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Dear Mr. Williams -

Rather late to be answering your letter of last August, but, unfortunately, it reached me in HK when I got back from Paris via New York last October. Actually, at the last moment of my stay in the states, I had a phone call from Ev Baumgartner, who wanted me to come down to Washington, but it was too late. I have been at the Institute previously, as well as in Hawaii to lecture. I don't have any plans right now to come back, tho I may again this summer. If I do, I will let you know. Meanwhile, I'm glad you're passing around both earlier books and hope the new one, The Road From War, consisting of 22 New Yorker pieces since 1965, is also being read. The reprint, updated to 26 pieces and a new postscript, in paperback, is coming out in April.

You're lucky to be out of Saigon these days! It's become more and more horribly polluted and I literally can't breathe anymore.

Yrs

  
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