on what we should write, or should we wait and fill in the gaps. We will have tons of editing work, for sure, especially in piecing together different people's work. The unworkable idea about text reviews, unworkable! But using a bunch of reviews in the anti-text of common books would be far-ot. The Kendler review of from 1969 I think, a long time ago, but I should see what I can do with it. Radical Man is widely read, especially in radical chic circles. I don't know it but some people I respect like at least parts of it. I will try to look at it. Do you think I should get in touch with him - he's here-and ask him about contributing.

Do send some more proposals. I am sending you a letter I got and didn't think needed to be followed up as it was so formal and nothing - this decision is for you. I sent a nother letter to Jackie from a trippy humanist for her to decide on. I sent a few more proposals to letters but won't even talk about them until they write back with definite ideas.

Your 1.15 letter to Jackie was surprising since I had already said most of those things and she sounds willing to work on the book a lot. I have been adding her name to the proposals, that's how definite it seems. Anyway she'll be here for 2 weeks on 1.25 and we'll have lots of time. We are really in touch with one another and have lots of good love between us - it is hard to describe, but the feeling is one of the best I know of. Jackie will be deciding about moving here for me, RT, and maybe C-G, and this is something that I would really want to happen, I will write you lots more on this.

We only have 2 handmade t-shirts and I don't know if we'll ever have time in the near future to produce a bunch. We are into so many different things, and the 3 of us can hardly even handle the paper part. We are really needing more people, as well as a netweok of people involved in the outside projects we have begun to be involved with.

RT book should reach you soon, though it's beig mailed from the publisher, not us. We haven't even our own copies though it's in stores already. I will send another Rath Myth to you - PO always fucks up. It was nice to hear about the MPA decision and that you like my piece. Soon,

love, struggle, hugs,

Phil



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12/28/72

Dear Lanny,

Back in Somerville after 2 weeks in NY with my mother who had a bad case of pneumonia, her 4th time in almost the same number of years, I was really scared for a while, but things have gotten better and she's OK now, but she almost died a few years ago from it so that was a big fear in my mind. It was also hard for her since she didn't have my father around as before. Friends came down from Somerville to help me out and I got tons of support which cleared me up to deal with the hassles of fighting hospital and doctor pigs, etc.

I like the shortened version of the proposal and I will send it out at once to people I feel would be interested. I didn't know the idea of commercial publication was there - I thought the people's presses would do it so that it would sell cheaper. I could, of course, ask Harper, since they've already given me two contracts (first book won't be out for another 2 months due to their underestimation of size-572 pp., but they swear it'll only cost \$2.95). I also know someone at Random House/Vintage and can check that out, but you know it takes 9 months to a year after receipt of an MS for a publisher to issue it. Agel can maybe get Ballantine to do it in 4 or 5 months but he takes a big slice and I'm sick and tired of working with him.

I'm glad you liked Jackie's piece and want her to work with us. I also do - I spoke to her on the phone for about an hour last week and we spoke about that. She and I got very close in California. She's coming to visit here next month, part of which will be meeting RT to see if she'll come to be with us in September, something I really would like. Jackie had been in touch with RT for a long time and was going to come to visit in Minot when the people were still out there. Jackie seems anxious to work on it and I know she would be a solid influence. In terms of other co-editors or whatever, I think that, given long distances and the mail problem, that three people (or people in three places) ought to be plenty and would prevent delays. It is true that we don't have to rush the book, and that our deadline is arbitrary. Still, it would be nice to have it out for the coming year, although the necessary publicity ~~is~~ takes time to deal with. The benefit of a bourgeois publisher is that they do all that and can get it into all the bookstores without any trouble. We must tell contributors about the deadlines, in order to be sure that they can work within them if we decide to keep to the schedule. I really feel a need to know in short time who will be writing what so that we don't mix ourselves up. So, we should ask for definite commitments from people.

Glad MPA got the grant, and it is good that Dale is doing the habeas corpus work - maybe he would want to write up a short news piece on it. I liked the GRAPE although the top photo was terrible, I loved the other one. Hugs to the Grapers, and also ask if they have the negative to the bottom photo which I would like as I never have photos of myself to tuck away in secret places. Also, do you know if the tapes are being duplicated?

Things here are so good. RT is really a working collective, if small, though we are slowly seeking out more people. We are wearing t-shirts with Mental Health is Revolution and vv. which Nancy made last week.

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Phil



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No + RT #2 b/k

1.5

Dear Lanny,

Thanks for the \$-I hope it's no hassle for MPA to do that. It sure comes in handy, especially as free prisoner subs are growing at a financially alarming rate, though we're very happy about that.

I hope you have already received "Rat Myth and Magic" the English version of our book. Also, I sent a report on book matters at my end-you should have that, too. Latest news is a feeler from Pantheon books, and I wrote a nice letter back asking for more info. Got a letter from Paule Steichen, soc psy student at Cincinnati, offering to help. I read Ratner's piece in Fall TELOS and honestly thought it was terrible, like most TELOS stuff - impossible to read and ultimately irrelevant - I'll re-read it though, and hope he writes clearer than that for us.

Jackie is very happy about working with us (I think I wrote this to you) and I've been putting her name on the proposal. Nothing else except for what is on the report I sent you last week.

Very hectic here. Always busy with all my things. Talking to people about going to DC for the inauguration. Otherwise we'll have a demo here I expect. The whole bombing thing, and the popular lack of concern on the part of the American people is very depressing, and lots of people here are down about that. It prompts a distrust of the masses and a weather philosophy, which at least is good for survival.

At RT we are re-organizing shit-work and bureaucratic things, but are real stymied by the lack of more people to work with. Also, we've been working with c-r groups, a patient-worker group at a nearby state hospital, and various other small projects which are difficult to deal with since we need so much time for the magazine and the tons of correspondence coming in, and the amount of time needed for just phone requests for info is astounding. There must be a way out, but we only want to bring in new people who we really feel good about and know to some extent. I suppose we are also afraid of new people, although there are several who we'd like to have with us who are, unfortunately, occupied with other things.

If the thing I mentioned haven't reached you, I'll send more.

love and struggle



12.29.72 MEMO on book progress. *Potential(?)*

- 1) Maria Arguelles-Canive at U of Waterloo sent a letter offering material on human relations movement in N. Amer. - maybe can be patched in by Lanny who already has a foundation for that in his paper. I asked her to send each of us a copy, and will ask others to do that as well since it saves time of xeroxing and mailing on our part and we see the material at the same time without having a delay in discussing it.
- 2) Tyvash Walker at 116 Linwood Ave, Buffalo 14209 wrote and offered material on hormones and environment - I don't know what to do with that - am sending letter to Jackie for her to answer it.
- 3) I asked Richard Bickley to update his RT piece on IQ and maybe to include a whole thing on testing. He's good and clear and has a solid Marxist perspective.
- 4) I sent a letter to Phyllis Chessler, along with a proposal. I don't think she'll want to spend time on it, though, and I don't know what area she would other than women and therapy.
- 5) Alice K. akauer from the Feminist Psychology Coalition doesn't have time to do any writing but will send us some of the group's materials which might be of use.
- 6) I am sending each of you an old thing I did from PDS days-a critique of Kendler's intro psych book that we gave out to students at LIU. It's very incomplete, but I thought we should have all sorts of things in our heads.
- 7) Jackie hasn't seen Dick Betts' piece in the "Arts Calendar" on social science methodology - that might be a good basis for an article on methodology. Like other things, that might be patch-edited.

I think I will keep doing things like this memo, keeping a copy for me and sending you each one. Maybe we all could do that. The book still doesn't seem real, but it may in a while when we start to get definite commitments for articles.

love and struggle,  
and lots of B-52's





2504 York  
Van 9 BC  
Jan. 27/73

Dear Phil,

This is a hard letter to write, and I hope you'll read it with compassion. I want to tell you about the head problems I've been going thru the past while and also to say that I haven't made any decisions yet about what I'm going to do about them. This is not a good time for arriving at solutions, but a necessary time for trying to sort out the dimensions of the problems.

I've been very down for the past 2 weeks; I get into these states periodically--states which not coincidentally led me to MPA--I never know how long they will last, sometimes a day or two, sometimes as long as 3 to 4 weeks. The longest was 7 months during which time I was in hospital and then at the day hospital. One ~~thing~~ thing that always hits home when I'm very down is that I really am an indigenous member of MPA's constituency and not an outside agitator. One of the great comforts is that the people at MPA really do understand and are much more considerate of me than I am of myself. I feel great responsibility to the work, and drive myself relentlessly, feeling always that this is not the time to get away. The decision to take time off is invariably made "for" me by forces within myself which I am at the time powerless to control. i.e., I never take time off to have a holiday when I'm feeling okay. My time away always coincides with working thru a very incapacitating depression. I have a need for work which falls very delicately between too much and too little. Outside of those limits I simply cannot function. Because MPA always provides an infinite amount of work, my freak-outs occur when I take on too much--of course I find it impossible to say no, and because MPA's demands are so often real crises and not uncommonly matters of life and death (sometimes for the organization as a whole, but usually for individuals within it) saying no is far harder than in any other type of work.

So when I get really freaked-out, it virtually immobilizes me. I've been getting out of bed at 2 or 3 in the afternoon, find it an enormous chore just to make something to eat, and the thought of work is totally prohibitive. I occasionally wander past my desk and feel engulfed in despair at the pile of notes, papers, unanswered letters etc. I've wanted to write you for the past week but found it impossible even to get started. needless to say, I am feeling somewhat better today, the cloud is beginning to lift, <sup>is still impossible</sup> but the thought of tackling a full day's work at the center. Because I was feeling a bit better last night, I wandered over to the center, just to get my feet in the water and to talk quietly with the people there. I ended up getting enmeshed in 3 crises involving a very freaked out and quite violent guy of about 20; a woman who wandered around the center for hours with her clothes off asking everyone to fuck her including the 20 year old who has very fucked up and frightened feelings about sex; and a car which the woman had stolen from the next door neighbour of the west end residence where she is living. Although the episode was incredibly traumatic at the time, it really demonstrates the great strengths and virtues of MPA. About six relief troops were called in around midnight and by 4 AM most of the problems were, at least for the moment, solved. We got the car back to the neighbour who was very understanding. Marcy agreed to go back to the west end feeling



much better and Bill, who is crashing at the drop-in center, was quite calm and ready for sleep. There were some very funny moments through it all and a real sense of the 12 of us handling all the hassles as a group without humiliating the ~~group~~ principals involved as obviously would have happened in a hospital.

So last night was a perfect example of the "MPA suck" as Stan calls it. As is reflected in my telling you about those events and drifting away from my own problems, what I most want to do is be involved in that activity and so much hate the horrible states of mind that keep me couped up in my room and away from the vortex of MPA. But there are recurrent parts of my psychic cycle that leave me no choice but to withdraw. One of the things that I do find very encouraging--and not in the least threatening-- is that when I'm away the group does continue and collective leadership does keep the whole ship afloat. It is real evidence of the solidarity of the collective ~~and~~ that MPA does not revolve around a few ~~main~~ indispensable nuclei. Much of this leadership, though, is administrative rather than policy or political leadership and this raises important questions about my role vis-avis the direction and politics of innovations in the group's progress. I am beginning to see possibilities for the future of MPA and how I fit in with it, but these possibilities are absolutely opaque when getting out of bed is an immense obstacle. My being is deeply rooted in the excitement and work generated by MPA, and I am almost totally lost without them. Now I am starting to inch back and will have to ~~go~~ begin by trying to take on fairly small amounts of work, gradually building to the insane levels which normally occupy my time. Political involvement is, without question, the best antidote to the emotional fuckups with which I am recurrently struggling. But it is not sufficient to keep me operating 12 mo.s a year at the furious pace I usually am. Periodically I have to get away and work through the completely debilitating exhaustion and depression.

Most of this explanation of why I fuck up every so often is purely inferential, i.e., it isn't at the time clear that such and such caused the down swing. When it is happening I feel quite lost as to causes; just an empty dissociation from what is going on in the "real" world. All the usual connections are severed or distorted and I try to construe the forces which got me into it, but in post hoc way. I look at my relationships in the commune, with Barb, with MPA, with other activities (usually precious few) --I guess I do look for "causes", though as I get older I become more accepting that immediate causes won't explain much, but that general causes like capitalism and a history of living in the most repressive conditions account for why people's existences get periodically thrown into massive confusion. I do know that when this happens to me I have got to retreat for a period of time--the duration of which is unknowable beforehand--and to let the healing and to let the healing occur at its own pace. I know that this explanation is theoretically an alienated one, somehow personifying and estranging my own powers as independent, uncontrollable forces, the parts which are within yet beyond me. For now, I leave it at that--that is how I experience it, though with always more assurance that it will come to an end (there is never any absolute assurance that it will) and that I will regain those parts of myself.

When I am distant from MPA, I need continual re-assurances that the group will not fall apart--and I have been getting them, because it won't. Another large part of the depression is guilt, that I am letting the group down, that I have not done enough etc. I have to take a step back and look at the past two years, and my activity during them, to see what an amazing and solid construction is built into MPA.



it is good for me to be writing this to you. I want to talk about the book now as it is central and very confused in my mind vis-a-vis everything that I have written to this point. To repeat what I started the letter with, I have not made any decisions about the book yet. It is very important to me that it get done; I think a real start has been made and with continuing energy it will get published. The question for me now is what can my role in it be? Perhaps to state the obvious, I am not concerned about whether I do it, whether my name is on it, but just that it gets done. As the correspondence and interest in the book increase, the work dimensions begin to take a clearer shape and the clearer they become, the larger they become. There is really a tremendous amount of work to do in soliciting, reading, editing manuscripts, corresponding with authors, writing connecting pieces and introductions and conclusions. Now, when I am capable of almost no work, the question of how I can do MPA and the book seems unanswerable. As the book moves toward completion I envision, for me, at least 20-30 hours a week needed work. It seems impossible to imagine my having that much time. ~~XXX~~ It is not just that MPA is incredibly demanding, but moreso that I need to have that kind of work to do, whether or not MPA needs me. It is now the center and focus of my life and I do not imagine leaving it--for my sake as much as its. There is a kind of heterogeneity to the demands at MPA that fit in very well with my needs. Often I will get up feeling sort of depressed and just go into the center and find myself easily getting involved in the stream of demands that always seem to be looking for me. Then again I have a long history of purely academic work (10 years of university) and have learnt how destructive that is, how it simply goes against the grain of my temperament and needs. If I wake up feeling slightly depressed and have nothing facing me but things to read and write--always solitary activities--I usually feel swamped by the hopelessness of the jobs and end up getting more fucked up. Meaning that there are important reasons for me not to make a choice in favour of exclusively intellectual work, if and when a decision has to be made between MPA or the book. The inescapable involvement with others at MPA no matter how academic any single job may be is very necessary for me. Now, at any rate, the prospects of the book seem terribly solitary in terms of my activity. With you and Jackie being in other cities, my communication with you will be entirely through letters writing, which again is isolated work.

These are some of the reasons why in my Jan 15 letter to Jackie I stressed her doing the book as her dissertation project, even though you had said she was willing to be involved. I feel that if she actually takes on the book as part of her dissertation it won't have the same diversionary qualities that it must for you and me since we are already overinvolved in a million other things. I think there will be a qualitative difference in her involvement in the book if she does it as her dissertation rather than just as another project along with many others.

Right now I am faced with answering 3 letters from people interested in writing for the book and all 3 are--guess what?--liberals. I think a huge amount of the contacts will mean writing people like these saying no, that's not what we had in mind, can you make the political dimension central to the chapter etc. I am trying now not to get sucked into the work details of the book, but to realize I still need more time away and that I needn't make any final decision right now.

This pretty much lays out what I wanted to say. Of course I feel badly about how this will slow the progress of the book, but these are undeniable facts and the book will have to accommodate them now.

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Naturally I want to know your feelings about this. I want you to be understanding and I want your positive feelings about the book to be brought down as little as possible by these new, freaky developments. Write soon.

love, heavy struggle,



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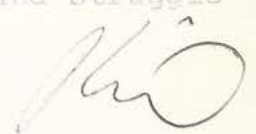
Dear Lanny,

Just received a copy of the pamphlet we were advertising as "The Politics of Psychology". Our order hasn't arrived yet, but we have one copy. It's different than what I expected - I thought it would be an RT-type thing, but what it is is like our anti-text project. It's about 50 pp. of short articles covering most of the areas we laid out in the proposal. In some ways it can be a guide for us, although it's mostly English material. It's also drier than I would like, but maybe that's the English part(?). As soon as our order arrives - any day now - I'll send you up a copy of it. I can't tell you all about it since I'm not half-through it yet. There's a review/collection of RT material in it as well as a precis of my Male Supremacy in Freud, although they made some errors in precision in their precis, nothing serious though.

Also got one copy of HUMPTY DUMPTY, a new rad. psychology magazine in England - aimed at professionals mainly - that's the basis of the movement there. The only real important article in HD is a shortened form of one in the pamphlet-called "Rat Myth and Magic ." (that's the name of the pamphlet).

I have been realizing that there exist certain things we can use wholly, like some articles on sexism in psychology which Nancy Henley has a complete (more or less) collection of I think - an extract from Phyllis Chessler's articles or book might do. I will send along soon a text critique I did years ago in organizing psych students at LIU - Kendler. It's not complete or anything, but it's a start at least. The pamphlet has a good thing on Eng. textx, listing topics and % of fields covered. Other ready to use materials might include Bickley's RT piece on IQ, some materials from Feminist Psychology Coalition(NY).

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Phyllis Chessler

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11/30/72

Dear Lanny,

The rest of the trip was wonderful. I met Bob Roth from LAMP who says he will get in touch with MEA about helping out. Also met Sherry Hirsch from Madness Network News; two ex-MPLP'ers who will be getting back to work in organizing, a man who had a sex-pol type group in Hayward. Met wonderful people in Santa Cruz, especially Jackie Christeve who will help with the book, also Karen Rotkin -- look in current Realist for Jackie's article. Nancy Henley too is excited about the book, and my students may also want to help out, although I only told them a little about it so far. Before I get into the proposal, let me ~~me~~ say that my main trouble is time - coming back here was coming back to a real shitload of work. What this means is that it may be difficult for me to do this if you and I are the only 2 organizers, especially with me receiving the correspondence. Is there any way for you to do that or for us to share in it somehow? I know RT is more accessible, but I fear for my synapses.

I think our list of people is good to start with, and some of the people in Santa Cruz will work with us as well. Also, I will send you as soon as we get them, a pamphlet from Eng which does much the same thing as we want and which might be a major basis for us.

Cooper would be fine if we could get him to do it - but are we sure his head is in the right place now? I'd really like it, though, and will try to contact him soon if we want to do this? Do any other people in DC want to work on this? The pyramid effect will work, although we don't have much time. A publication schedule ought to look like this, in reverse:

Sept-book is in campus stores and ordered by teachers

Aug-book shipped out

July-book printed

June - laid out

May-final editing

April-coordinators of book begin editing, rewriting

March-contributors' material in our hands in their final draft form

Jan-Feb-contributors write their parts

Dec.-letter goes out to potential contributors

This schedule would be in the prospectus so that people would rightfully feel the pressure of time.

I have just stopped for coffee and reread the proposal and can't see why it ought to be edited - it's very clear and solid. The one thing I can think of is that Platitudes could be called, or subtitled the museum of psychology with funny things in it - also, we need to have graphics and photos, etc., much of which could come from RT.



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Being in Vancouver was wonderful - it's great feeling so much warmth from people in such a small space of time, I was sad to leave, but the remainder of the trip was so great, as well as coming back here to get out the new RT with the position paper. I went through lots of changes I think. Hugs to all. Tell Stan I'm starting to read his book, and thank Cathy and Dick for Never Cry Wolf which I loved and have turned lots of people on to. I also feel good about the little personal account we're printing of my trip to Vancouver.

love and struggle,

*Phil*

*P.S. more RT's are  
in the mail*

# ROUGH TIMES

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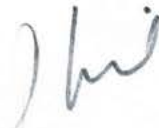
Dear Lanny,

We like Human Potential and want to print it, but we discussed some changes we'd like if that's OK with you.

- \*x 1) p. 2 top too much 'man'
- 2) p. 3 top - explaining rep. desub as not people don't know what it is. Also mention how defusing takes place, with maybe one example/
- 3) Marcuse and rational mind - we'd like a clarification on this - we feel most people are taught to function well on a rational/irrational plane and feelings are not part of it - there must be a way of putting in here that a new reason and a new discovery of validity of feelings must come out of revolution. Much revol. struggle, in fact comes from gut feelings of oppression.
- 4) p. 4 top on independence - there should be clarification of this - women, third world people, etc. need some independence which they've never had - we must find ways of inter-dependence but in the beginnings, those who were always in shackles must feel freedom/independence
- 5) in general, the relations you make between capitalism and consciousness are correct, but seem to come out of the air and don't have examples

These are not real contradictions. We feel they could be fixed up, knowing both your political stance and good writing style. If it read more like the MPA article, it would be much better. If possible, we'd like to have it back within 2 weeks. Hope this is all clear. I'll see you soon (check hadn't come yet). Take care.

in struggle





# University of Waterloo



Waterloo, Ontario, Canada  
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Faculty of Arts  
Department of Human Relations  
and Counselling Studies

March 19, 73

Dear Lannie:

I have not gotten around to writing anything yet for the book-time just whipped by- and I was much too tied up with the tonsillectomy and worrying about Valarie giving birth- which went great- on March 10/73- we became the proud parents of a baby boy- his name is Cauley- and we'll be bringing him out to Vancouver this summer so we'll come by to show him off-

I really would like to prepare something for the book and I'll keep working on it- but please don't hold anything up waiting for me- I kept meaning to write to earlier to tell you this but I didn't even get time to do that- now that I only have the absurd charge of gross misconduct to worry about- I should have some extra time-- so don't be surprised if you actually see a chapter or two from me- but then again don't be disappointed or angry if you don't --at least not for some time- now how is that for covering myself- hope everything is fine with you and everyone in the house and that the MPA is going strong--

Take care,

Answered Mar 25/73 ~

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Jan. 4, 1973

Dear Lanny:

Good to hear from you and to know that you're still alive and kicking- the book idea sounds interesting and I'd like to contribute something- right now I'm intrigued with 'humanists'- since I'm surrounded by them here and right now they are trying to fire me because they don't like me- it seems I talk about and act in regard to that dirty concept 'power'- however I haven't had a chance to look over the outline in detail- I was sick with tonsillitis over the holidays and I'll be going into the hospital at the end of January- I hope to have something to you before then- I've also suggested to Prof. Maria Arguelles- Canive who is here on the faculty that she might want to contribute and I believe she has already written to Phil Brown- That's about as much help as I can be at the moment-

Other than having to defend myself against being fired by these Yankee pseudo-humanist assholes around here, life is pretty good- although we don't like Ontario very much- too uptight, we find it stark and barren- culturally, personally and geographically- and hope to get back to the mountains and the sea some day soon- although haven't got the foggiest idea how- also Val and I are expecting sometime in March- our first baby- so that's exciting and seems to make living around Waterloo somewhat worthwhile-

It's the start of the semester around here and things will be hectic for a week or so- then I hope to have something to you that I would like to contribute to the book- even if it's just an outline of an article or chapter- and get your reactions to it- also by then I should have had a chance to examine the outline you sent- and I'll send along any suggestions I have for modification, addition, etc.

Take care and I hope your holidays were pleasant- we'll be in Vancouver this summer and we'll drop by and see you-

Take care,



2504 York Ave.  
Vancouver 9, B.C.  
Feb. 20, 1973

Dear Jackie,

I guess Phil has told you some of the things I've been going thru. I've been physically sick and quite freaked out and virtually unable to work for the past month. I got involved way over my head in far too many projects and subsequently had to withdraw from all of them.

I am just now beginning to get back into things at MPA, where there is a mountain of work facing me. MPA is, of course, my first commitment and whatever energy I have over the next while will be taken up with that work.

As for the book, I'm not sure. I like Phil's idea about serializing chapters in RT. The whole project may drag on and even take years, which would be alright too. However long it takes, I think we should circulate submissions and ideas among each other. I'm enclosing a bunch of material and if you have time, would you respond to the four letters marked with a tick, namely, Levine, Kimball, Jett and the Christian Bay letter (U. of Toronto) has a number of suggestions to be followed up. I'm also enclosing a number of proposals which you may want to circulate.

In any event, I'd appreciate your answering those letters (if you have the time) and also letting me know where you stand on the book project.\*

I hope you are only moderately freaked out, which is the best shape I've seen anyone in for months.

in struggle,

*Fanny*

Wed morn  
Jan 24

Can,

Of the 4 ltrs (Phil, Mattson Illinois!, Kimball, & Levine), I like Levine's the best, even tho his paper was crummy. He sounds like someone who knows the difference between a conference paper and a piece for a book to be read by students. His title is good: "They're going to lie to you by misusing statistics so it's crucial to understand statistics." Concerning Levine's item #1: para. (2) it simply needs to be explained that indeed the medical model does need to be beaten to death (Medical Man!), and in para. (1) he raises the right point. <sup>(including medical man)</sup> We can say (to Levine) that the 'human models' proposed by psych. will be dealt with partially in the introduction. The important point is that Marxism doesn't have a 'model of man' tho Marxist humanists who read only the Early Works do (like Althusser says, Marxism isn't a humanism: which, at first sight is a disturbing thought).

By the way, we shd send Jett, the Mattson guy, a proposal not 'cause we'll get writing, but to make a contract for when the thing is distributed.

Kimball's ltr worries me (like, you don't ask someone who believes in it is making a living off humanistic therapy to write a critique of it, like Kimball suggests we ask Ellen; therefore Kimball don't understand what we intend to say abt humanistic therapy...). HOWEVER, here is finally someone from the Dept who exists now (not 3 yrs ago) who you could talk to to find out what's what (which texts, theories, trips....), if you had the time.

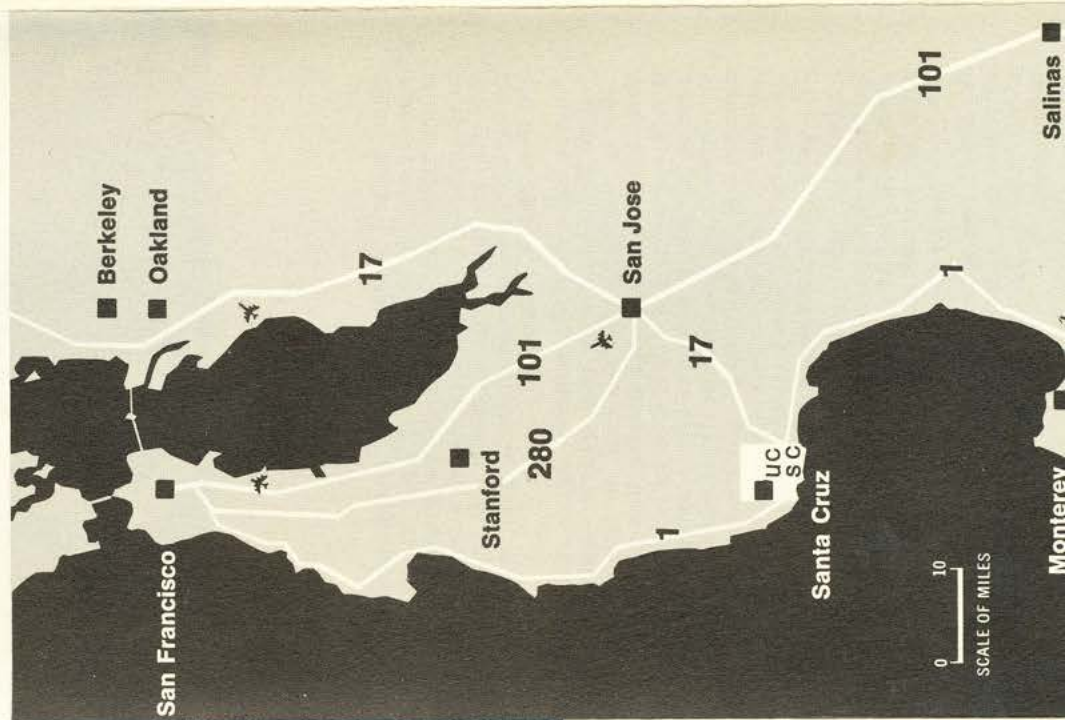
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Phil's ltrs always sound so rushed, like he writes them inbetween just getting off the toilet to answer a ringing telephone.





Me  
(with APA-Hawaiian!)



# HISTORY OF CONSCIOUSNESS

UCSC  
1973-74





Page Smith, Ph.D., (History), Cowell  
(Chairman, Board of Studies)

### Person

Madeleine Burnside (Student Co-Chairman)

Faculty and students of the History of Consciousness program are concerned with the establishment as a unified field of study work that has previously been fragmented through the separate disciplines. We aim at providing opportunities of intensive study of theory, method and subject matter of the problems that exist at the intersections of all the disciplines.

The program is administered by a faculty chairman, a student co-chairman, and a steering committee composed of students and faculty. Major questions of policy are submitted to general meetings to which all participating students and faculty are invited.

The staff available consists of such faculty members at UCSC who wish to participate in the venture, at least to the extent of working with an individual student on a project of an interdisciplinary nature. Such projects have included studies in Sartre, Kierkegaard, James, Montaigne, Platonic eros, prisons and society, aesthetics of film, Piaget, and creation in Jewish rabbinic and mystical literature. Only those students can be admitted for whom a faculty sponsor can be found. The responsibility for screening applicants in order to determine their suitability for the program and for putting them in touch with a potential faculty sponsor has been assumed

by the students and faculty working through an admissions committee. This relation between student and faculty sponsor is maintained by mutual consent; it can be changed, but it is assumed that each individual student will have such a relationship with some member of the faculty. Special attention will be given to women and Third World applicants.

A substantial part of any student's work is conducted through independent study and research, however, in order to encourage collective work we have formed study and discussion groups growing from shared interests. Curriculum planning is fluid and no more than three to four official History of Consciousness courses are offered in any given quarter. These courses will be announced at the beginning of each quarter. Students are free to supplement their coursework by taking classes offered by other graduate programs at Santa Cruz and by taking undergraduate classes.

It can be reasonably predicted that many graduates of the History of Consciousness program will have careers which follow traditional academic divisions. Other students will, however, seek careers in new structures inside or outside the university.

We should emphasize that the program is highly unstructured and students must have an understanding of the resources that are and are not available within the university.

The History of Consciousness program is particularly committed to discovering methods and styles which make cooperative intellectual work between students and between students and faculty a reality. All participants in the program may expect to contribute an amount of their time, energy, and imagination to projects which reflect this commitment, and are expected to demonstrate in their own work a concern for the common end all intellectual work should serve. Such cooperative activities during the past year have included: women's studies, Marxism and societal transformation, media studies, alternatives in education, Freudian and Jungian psychology, community organization, 19th and 20th century history and philosophy, utopian lifestyles, creative forms in literature and the arts, problems of a technological society, religious consciousness, phenomenology, Hegelian studies and Heideggerian studies.

As part of the requirements for the Ph.D., students will be asked to submit a substantial piece of work on a problem germane to one anticipated theme of the student's doctoral project. This work can take the form of a written essay, but a student may, with the support of his or her faculty sponsor, elect to submit a film, a collection of poetry, a series of tapes, an exhibition, a report on a completed project, etc. The method of approving such work is at present undergoing review.

The option is available to students to do advanced work in a traditional discipline to receive a parenthetical degree notation of his or her field of specialization. The student must, in such a case, find a faculty sponsor in that field and reach agreement with him or her as to what is needed in order to obtain such certification.

The specific requirements for the Ph.D. degree vary with individuals, and are determined, with the final consent of the Board of Studies, by the student and her or his faculty sponsor. Because one of the primary aims of the program is the creation of interdisciplinary college teachers, students will be generally expected to do some undergraduate teaching to fulfill in part the requirements for the Ph.D.

Whether a language is required depends on the nature of the project, and this is determined by the students and the faculty sponsor.

Applications for 1973-74 should be submitted as soon as possible after September 1, 1972. GRE's are not required, but will be considered with other materials. The admissions committee will interview possible applicants, but only with a view to answering their questions, and giving them the truest possible picture of the way the program works. Impressions based on an interview will in no way be part of the criteria for admissions. Preference will be given to students with well defined projects.



40 Lily Way  
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Tuesday, December 19, 1972

Dear Lanny,

It was really good to get your letter. Phil Brown had told me about you when he was here over Thanksgiving--and about the anti-text--so I had already received the proposal. I told Phil I would be happy to write something for the book--what is another question--and that maybe I could write something in line with my dissertation work. Or, possibly, turn my involvement in the anti-text into a dissertation project. In The History of Consciousness Program (I've enclosed a bulletin so you can see what its all about without my going into it too much) we are relatively free to do whatever we wish. We take no courses; there are no grades; just do independent reading & writing for however long it takes us to come up with some kind of project for our "dissertation"--which, for me, last year was going to be a radical film, this year became something on radical psychology--which came about because of writing the APA paper. So the anti-text would fit right in to my interests and I would like to be as helpful to you and Phil as possible. It would be good for me to know what you mean by co-editor and/or organizer.

I just checked my back issues of RT and found your letter, which I had not only read, but referenced in my paper (written in red at the top of the ~~RT~~ article in RT is "Great Article!") If you will look on pages 8 and 9 of my paper, you will find your letter (parts thereof) directly stated--with a footnote indicating why I didn't put quotes here and there--but it is all your stuff, with just a few words of my own here and there. I really liked it. Speaking of SPSSI, by the way, I received a letter--and a paper which ~~was~~ is to be a chapter in a proposed SPSSI manual on the law and socialization--from David Levine at University of Nebraska. The paper is entitled "Crime, Mental Illness, and Political Dissent." It has a few useful things in it, though it doesn't go as far as it could. I am sending my only copy to you so you can take a look--please send it back when you finish with it--though you are free to make a copy of it if you like (and have access to such machines).

Perhaps David Levine (who is, by the way, Chairman of the Psychology Department, Univ. of Nebraska, 209 Burnett Hall, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508) might be a person to send a proposal of the anti-text to. You might also send one to John Grossberg, San Diego State University, Psychology Department, San Diego, Calif. 92115. As you said, there are very few. But if I think of more, I'll let you (or Phil or both) know.

Regarding a visit to Vancouver (I have been there twice in my life--the last time for the Vancouver Women's Conference to meet with women from Indochina in 1971)--I don't know if I can swing it. I'm on a University Fellowship, which barely covers & survival, and I have planned to go to Cambridge to visit Phil & other RT people, hopefully in February (I got some "research" money from the Graduate Student's Assn. at UCSC, but the limit I could get was \$100 and I can only get that amount once, which will pay for part of the Cambridge trip). It really would be nice to come up there and visit. Phil said such outasight things are happening with you people. If somehow some \$\$\$\$ comes my way unexpectedly--which does happen occasionally--I will try to work it out. On the other hand, if you ever feel like visiting Santa Cruz & this area (we are around 70 miles south of San Francisco), you are more than welcome to stay at my place.

In the meantime, let's keep in touch for sure. And I do send you warm wishes for the holiday season...

In struggle,

