

## **Correspondencia IV**

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April 12, 1988

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Dear Juan:

I received your letter today.

I am pleased that you have had such a warm reception from Alfreda Galt.  
We have become good friends.

I will be happy to work with you. I hope to make it to London. Our son Adam will be the impressario for 3 festivals in July 1988, Montpelier, Antibes, Montreux. Perhaps I shall be able to get to Barcelona this July. Are you there? What is your schedule? Perhaps I should come earlier?

Last July Belle and I were tempted to go onto Barcelona from Montpelier but the drive seemed too long.

There is a lot to be done about your project.

I don't want to sound patronizing but I wonder if you see the larger dimensions of your project. There is so much testimonial writing in the field which ignores history and THEORY. Kurt Levin used to say: "There is nothing as practical as a good theory." Of course, Santayana wrote: Those who do not observe history are doomed to repeat it. So many people read secondary sources. It is tragic. Distortions abound.

I shall take the liberty of sending you material about Adam's concerts. If you know of publicity outlets, muchas gracias. (How do you say it in Catalan?) Perhaps people will come from Spain to hear great jazz or take workshops.

There is so much that can be done via mail. We shall have to meet.

Belle joins me in sending our love to you and yours.



P.S. My reprints library goes back many years. So you should find much of value but be prepared for a lot of reading. I have more recently ceased collecting/researching material as I have become discouraged about the amount of testimonials in the literature. There is a

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Society of Psychotherapy Research which has at its meeting many things of value, some of minor import.

MR:mg  
enclosures

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Barcelona, 8 June 1988

Dear Max,

Thank you for your letter of April 12, 1988 and sorry not to have answered it before, but these last months I have been very busy at a national level with congresses of spanish associations affiliated to the IAGP.

I thank you very much for facilitating the contact with Alfreda Galt. Certainly that is one of the most exciting "encounters" forerunning the ones we can expect in Amsterdam. We had Pat de Maré with us here with his Large Group, which was also very exciting and interesting for people here. So it looks like that the best thing to face the future is to bring alive the past.

Regards the Pioneers' Re-encounter, I agree with you that it would be best if we could meet personally. It would be great if you could manage to come to Barcelona. In case you cannot, please let me have your schedule of your July trip to Europe. Meanwhile, the deadline for presenting things to the Programme Committee is August 1, 1988. I shall submit a formal proposal telling them that I count with you and Raymond Battegay. Later we will add whoever joins.

I thank you also for your "biography" which I certainly enjoyed. And, I would like to make you an interview for the Spanish readers of *Clínica y Análisis Grupal* when we meet. Congratulations for *Ethics and Values...* If you would like us to review the book for our Spanish Journal, please ask your publisher to let us have a copy.

As far as Adam's concert tour is concerned, we have passed on the program you sent to us to a couple of people interested in this type of musical event. One of them is the Jazz Center of Terrassa, one of the most well known around Barcelona.

Thank you again for all. Looking forward to seeing you and with best regards from Hanne and myself,

MEMORANDUM

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DE: Joan Campos i Avillar

FECHA: 20 Julio 1988

ASUNTO: Phone conversation of 19/20/1988

A) FIHSBOWL

1. Find attached abstract for Amsterdam, the original sent to Congress Office Vrije Universiteit, P.O. Box 7161, 1007 MC Amsterdam The Netherlands

2. I will write Jay Fidler, Ana Quiroga de Pichón-Rivière, Elisabeth Foulkes, Pat de Maré & Malcolm Pines. You will contact Hadden, A. Galt, Zerka Moreno, Shaskan, or anybody else you may think...

B) NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1) Likely to take decisions at Windsor Sept 2 & 3 regards names for the ballot. Fabrizio Napolitani thinks a pool of O.M. should suggest a unique list to the Committee. He feels, as you do, that I should go as a candidate for President Elect, even if I think chances to be included are slight, I'm willing to go if that is what is decided, may be it would be better if you go as President and I go as 1st Vicepresident. That would make for a good team.

C) Miriam Goattschell's right number is (72) 81 82 69 but they don't answer either.

D) In case you see Raymond, give him my regards and urge him to proceed with his The Predecessors and the Beginnings of our I.A.G.P. It has to be circulated among the people we invited. In second thought, if some of the people we invite cannot come, you may ask them to send us their reminiscences in written form or audiotape, which may be joined as addenda to the proceedings of the meeting when and if we publish it.

ENCLOSED: Resumé of Abstract Book

COPIA A: To yourself New York adress.  
To Raymond of all besides Paragraph B

I JUST GOT YOUR LETTER. WOULD  
BE GREAT IF YOU RESCUE THE  
FILMS. PLEASE COME TO WINDSOR

22. 7. 88

Tuan

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The Netherlands

Barcelona, Jul 20, 1988

Dear Sir,

I hope the form on which I am submitting the Summary of my communication is O.K. for its reproduction in the Abstract Book. Case it is not, please contact urgently Stuart Whiteley, M.D. because xeroopies of that are the ones distributed in Spanish by Dr. Roberto Inocencio Bialgel and send me please a lot of the valid ones. Also, may you tell me what is the definitive deadline for submitting contributions?

Anyhow, herewith you'll find the, I am submitting under a formal proposal for the panel "Pioneers' Re-encounter: The Fathers of our Constitution in a Fishbowl" which with Drs Raymond Battegay and Max Rosenbaum we had prepared. The preliminary registration form was send in advance by March 27. Please knowledge the reciving of both.

Hoping to hear from you,

Your sincerely,

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Joan Campos Avillar, M.D.

2nd Vice-President IAGP

Con copia  
a S. Whiteley

Por favor, envíenos un resumen de su aporte en el espacio en blanco que se adjunta. El extracto no debe de tener más de 250 palabras, debe estar mecanografiado sin correcciones, a doble espacio y debe ser apropiado para foto - impresión. Escriba el título en LETRAS MAYUSCULAS y el nombre del autor (es) en letra normal.

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 (Elem.: Comunidad Terapéutica, Group Analysis, Musicoterapia, etc.)  
 FORMAT: ..... PANEL, DISCUSSION  
 (Elem.: Taller, Comunicación, Poster, vna "Apuntes Generales para Participantes")

DURACION DEL TRABAJO: ..... 1 h 30 min  
 IDIOMA USADO: ..... CASTILIAN AND ENGLISH  
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 TEXTO

PIONEERS RE-ENCOUNTER: THE  
 FATHERS OF OUR CONSTITUTION  
 IN A FISHBOWL  
 Panel Discussion Convened by:  
 Battagay, R.J. Rosenbaum, M. &  
 Campos, J.

"In the first place, let me remind you that Psychotherapy is in no way a modern method of treatment. On the contrary, it is the most ancient form of therapy", said Freud in 1904. He did not pronounce himself if that was an individual or group method of treatment and neither if neurosis should be considered an individual or group concern. Convinced that history which is not remembered repeats itself and that neurotics suffer from reminiscences not only as individuals but as a groups as well, we have decided to trace back to its roots the history of this neurotic association of ours - one of the impossible professions.

The seminal ideas of what today is the I.A.G.P., were played by men who during the first World War fought as soldiers in the front line and who treated with group psychological weaponry the "war neurotic" casualties of the second one. It took close to 25 years and five World Congresses to agree on the rules of a permanent encounter and finally sign the By-laws of our Association.

The whole idea for this meeting emerged around a breakfast table at the Intercontinental in Zagreb three years ago, when the three convenors were reminiscing about the first days of the I.A.G.P. and started to play with the idea of setting up in Amsterdam a space where to inform the "newcomers" about our history. Well, we made a formal proposal to the Program Committee to this respect, Raymond Battagay wrote an outline to refresh our memories: "The Predecessors, and the Beginnings of our I.A.G.P.", which we circulated among people who actively contributed or where first hand witnesses of the events and who have been invited to participate.

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August 3, 1988

from Sagamore Lake  
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Dear Juan: I am back in the USA at our lake home wading through my mail. Thank you for your thoughtfulness in getting material to me. I shall try to follow out all of your directives.

The chances are mixed as to whether I will be with you in England. Our youngest Adam, may need some surgery when he returns from Europe. We are a close knit family and I don't feel comfortable taking off and leaving. If things move quickly you will see my smiling face. I have been thinking a lot about your idea of my serving as president. We would make a good team. It doesn't matter to me whether you or I serve as president- first vice president. There is a lot of work to be done to make IAGP a really viable organization. They have a tendency to depend on AGPA for the USA input. But AGPA has not really grown since I was membership chairman and helped double the membership.

I thank you for the lovely monograph on Pat de Mare. It is really very handsome and very professional. Have you considered contacting the Mexicans for wider distribution?

I have a video camera and we should plan to tape our meeting. I will bring it to Amsterdam. It is high quality and I may be able to get a better camera in time for the meeting. That is a good source of funds for IAGP to video and distribute the tapes.

Please note that I have invited you to participate in the panel on Ethics and Values- that will include Sid Bloch, yourself, Battegay and myself.

I know that fares from Europe can be expensive but if you and your lady feel NYC bound, we have a spare bed room. I have managed to get the fantastic deal from Martinair, a Dutch charter company which flies into NYC - round trip cost about \$325. I have not explored as to whether they honor the flight originating in Amsterdam.

Let us keep in touch. Again I regret not meeting with you in Europe. Belle joins me in sending our love-





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Barcelona, Sept. 11th, 1988

Dear Max,

How did it go with Adam? I hope everything is all right. I missed you in WINDSOR, anyhow. A pity you were not there. I could have done with some political advice, I did feel I was all by myself in front of the Macieavelos of Group Analysis. Ancona, who was supposed to bring the cooperative Italian candidacy for you and me simply did not appear. If we want to go ahead with the idea, plenty of lobbying would be needed.

The question of the SECTION went as expected, as you may judge from my attached report (1). The SAGA/GAAS proposition seems to be a big threat to "hidden networks of power" within the Association. May be, one day we have a chance to discuss openly the whole subject in the open, for the time being the only alternatives are to abide or resigne. As you may see from that report, the position of most Executive members, and leading Committee's Chairladies in the Association is adamant: are convinced a section based on theoretical grounds means an unsoundable split. I'm not sure, however, that to be the only or real reason behind that obstination. We had to settle for some "Section of Professional Scientist interested in Group Analysis???" with the understanding that the decision is to be published in the Newsletter. After the presentation of the Fishbowl perspective in Amsterdam there is a small chance things are likely to change. Meanwhile, the only chance is to convene there an "informal encounter as I did in Copenhagen back in 1980.

Regards the "ballot", theoretically we have a chance to make suggestions up to December (see attached form num 2) and, the final decision, so they say, will to be taken in February at San Francisco's AGPA conference. From a practical point of view, however, unless a campaign against the actual trend is made, everything seems to be already decided. The Nominating Committee's WINDSOR proposal for the two terms of office for Vice-Presidents seems unlikely to be applied on my favor this term. So I deduct from private conversation with my friend Malcolm Pines, and from the fact this proposal was not submitted to vote.

Better news I have regards the Fishbowl. See attached correspondence. Talking with Whitely it seems we may count with a lecture hall with a capacity for 500 or 1000 people. The question of translation will be had to be negotiated. With Raymond we agreed to circulate materials. Malcolm has not yet answered to my invitation. You should insist with Hadden or anybody else in the USA side. I guess would be a great help if you were to write something complementing Raymonds' account.

I feel that with the materials we collect would be posible to publish something similar to what <<Grup d'Anàlisi Barcelona>> has done for de Mares' History of the Large Group. By the way had you a chance to read it. I would appreciate your commentary. I have the feeling that leads to alike conclusions that Burrow. If that is so, however, it is because the operate in groups of similar size or because the shared the same ideological principles to depart?

As things are I feel that I myself, already on my sixthiest birthday and "silver anniversary" from my graduation at the Postgraduate Center of N.Y. both as psychoanalyst and analytical group psychotherapist, would rather concetrate himself internationally to build communicational networks -so with this porpose I volunteered for the Liasson Committee, and, to give priority to my work back home and in my own language area. With that only certainly I have more that the hands full. We had already legalized <<Grup d'Anàlisi Barcelona>> as a Catalan Cooperative Society for associate work and services, and founded, last June, a non-profit society called "ASOCIACION ESPAÑOLA PARA EL DESARROLLO DEL GRUPO, EL PSICOANÁLISIS Y LA PSICOTERAPIA" which ellected me as President, and was accepted in Winsor as organizational member of the IAGP. Further in Clinica y Análisis Grupal, a 12 years old Spanish speaking group journal, whith close to 50 issues and 700 subscribers, has offered us a space to initiate a Section called PLEXUS, (see enclosure), to which you or any group journal you may think of are invited to correspond, so long as you or they count with fluent Spanish speaking correspondent on the spot.

Hanne, my foreign copy write, and a didacta at the Heildelberg Isstitute of Group Analysis is there for the weekend. So you will have to put up with spelling and orthography errors for the time being. I'll hope is not too taxing to your ayes. Thank you again for everything. With all my love to Belle and the kids and best wishes from Hanne and myself for you all

Cordially

Enclosures: Correspondence with E. Foulkes, Zerka Moreno, and Anne A. Schutzeberger; 1988 Raymond's and 1973 Malcol's papers. SAGA/GAAS report to the Executive and PLEXUS' invitation in Spanish. (The latest is a blunt attempt at surmounting the Bable complex in group therapy.

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Barcelona, Sept. 28th, 1988

Dear Max,

Did you receive my heavy mailing of the 10th September.  
That is to say Hallow! and send you copy of my last letter to  
Alfreda Galt on which content may be you are interested.

Have a nice Autom. With my love to Belle and the kids and best  
wishes from Hanne and myself for you all

Cordially

Un fuerte abrazo,

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*from - Sagamore Lake*  
Sept. 29, 1988

Dear Juan: Well, a hernia operation is painful-but Adam seems on the mend. I have been reading your material carefully and it is very impressive. There is a lot I want to share with you so I shall probably return to this letter and write it in sections.

I am concerned that you are letting the politics get to you. You are a decent human being and I hope that you will not be distracted by the nonsense that goes on in professional groups. Your goals are admirable but it seems that people aren't looking at the larger picture you present.

The IAGP has to grow and to do that it has to attract members and interest groups. I remain puzzled as to why IAGP is so locked into AGPA - it is NOT the only soccer game in town. There is a much wider net that has to be spread if IAGP is to be truly international. I am not at all clear as to why we are meeting in San Francisco- it is almost as if it is THE thing to do. Why not meet in a pleasanter place where we could relax and do some creative thinking? The Waldorf meeting was jammed into other activities and I trust that the meeting in England was more relaxed- although from your reaction, I doubt it.

I think that your idea of an "informal encounter" is a good one. I believe that people will follow you rather than wait upon others.

Since you have passed your 60th ~~th~~ and I have passed my 65th this year, I like the idea of communication networks. I plan to cut back very sharply on my work load and enjoy things like you have suggested. I shall have the time to travel and visit and you may invite me because I shall accept in advance. It will give me a chance to practice my Spanish--next my Catalan. The PLEXUS section sounds great.

You mentioned Burrow in your letter. It is interesting that Peter Gay in his recent biography of Freud describes Burrow as a "curious amalgam of physician and crank...." So don't expect much support when you want to look over the hill- much less mountain. I remain caught between Freud's observation that the majority of people are "rabble" and Abne Frank's belief that people are "basically good."

October 2-

Re the Fishbowl, I am going to videotape the meeting. There is a technical question re compatibility of video scan lines in the USA and Europe but none of this is technologically impossible.

Re your request that I write something about Raymond's account, I shall consider the idea. For the most part I have attempted to stay out of the political scene in IAGP but I do have a good deal of information. I am intrigued by the idea of inviting Galt to the meeting.

I liked Mare's History of the Large Group. I want to re-read it before offering any comments.

Have you given any thought to expanding your Clinica y Analisis Grupal to our Mexican colleagues? Raymundo Macias, a good friend, is at the National University of Mexico -as is Sara Mekler - a dear friend- and they would be very cooperative.

Belle joins me in sending love to you and your lady. We shall be in touch.

*Max*

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from Sagamore Lake

9 October 1988

Dear Joan:

Apparently our letters have been crossing one another. Thank you for the copy of the letter to Alfreda Galt. My interest in Burrow extends to his interest in the physiological. Remember, toward the end of his life he was kicked out of the American Psychoanalytic Assn. when they re-organized because they found him too "physiological." Whatever that means. It was probably Freud's dislike of Burrow that stimulated the expulsion. Oh well, Spinoza was excommunicated by the rabbis in Amsterdam. Certainly a lot of what Burrow did was highly speculative but he was on the cutting edge. He- like Ferenczi- another under-rated scientist- was attempting to see over the mountain. As far as Alfreda is concerned she appears delighted that I have attempted to revive Burrow's work, but again there is a somewhat missionary quality at work. While I can appreciate her position, I have not as yet taken my vows- and it is unlikely that I will.

Foulkes was aware of Burrow and understood Kurt Goldstein with his theory of the organism--as well as understanding gestalt psychology- I do NOT mean what passes for gestalt psychology in gestalt therapy- since they (Perls) just borrowed terms.

The Master's program sounds very interesting- reminds me of what Henry Murray attempted at Harvard with his Dept. of Social Relations.

Otherwise we are at the beautiful autumn foliage time of the year and the weather and colors are "fabuloso."

We send our love to you and your lady.

Max

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November 16, 1988

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Dear Juan:

I'm writing for Max who happens to be busy right now but he needs some information from you. Specifically -- will you be on the Ethics Panel? Dr. Bloch seems to be concerned about this.

Please respond to Max as soon as you can.

Best wishes from Max and me.

Belle

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Barcelona, Nov 27, 1988

Dear Max,

Prompted by Belle's note of Nov. 16th. I am writing right now to Dr. Bloch, accepting to participate (Oxford, England, I take?) and also to you by return mail. If it may serve as excuse for my long delay in answering you is the fact that I misunderstood your letters from SAGMORE LAKE of Sept. 29 and Oct. 9 in the sense that those were in promptu commentaries on my materials of Sept. 11th and a most complete answer from you would follow. So I waited in vain.

At the beginning of November Zerka Moreno, Anne A. Schutzenberg and Grete Leutz were here in Barcelona for an International Psychodrama Encounter. I interviewed the first two ladies and we agreed they will write something for Amsterdam. So I did with Elisabeth Foulkes during my last visit to England. Ana Patalán de Quiroga, Pichón Rivière widow, send me a telegram accepting to contribute but has not yet written. I saw also Dr. Sarró, but he unfortunately is too old to be of great help. So as things are we are top heavy with information from Moreno and Foulkes but still scarce on the AGPA and Latin America. I will take care of the later, but I am afraid the responsibility North of Rio Grande has to fall into your lap. Remember you said you were to contact Hadden and Shaskan, and whomever else you saw convenient, and I would appreciate if you could write a short account on your views..

I agree with your comments regards the IAGP having to attract other members and interest groups besides the traditionals in order to grow and I share your puzzlement on the reasons why we had been so locked into the AGPA and its meetings, as it was the soccer game in town. Neither, I do understand Slavson's interest for an "international" to start with on the AGPA besides his well known nonsensical competition with Moreno. Groupanalytically to me those explanations in the IAGP, unless it was to "neutralize" its possibilities of growth as a competitor.

As I see things by now, it would be ideal if before Amsterdam I could cross circulate among panelist the materials produced or at least outlines of what they are interested to say. Then once in in Amsterdam we could as a group rehearse the Fishbowl'show, which in principle should be run as if were a "group interview" which should have as its backbone yours and Raymonds somaries.

Most of my time is invested in PLEXUS nowadays, and in studying Burrow and de Maré. Did you had a chance to re-read the later? Anxious for comments on his "History". Correspondence with Alfredo Balt is quite enticing...but I neither am going to take my bows. By the way, could you clarify for me what you ment with that your "interest for Burrow extends to his interest for the biological"? To me, his last time obsession in "hard experimental data" was the weakest point.

Wishing you and Belle the best of Winters. Hoping to hear from you soon and with all my love to Belle and the kids

Cordially



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Monday evening- Dec. 26, 1988

Dear Juan: I hope this finds you and your lady well. Belle joins me in sending best wishes of the season and a happy new year. I received your letter the day Belle and I took a break to travel to Florida. Right now I am at our lake house just enjoying the quiet and out of doors. We did meet one of our Mexican colleagues- Sara Mekler Weiss<sup>52</sup> who has a place in Florida- although she's really a Mexico City resident. Her home address in Mexico City is: 231 Campos Eliseos; Mexico City, D.F. 5, Mexico. She has noted your address and will also make certain that Macias is notified. Belle and I shall be in Mexico the end of January so that I will make certain again that you are contacted re Plexus.

Leutz asked me about Moreno's son participating in our ethics panel but Bloch felt that the panel was too full and that was why I had a sense of urgency about your notifying Bloch and myself about your participation.

I apologize about not answering you the material you sent to me. I thought that it would await a personal discussion since there is much to cover. If this letter seems rather scattered it is because I am attempting to cover many of your questions. I am still attempting to find the filmed material that I did on Moreno and Foulkes. It is like a detective story as I attempt to find out where the film disappeared. It is also very embarrassing since I was the interviewer and trusted the veracity of the publisher and his cohorts. Sadly, I was mistaken in my judgment but I shall persevere.

I told you that I would help with PLEXUS and I will. Just tell me some of the tasks you would like me to carry out. I have begun to suggest that people write to you re articles, etc. While it would be interesting to have Hanne on the panel, it would not be possible since Leutz specifically asked if Moreno's son could be an addition and Bloch declined the suggestion. I do encourage you to make certain that Hanne is present for the discussion. I agree with you and have no doubt that values are expressed by the therapist- either verbally or non-verbally. It is kind of naive to adopt the posture of neutrality which I believe simply does not exist. Any patient who looked at my face when I heard the news of the aircraft blowing up over Scotland or the tortured people of Soviet Armenia has an idea of what I believe in. All they have to do is attend one of my lectures to know what is important to me. I wrote a letter to Azima and Leutz urging them to set up a task force where IAGP should be involved in helping out in Soviet Armenia. What with entire families and communities being wiped out, I feel that group therapy is the treatment modality. I felt that the thrust should come from the president and president-elect rather than from myself. Let us see now if IAGP can be truly international.

Re AGPA and IAGP it is important to note that AGPA has NOT grown significantly and many people are involved in the theory and practice of group therapy who do NOT have contact with AGPA. So there is some message at work that IAGP should be listening to. When I was instrumental in founding the first regional society-Eastern Group Psychotherapy Society- Slavson was very agitated and insisted that our official incorporation papers be changed from Eastern Group Psychotherapy Association to Society. I recall it well

because we had a very limited budget and had to pay an attorney to refile the official incorporation papers in Albany, New York. I remember Slavson meeting me in the corridor of the Henry Hudson Hotel in New York and asking me in the tone of the Grand Inquisitor- What was I up to?

I recall very vividly board meeting where Slavson offered Jerry Frank and urged him to leave the AGPA because Jerry questioned something or other. I recall following Jerry out to the hallway and imploring him not to be provoked by Slavson. Later, Slavson appeared less threatened by the new or innovative. He kept telling me that I had a lousy relationship with my father and that was why he (Slavson) irritated me. I replied that I had a great relationship with my father whom I loved and admired but told Sam that I considered him a boor and that was reality based. Eventually he seemed to like me- if he could like anyone- but that was probably because of my straightforwardness. I have a fascinating interview with Slavson's brother John Slavson, who was many years ago the executive director of Jewish Board of Guardians where Slavson first began his group work. When I organized the group therapy department at the Theodor Reik Clinic, the first low cost clinic in NYC in the 1950's, one of my staff was Betty Gabriel, an old time social worker who worked with groups at Jewish Board of Guardians before Slavson. You inquired about the original articles by Burrow and Schilder. I have bound volumes. When you come to NYC you are free to study the material. When I worked on the text with Hugh Mullan, I spent many hours in the lower cellar of the New York Academy of Medicine library, reading the early articles of Pratt and Lazell who used a group approach with schizophrenic veterans of World War I.

You can see that each question you ask me leads to volumes. Re your question about Burrow and the biological. I am fascinated about the lines of his inquiry. Why do some people survive circumstances that would kill other people? What forces are at work? Is it the genes? Have you noticed how many people get well in groups in SPITE of the most disturbed group leaders? What forces are at work? Is there something biological at work when people come together? Do they inspire one another- or give one another hope? Is it existential? Is it we are all in the same boat so let us work together? Why don't they decide to sink the boat and drown together? Burrow was an optimist. I am an optimist. You are an optimist. Freud expressed the view that mankind or humankind was basically rabble. Anne Frank said that she still believed that people are basically good. On a given day Juan, does your pendulum swing between rabble and good? And when you look at some of the characters who practice psychotherapy, do you become discouraged or determine to try harder?

We will talk at length about the material you sent to me. We will simply have to arrange for me to come to Barcelona. It's about time that I stopped seeing patients. I am often amused about the phrase "burn out." There was an Italian novelist who defined boredom as knowing everything there was to know about another person and not giving a damn.

We send our love- Belle and I to you and yours. All our hopes for a peaceful New Year.

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Forgive the typing

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Dear Juan: Let us hope for a peaceful 1989. It seems to be more and more clear that there is a battle between good and evil. The bombing of the Pan Am plane seems to be the most current example of evil at work.

I enclose the following profile of Shaskan for you to hold on to. I have known Don for many years and we are quite friendly. I was one of the few who pushed him for AGPA president when Slavson and some others were opposed to him- for reasons which still elude me. From a historical point of view, Don Shaskan's work with Schilder is of interest. I helped him formulate a festschrift for Schilder. Schilder you may or may not know- was booted out of the American Psychoanalytic when they reorganized in the 1930's- they claimed he wasn't trained enough- this was at the same time they kicked out Burrow for being too biological. C'est la vie.

I also enclose the little squib from what Kibel is up to. I'm not clear as to how this impacts on the fishbowl. You will also find the summary of the new battle that is going on between Slavson's "boys" and those who have apparently left the fold.

I don't know if you will be in San Francisco- I will NOT. But you are more than welcome to stay with us if you go to California and stop in NYC en route to Barcelona.

Warmest wishes for 1989 to you and yours.



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Barcelona, Ene 5, 1989

Dear Max,

That is a return mail answer to your letter of December 26th. Dr. Bloch, knowledged my acceptance to participate in the Ethics Panel. I did not know about Zerkas' interest on Moreno's son. I understand about Hanne. May be the one to object now to my participation on the ethics is to be Stewart Whitely. He insisted Officer and Board Members not to overextend ourselves in to many events. I'm already in three. Bloch wants us to write something, I will have to wait until last minute (overwork!) If, and when I do it, will be based on my Burrows studies. Something on the order of Group ethics: A question of group values or a Biological Imperative?

I'm glad, you have Schilder's writings. Burow's I already have thanks tho Alfreda and the Lifewynn Foundation. However it is unlikely for me to shuttle to New York before 1990, and that only in the case that somebody invites me to visit. So, meanwhile, do you think would be possible for you to have a copy of Schilder's book xeroxed for me or at least of his 1936 article "The analysis of Ideologies... (Amer. J. Psychiatry, 93:601; 1936) Also, while you are at it, Wender's "Group Psychotherapy a Study of its application. Psychiat. Quart., 140, 708, 1940) will also be welcomed. Of course, that on the understanding that all expenses will be on my side. You cannot imagine how difficult is the access to group literature here. By the way, also if it is not for you great trouble, May be possible for you to arrange from the publishers of the books you edited, such as the "Short term... handbook", and "Group Psychotherapy and Group Function: Selected Readings", to send us here a some review copies for Clinica y Análisis Grupal. Besides a good review we may consider its translation.

Thanks for your offer to cooperate in PLEXUS, and for the contacts you already have made on its favor with your Mexican friends. Basically it is inspired in the old Foulkes' GAIPAC, which in turn was modelled in the ROUND BRIEF of the Kinder Seminars of the twenties. It is however aimed at Editors of Group Journals and Periodicals Publications, so that we may share syndicated book reviews, news, etc. and have a free copy wright agreement. I will convene a meeting on that issue at Amsterdam and try to organize there an exhibition Journals and print out for the occasion. Can you send me a list of the ones on which you are at Editorial Board or Advisory Board level or with whom you have influence?

I had already mentioned to Elisabeth Foulkes and Zerka Moreno about you moonlighting as a detective for the filmed interviews, they keep their fingers crossed on it. Were you to succeed and retrieve "this Première" will gain these year "Oscar" in Amsterdam. They also, send me beautiful materials. A. Schutzenberg is writing her own reminiscences. So the ladies are behaving, and from the Moreno and Foulkes angle the story is well covered. I will take care of the Latin American Confederation of Group Psychotherapy next month. What I am worried though is about the NORTH AMERICAN story. I have full confidence that you will give us a whole view -larger than an exclusive AGPA oriented version! Write a few pages. Please! You have the knowledge and the talent. Also I would appreciate your comments or suggestions on how to actually organize the show once there. I agree about taking it in 8 m.m. Video the performance, but first we have to perform first! What we produce in writing well may serve as base for a collective book on the History of Group Psychotherapy. Would you be interested in editing it with me?

The more I learn about Slavson the least I like him! But still that is history. The same happens with Freud. We may learn from them not to make the same mistakes. As Burrow said "All Freudians are authoritarians! I did not know the Theodor Reik was the first low cost clinic in town. I believed was the Wolberg's Postgraduate. Idem, regard Group Psychotherapy Departments. Please tell me some more about! Gee, how I would love to interview you on this topic! May be, after all, we should write the two volumes you mentioned in the last letter. Unfortunately, for the time being I cannot yet invite you to teach in Barcelona. But if you come, our house is your house and Belle's. Please come! You are always welcome!

Hoping to hear from you soon and with all my love to Belle and the kids

Cordially

P. S. By the way, did you read the Minutes of the Cumberland Meeting. You will see that our SAGA/GAAS project ended in a Study Group in Group Analysis. May be that way is better. The reasons why they did are not for me so palatable. Politics!



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Dear Juan: Received your last letter. Belle and I have been away I was both vacationing and lecturing in Mexico and will slowly catch up with my mail. I will probably be sending you partial replies to your letter.

1- I was surprised to hear from Leutz that she wanted Moreno's son to participate in the panel on ethics. Bloch felt that we were over-booked and said No.

2- I will slowly get to your request for Schilder's material. It is buried somewhere in my library. Wender's material is closer at hand. Are you sure that you are not referring to Wender's 1936 article? I may have the date wrong. That was basic for those of us who practiced gp. psych. in military service in WWar II. It was later incorporated in a TE (technical bulletin) issued by the US Army.

3- I will contact my publishers re your request. Unfortunately, publishing has become a major industry and when I make a request it gets lost in channels. Years ago it would only require a phone call from me.

4- I will slowly collate the journals where I am on the board.

There is the journal -GROUP published by Brunner-Mazel

Jl. of Contemporary Psychotherapy-Human Sciences Press

Group Analysis, Sage publishers

Fabrizio's Italian journal, Blay-Neto's Brazilian journal  
and there are others but I have to follow it up.

5- I am still pursuing the characters who have disappeared with the Foulkes Moreno and other material.

6- Shaskan ( Don Shaskan) and Sam Hadden both will be in Amsterdam. I have spoken to them several times. The idea of a History of Group Psychotherapy is interesting. Did you know that in the book- Fatal Shore - a marvelous history of Australia- the author refers to group psychotherapy being used in a maximum security prison in the 1840's - so neither Slavson or Moreno can vie for credit.

7- There were a group of us who used to meet with Al Wolf every Friday from noon to about 2 P.M. This group, which we later called Workshop in Group Analysis, lasted for many years. Al chaired the [I was secretary] group. Some of the names would be familiar to you- many have long since died- Asya Kadis, Sandy Flowerman, Jukks Perelman, Rachel Bross, Sam Obers, Harold Leopold. Other names will come back- oh yes, Norman Locke- as a matter of fact we co-authored an article on Sexual Acting Out in Groups which Slavson refused to publish and then mutilated. Just about now my typing tape ran out and I had to search for a new one. I found it amusing since I blocked at Hugh Mullan's name in our workshop. When he came in- we finally co-authored a book- after fighting like cats and dogs- he and Wolf got into constant arguments. About that time, Hugh became enchanted with Whitaker (Carl) and Malone's book on the Roots of Therapy. Al was very unhappy with their stance- as was Manny Schwartz- which resulted in THEIR co-authoring a book. I think Al was very unhappy with my stance since in my earlier history- as I have shared with you- my father was a Marxist and my mother was a conservative- and I KNOW that NO ONE has the answer. In retrospect, much of the arguments may have been Hugh's rebellion against the priest (Wolf) and Wolf's being upset by what he felt and feels is irrational therapy.

The controversy became so bitter, that at the time, I was founding president of the Eastern Group Psychotherapy Society, and Al insisted that he permitted to present a series of lectures at the NY Academy of Sciences under the Society's mantle to combat the "scourge" of

what the Roots of Therapy was bringing to the field. Hugh and Milt Berger had just finished having their run in with the Horney group who would NOT accept as part of their graduation final papers on work with groups. It all sound amusing in recall but the passions were inflamed. About that time, Clif Sager was hanging around Wolberg's set up and our workshop was approached to form the group therapy department. Some of our group was composed of M.D.'s- others Ph.D.'s- the usual controversy again about that- and with exceptions- I was supposed to be honored- we were asked to drop some people IF we organized the group therapy department. Of course, out of loyalty and principle we refused- the next thing we knew Asya joined them- of course she worked like a madwoman- we found it amusing since she never went beyond the Master's degree level. Besides which, Larry W. was never a generous person. He always took care of Larry. Asya died without a dime- working until she dropped- as did Manny. I didn't relate to and still don't- to people like that. It is not part of my character.

Juan- we could spend many hours on all of this. But after we founded a clinic named after Reik, I was asked to develop the entire department devoted to group psychotherapy. Most of the people if not all had been students of mine. In all modesty, we were GOOD. But I became tired of the administrative nonsense- you just stop doing clinical work. Larry W.'s set up came out of a contract clinic. After WW II, there were not enough psychiatric services for the Veterans Administration to cope with the returning veterans so contract clinics sprang up- there were lucrative- to service the vets. From that followed up the Postgraduate Center which I am told- is now falling apart.

I shall continue---- Friday- March 3rd- attended Harold Leopold's funeral this morning. Well, he made it to 88 plus years through his last years were not pleasant. He was a product of the exodus from Germany- came to the USA in 1936 as a gynecologist and retrained in the 1940's as a psychiatrist and analyst.

Sometime ago I agreed to edit-check or whatever Moreno's autobiography- it was in proof now and I find it very interesting. He was brilliant-even if erratic. Also Alfreda has been writing to me re Burrow and the Lifwynn Foundation. We shall also talk about it when we meet. I hope that you catch what Burrow- as so many have tried to do- fathom the problem of the brain- and the fact that the MIND is NOT the brain- and the brain is not the mind. Remember Bertrand Russell's marvelous reply to the dentist who asked- where does it hurt- and Russell replied- In the brain of course. This weekend will find me plowing through material. I agreed to be the opening speaker at the Canadian GPS- it's their 10th- and they are having big doings so I want to do "right by them."

Best to you and your lady- from Max and Belle

Max

Monday- April 24, 1989

Dear Juan:

I hope that this finds you well. I am writing from my lake house. Yesterday, I was celebrating my birthday with Belle and mutual friends- Jerry and Elaine Kosseff- and when your name was mentioned- my guilt button lit up so here is an overdue letter.

After many phone calls to Samuel Hadden, who is now turning 89, his daughter and I decided that he was not really up to coming to Amsterdam. He is a courtly and thoughtful as ever. I decided to videotape and interview with him which I did. I held the camera and did the interview. It certainly captures some of the material we needed although I do not profess to be an impressario. You may have some answers as to how we can show the material in Europe. It was recorded on a Panasonic AG-155 which is close to what the professionals use- I know this through my son Adam's recording of his music workshops and festivals in Europe. By the way, he will be holding his activity at Antibes, the end of July- this year- the 200 year celebration of Bastille Day, etc.

I met - for a meeting- with Alfreda Galt and a man she has groomed for her apparent to the Lifwynn Foundation. She wanted my judgment and input on the future of the Foundation, etc. We shall see what will develop.

On a professional front, I decided to close down our Short Term Therapy Center. It was taking too much time and energy and distracting me- and Belle- from many of our other interests. We were away in Palm Beach for our 40th wedding anniversary and decided to be good to ourselves and bought a place- right on the ocean. Jerry and Elaine tell me that you have a place on the Costa Brava so we will share the ocean.

As far as I know, publishers have sent you books- I know that I made many phone calls to expedite the matter. But publishing has become a total business. We shall have to put aside time in Amsterdam and just figure out some of the questions you have asked me in previous correspondence.

After Amsterdam I promised Battegay that I would lecture in Basle and we shall be flying back on Sept. 9th. In October, the Canadians have asked me to be their plenary speaker at their 10th anniversary meeting in Banff, Canada. And of course, I want to spend time in Palm Beach with my lady.

I have been asked to write about group psychotherapy for the American Psychological Assn- they are celebrating the upcoming 100th anniversary and apparently all roads led to my door, so I grudgingly consented. I really did it because Belle complained that if I declined, who knows what would come out of the hopper. I am still working on the reprint material you requested- I lost my secretary- not that her loss was a great one- but I shall figure something out. I wish that I could figure out a way to get my entire library over to Barcelona- then you could copy away.

We send our love- it is cool and sunny. The country around here needs much water- it has been drought ridden. Best to you and your lady-

Max

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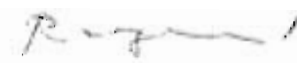
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Basel, May 17, 1989

Dear Max

From Sydney Bloch I got a letter in which he tells us that he will not be able to manage to come to the Xth International Congress of Group Psychotherapy in Amsterdam, Aug. 27-Sept. 2nd, 1989. Do you think we should continue with our panel? If yes, you should perhaps tell Stuart Whiteley that we shall do it both.

Cordially yours,

  
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Dear Juan:        A quick note.

I received your note from Portugal today with the enclosure from Schutz~~man~~berger. I remember her well since she contacted me while in the USA. She appears rather missionary about Moreno and that is my strongest recollection. I do recall that I was unable to spend much time with her so she insisted on sitting in my car while I was enroute from NYC to New Jersey on some professional matter. So she does appear determined.

I have contacted Al Wolf re the Amsterdam meeting. While he was not active in the international I thought his comments, even on video tape, would be valuable. But I have the feeling, since he and I have been friends for many years, although I am not in close contact, that he is somewhat embittered. Perhaps he feels that he has not received sufficient recognition. He agreed to write some comments about Moreno for the work I am editing, but suddenly he just pulled out.

Keep well. Belle joins me in sending our warmest wishes-

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Barcelona, June 18th, 1989

Dear Max,

Thank you for your various letters of February 24 and April 24, 1989. This is going to be a short note. We will have to wait for Amsterdam to talk.

Alfreda Galt sent me a nice and long letter accompanied by the proposal for the Lifwynn Foundation by John R. Wilkse, Ph.D. (Jack?). I am looking very much forward to discuss this matter with you. She also told me about your visit with them.

Raymond sent me a copy of his letter to you regards Sidney Bloch's Panel on Ethics and Values. Let me know if we go ahead with the Panel.

Find enclosed the circular letter I am sending to the Fishbowl Party Members. As you can see, I tell there about your interview with Hadden. How long is it? If you can boil it down to 15 minutes we could use it as a warming up jumping board, but I would first need to know what your subject of conversation was since we are short of time. Anyhow, it can be shown over the lunch hour period. Please contact Cornelissen regards the Panasonic AG-155.

Please let me know where I can reach you.

For today with much love to you and Bell from Hanne and myself,

Best wishes,

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Friday- July 6, 1989

Dear Juan:

Belle and I returned from a holiday and I am wading through my mail.

I shall make my note brief.

1- I spoke to London (Whiteley). Apparently, he never received your abstract and Raymond was also derelict. Please take care of it. Of course we go ahead with the panel.

2- Re your questions:

1- Moreno and Slavson were too busy carving out their "turf." Of course, without a doubt, fascism works- it is always more efficient than democracy- we just forget about people.

2- We are in a period of great conservatism. Mental health techniques, organizations, etc. reflect this. Young psychiatrists rush to biologic interventions - they are not clear as to what they are dispensing but it makes them less anxious. There is a dearth of analytic candidates in the institutes.

3- I think that Europeans- and probably USA's ers are condescending in their reactions to the Latin American community

I shall be at the lake house during the summer before heading for Europe. Belle and I decided to go "whole hog" and bought a place in Palm Beach- right on the ocean. We celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary there- have spent time there through the years- and it was so nice- and we thought- we have done for all the children- now just for us- so what the hell. If we are not at our NYC apartment-

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we should be at the lake- 914-225-6476

unless we get inspired and hideaway in Palm Beach. We were pleasantly surprised by the weather- soft ocean breezes- very nice.

Best to you and your lady-

Love-

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14 February 1990

Dear Juan: It was good to hear from you and thank you for the lovely pictures. I am now trying to get my papers in order so that Belle and I can take off for Florida and rest and lesiure. I finalized things in my office which took a great deal of time so now I have closed down my practice and can devote my life to many things without pressures around me. It will give me time for travel, lectures, writing- walks on the beach - bicycle riding - and perhaps I will do some work at one of the university settings in Florida. I did accept the task of chairing the IAGP Ethics committee and ghat should be a lot of work. Plus agreeing with a publisher to do a revision of my ethics book. So you see - I will have nothing to do.

As far as Raymond and the history, he was NOT nrgative but rather appeared involved in other activities. I know that he will be in Boston and Ndw York but it is very doubtful that I will be around NYC when he is here. I am certainly not going to be in Boston - not in February when I have an apartment in Palm Beach.

There is no question that the materia~~k~~ has to be put into print. Whether desk top Publishing is the answer is debatable. The publisher is only for distribution. Actually publishers desire the type of contact we are able to offer them else how do they obtain manuscripts and make contacts for further books. To answer your direct question- yes, I will go "whole hog". I like the idea of a bi-lingual printing- something I have pushed for many years but to no avail. You should know that it is easier to write your own book than to put up with the personalities of contributors. I like the idea of do it yourself. Publishers are simply interested in making a dollar- the idea of the idealistic publisher appears to be far gone.

If the history is written in such a way that it is helpful to the many students we are seeing currently- so that they can sort out the wheat from the chaff. As far as my library and translating, etc. of course I'll help.

Forgive the typing- keep in touch- In haste-as we are en route.

Love to you & your lady -  
Max - May + Belle

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June 1, 1990

Dear Juan: A letter from Alfreda nudged me into writing to you. I hope that this finds you and your lady well. Palm Beach was deloghtful and we at our lake house now for the summer months. Belle and I will go to Budapest since that- apparently - is the IAGP setting in September. I am still trying to sort out my papers from 40 plus years of analytic practice. The reprints you have inquired about are here but it is a massivr job if you consider copying them. But perhaps something can be worked out. I don't know if you received an issue of the psychodrama journal where I served as guest editor. I hope that I gave sufficient credit to Moreno's contributions.

I joined the faculty of Nova University - the post doctoral program- which is a university in south Florida. Everything is new in Florida- this university is about 25 years old. I am also attempting to bring some light to some of the professionals who seem eager to learn. The training opportunities are very limited and people work with the most limited amount of training. I don't want to see patients because I want the opportunity to do as I please when I want to. I hope that you are not working too hard and that you are not letting the "politics" get to you. Remember my motto from World War II - Illegitimi non arborundum est - don't let the bastards wear you down.

Belle joins me in sending our love

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Barcelona, 11 de Junio de 1990.

Dear Max.

I just received your letter of June 1. I am glad you did, at least I know you are alive. But where are you? In Palm Beach, New York, New Jersey? This is the fact that you did cross out the address from your letter head doesn't. I will first try out with this typewritten R.D. num. 2 Carmel, N.Y. 10512 Estados Unidos de Norteamérica and see what happens. Case I hit the target, please, give me a ring, send me a telegram, or just answer by return mail.

I did not received anything from the psychodrama you mentioned, but what is worse, I realise that may be you neither received my letter from January 23th 1990. The only think that makes me doubt is indirect reference, I mean your allusion to copying the reprints, but may be that is from a previous letter. Is is a three pages long I have copy of it in the Computer. I may send you a copy of it, but better I will wait for checking your new address.

I will not go to Budapest (Illegitimi, non carborundum est;) I will neither brake my neck looking for lodgings in Barcelona for half the price that there and not getting back even a thank you note! Is that a question of ethics or of courteousness? Anyhow the city slogan for the Olimpics is Barcelona, posat quapa; (Barcelona, make yourself beautiful;) And mind, I feel we are doing a good job at it. Why don't you and Belle make a stop here for a few days with us before or after Budapest. If you do, be our guest. We just bought a new Honda and we will show you around.

I take Alfreda's has to do with the Lifwynn Foundation by John R. Wilkse, Ph.D. Have you seen the first issue of Lifwynn Correspondence? It doesn't look as GAIPAC of the early days, but I feel the cause is worth while, what worries me is the impact that these 3 years project may have on the financial status of the Foundation. But regardless, there is no sense at this point of saving for the old age. I will be going to the retreat in addition at Bally Farms October, 8 to 12. Will you participate also? I understand you recorded Hans Syz for hours, and, knowing you, I would not be surprises if you had plenty of pictures of the people at Lifwynn Headquarters. Also is it true, that you have a full copy of the complete Freud/Burrow Correspondence? If that is so, would you be willing to share with me any of the materials? I understand the latter manuscript a deposited at Yale University. I am writing a booklet on Group Analysis for an Spanish collection of manuals on methodology in behavioural and social sciences of broad diffusion, which must include a up to day bibliography. I will cover there Burrow, Foulkes and de Maré, but I am not familiar with

Group Analytic work in American: Whom besides you, is worth being to look into, and which of your work you feel at this respect is more representative?

By the way, did you received copy of the pictures in Amsterdam? and do you have copy of the booklet on Frame of reference, Organization, Aims & Activities of <<Grup d'Anàlisi Barcelona>> ?

That it will do for today. Please confirm your address. With much love to you and Bell from Hanne and myself



Sagamore Lake- June 19, 1990

Dear ZJian:

Received your letter of 11 June 90. Belle and I are at the lake- Sagamore- and have been since mid-May. We are working hard on selling our Manhattan apartment since I closed down my practice and we have no need for a place in NYC. It's a two bedroom -two bath-spacious apartment on 56th st. and First Avenue. It's sunny and faces the Catholic Center - so every morning you may be blessed by Cardinal O'Connor. Needless to say, there's good police protection in that neighborhood. It's a co-op and if you know of anyone who may be interested they'll get a good buy. We just have no need for it. ~~Between~~ the place in Palm Beach and our home on the lake it's enough ~~Veal~~ estate.

I am wearily sorting through over 40 years of material from my practice. Everything takes time and when I get rid of something I keep saying someone could use this - but I cannot turn the lake house into a warehouse. I realized that my collection of reprints is more than 40 volumes- bound. It's a hell of a job to copy them. At this point I plan to ship them to a university library but we - you and I - will talk about it.

I regret that you did all that work for the meeting with no thanks but that appears to be the norm. We must resonate since you used my favorite expression. It was also used in the Battle of the Bulge in World War II when the American troops were surrounded by the Germans. To answer your question- it is both lack of manners and obtuseness re ethics. My mother in law used to say? -and it doesn't bode well for our work - better a pig from people of quality than a person of quality from pigs. I used to be shocked at the comment but perhaps the woman had something on the ball. Your invitation was very gracious- and is - but we only want to spend two weeks abroad. We hope to meet our youngest daughter who is living in Paris and then move on. Our meeting place for Belle and I and hopefully our daughter will probably be Vienna and then we'll head up for Prague and back to Budapest. If you change your mind it will be great to see you. I hope that your anger does not deter you. We will welcome an invitation at another time and then I can participate in your activities. Since I am now a "free bird" my time is my own and I don't worry about my next appointment and being there on time.

As far as the Lifwynn meeting. I just read about it. I think Alfreda has just realized my meanderings and several addresses.

As I said in my earlier correspondence, Burrow was a genius but I am concerned about the tendency to turn things into organized religion - like the orthodox Freudians. I don't believe that I have a full ~~file~~ <sup>file</sup> of the Freud-Burrow correspondence - I hope I haven't thrown it out but I have some material. In one of my books I published the review that D.H. Lawrence did of Burrow's first book. It took ~~so~~ much time and energy to get permission from the Lawrence estate. Years ago, wandering around in <sup>the</sup> Adirondacks, I discovered a letter- written by Freud to his family- written in the old German- very hard to decipher. I managed to rescue it but it was a royal pain in the ass to obtain permission from Freud's heirs etc. It was when Freud came to the USA for the Clark University meeting and then stayed at Putnam's Adirondack camp. To this day, I cannot figure out how it ended up at the Blue Mountain Lake museum.

The ~~essence~~ of the Syz tapes is that both he and Burrow were viewed as odd-balls by the psychiatrists and were strictly persona non grata. The last tape of Sam Hadden is interesting. I'm glad I captured him in vivo before he died. He was surprisingly alert. I wish it ~~for~~ <sup>for</sup> us at his age.

We will have to talk for hours about who is worth "looking into" in the USA scene. The information kind of rolls out of me - Belle is always astounded - but there is so much. Of course the most popular right now is Yalom but I view his work as trendy and not ~~pro~~ <sup>pro</sup>found. It's funny. He reached me in Palm Beach- wanted to pick my brain on some writing he's doing. It was amusing as to how serious he was in his request and how little homework he had ~~done~~.

The pictures were received. I thought I wrote and thanked you. If not, my apologies. Yes, I do have the booklet you sent re Grup d'Analasi.

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Love to you and your lady from-

May & Belle

P.S. Al Wolf- stimulated by one of his students- Larry Kutash- son of Sam-  
has a : Group Therapist's Handbook- coming out. (Columbia University Press)