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OUR LADY OF GETHSEMANI
TRAPPIST, KENTUCKY

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Dear Dr Thompson:

Thank you for your two recent letters, and for the discretion with which you are handling the manuscript material of mine which you have there. I appreciate your consulting me about copies. I see no reason why the Notre Dame people should not have copies if they want them. It sounds perfectly all right.

Talking about ms material I am sending you rough drafts of a letter I wrote to the head of the Union of Soviet Writers about the Pasternak affair. I thought I might ~~as~~ well register a good protest, but as the draft shows I toned it down in the hope of getting it across more effectively. I just hope that in some way the younger generation of writers in the USSR may be influenced by this, and I am sure the affair has a great meaning to them. That is why Pasternak had to refuse the Nobel Prize.

Pasternak's address is Peredelkino, through Bakovka, Moscow. But I have ceased to communicate with him for the time being because I feel that too many letters from the west might cause his situation to become more embarrassing. Perhaps it would be a good idea to wait a little. My last letter to him was October 23rd and I am not expecting a reply. I will let you know if I think the coast is clearing a little.

The ms material from Ulan Baator sounds magnificent. It would be wonderful to know the language they were ~~were~~ written in and to study the monastic books you have. I am afraid that is too far afield for me, but I hope some day I may have an opportunity to see them somehow. I had heard about the interesting new article on the Bering sea that so suddenly appeared in the Great Soviet Encyclopedia. How like Orwell, isn't it? To the letter!

As ever, with very best wishes-

Faithfully yours in Christ

Jm Louis

I enclose some other manuscripts including that of a book on art.