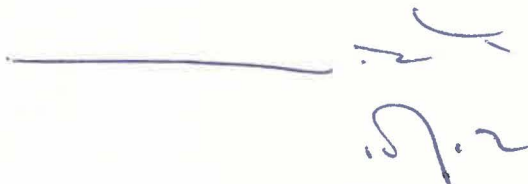


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Dear Joe:

Just back from a stint at Hobart & William Smith colleges, godhelpme, where I met your disciple Leon Bottstein. Who shared the head table one lunch, who sends his love, who occasions this note. As to Lizzie Updike, yes; John has already been in touch about it and I'll see what I can do/see. As to dinner with Kermode, I'd like to come; he's an interesting man and a fine critic. But it means I'll have to helter-skelter back from the afternoon class in Columbia and would be at least a little bit late. As to the world, it continues. See you soon.

A handwritten signature, possibly "J. R.", is written in blue ink. To the left of the signature is a long horizontal line, and above it is a small flourish consisting of two curved strokes.