

Cedar Lane,  
Ossining, New York 10562  
March 22nd, 1977

Dear Christine Graham;

It is good of you to think of me and I would be delighted to come to Bennington and talk with John Gardner and the students but I leave for Sofia on the first of June, go from there to Moscow and Leningrad and since travel in Eastern Europe is still chancy I don't think I should make any engagements until I return to the United States. I know that you have to schedule writers but if you want to bill me as a surprise you could call me here towards the end of June.

Please tell John Gardner that I am working on some sort of wreath, monument or sonnet sequence to thank him for his magnanimity.

Sincerely yours,

  
John Cheever

~~Gardner dates July 8?~~

By phone 3/28: Can give no date  
No use of name until date firm.  
Call him late June!