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Dear David

Have I replied to your letter of a few weeks ago? I'm seized with dreadful doubt about this. I've just thought of it and find myself in a quandary. I'm sorry, David, but these things have been happening to me a little too often lately and I'm beginning to worry. If I have, please forgive the repetition. The cause of this confusion has partly to do with personal worries (of all sorts) which seem to absorb all my mental energies, especially over the past few months, with illness in the family and other things.

Your letter came as a very pleasant surprise to me and I enjoyed very much the things you've sent me. The discomfiture of these young young hotheads is of course something that people of our generation might regard with some satisfaction, but on the other hand... Well, for one thing, I'd like to refer you to "The Resurrection," Book of Epiphany, 174, for another. I'm fearful of capitalism running amok. Quite frankly, I'd rather have very little and be educated enough to enjoy Bach than live by commercial jingles and spend my days and nights devising ways of exploiting the system (my fellow creatures) for profit. I think it a great pity that Socialism should have taken that forbidding form. I've been predicting it's collapse since the middle seventies and my criticism

has earned me the title of "reactionary" and "crypto-fascist" among the faithful - young hotheads mainly - of my acquaintance.

So you are off on a tour of Europe. How nice. I hope you'll both enjoy it. You'll probably find many changes in Greece (33 years is a long time!) but the Museums will be open, except for certain days - times, of the week. It's best to check on these things before each excursion. The buses are alright but it's far more convenient by car. What worries me is the prolonged drought. They are predicting a disastrous summer.

I am astounded to hear that you can "now read Homer with some fluency". I wish I could <sup>say</sup> ~~read~~ the same myself! God luck, David. Modern Greek shouldn't prove difficult at all after this preparation. As for Ptolemy's epigram, I can see your point.

Thanks for the poems too. I liked Rem. Rough Day are cast in a mould and realised through a style that I don't find congenial. Keep the good work up. I think it's this that keeps people like us sane. I used to enjoy our conversations at St. Lucia. I hope that we may see each other again.

I've just finished a little book of satires and am in the middle of another, "serious" collection. I have no plans after that, but have plenty of worries to keep me going.

P.S.

Please give my regards to Ken Goodwin and P. Edwards.

My love to (WR) of you

Dimitris

I mean your good and patient  
letter of course!