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Dear Victor:

Perhaps your hernia operation is all over by now. I hope so, and hope that it has been successful. May you have a good rest and rebound in happy strength. After that I will look forward to seeing you and Carolyn here some time soon. I will be eager to hear when it may be possible.

Your letter and the letter from Lexi reached me. Actually, the book that I sent to Clyde Kennard was a copy of your *Hagia Sophia*, and I know he was very glad to have it. He was then dying in a hospital in Chicago, of cancer. He had been "framed" by the Mississippi police for trying to register at Miss. State University, and had been put on a chain gang and very badly treated though he already had cancer. The story as I heard it was simply that he had been very pleased with the book and that it had given him some joy in his last days. It seems the story is becoming a bit amplified now. But still, it is good that we are both able to think we have helped such a person and brought something meaningful into a tragic life, which however was full of meaning because of his own dedication.

I hear that Jacques Maritain continues in good health, and I am glad of it. I have not heard from him for some time.

Please let me know when you will be well enough to come over. I think you must have received the letter in which I suggested a few possible dates. All best wishes to you and Carolyn and many blessings.

With all friendship, in Christ,

Tom.