[Draft of E.J.'s Reply, Dec.6/60, to Mr. Leeman's letter of Nov.2/60]

Again apology for not writing sooner.
Since I last wrote, the problem I mentioned has been resolved, once and for all. Sometimes bereavement brings a strange consolation of its own. -- release from the misery of not being able to do anything to relieve the suffering of some one dearly loved. I wonder what your Burton has to say about this in his Anatomy of Melancholy. Your letter makes me more determined than ever to find out for myself, whether he has any bitter herb of healing to offer. And now no more of all this.

I hate to bother you but may there be
Just a word about about JPN. Yes, I did mean the October issue to be my swan song.
My hope was that it would serve to keep up the wheels turning but until someone could be found to take charge. But so far, there has been no word from Mr. Barton Lippincott about Don't you alright Do you thinm it might be best simply to assume that I am now relieved of any further responsibility?

Fortunately, there never was any binding agreement on either side : "Published informally from time to time." Mr Bacon and I thought that one up!

I do wish your regime could be a little less rigorous, and yet I can understand why you must continue to emulate and even surpass the ascetic Franciscan Friars. Apropos of your fiendish desire to give psychiatrists their come-uppance -- Dr. Wilder Penfield etc.

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(No paragraph) Within the course of the last 10 or 15 years a tremendous advance has been made in the treatment of the aggressive and violent schizophrenics by the use of certain drugs popularly called tranquillizers. Unfortunately some of them have unfavorable side effects and a great deal of experimental work is now being carried out with the object of finding modifications which will be more effective and without these risks.

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(No paragraph) But even today the new ideas are not fully accepted or put into practice. A number of hospitals still house far too many patients or are built in remote places so that it is difficult for both staff and patients to have sufficient social contacts with the outside world.

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It is not only in mental hospitals and among doctors and nurses that there is a new outlook. The general public are also beginning to feel more compassion and realize that they have a responsibility for the welfare of those who are mentally handicapped as well as those who suffer from physical disabilities. Commissions have been set up whose function it is to enquire into legal matters related to mental illness and mental deficiency. Valuable reports are already available and, as a result, radical changes are being made in existing legislation which is now out of touch with modern thinking. It may well be that the legal approach to mental illness and mental deficiency will have undergone considerable change this book is in print.

The present approach is that it should be as easy for a mentally ill patient to obtain treatment in a suitable hospital as it is for a physically ill patient. Formalities should be done away with in the case of patients who are willing to come for treatment