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Dear Alberto:

Do please excuse me for having delayed so long to answer your kind letter of January 17. I allowed mail to accumulate here in New York where I now have a little flat, while I went to the southern tip of the United States to the little town of Key West where Ernest had left an enormous cache of manuscripts, notes and letters, when he moved from Key West to Cuba in 1937 and 38. It took me a month to go through these papers, sorting out the totally irrelevant material from that which had any value. And consequently my correspondence here has been very greatly delayed.

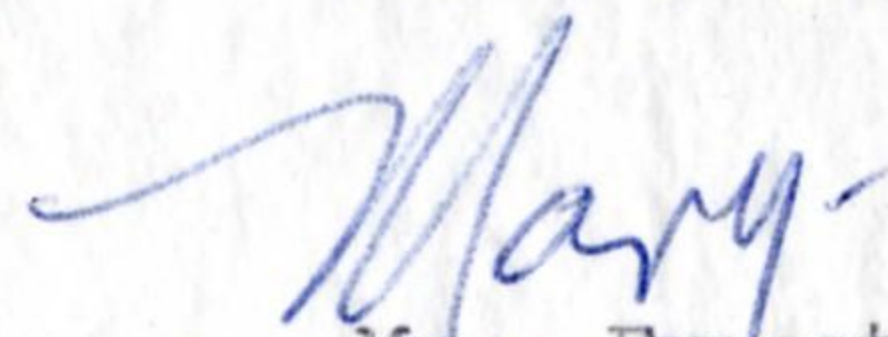
My feeling about publishing any of Ernest's new manuscripts is that it would be more dignified and appropriate to postpone publication for a year or two. Somehow it does not seem fitting for me to rush his manuscripts into books very quickly. And since Ernest himself did not wish "Across the River and into the Trees" to be published in Italy, let us please wait another year or so and then reconsider its publication.

Papa left behind several manuscripts of which Scribners may publish one next year. I mean the fall of 1963. One of these was a series of reminiscences of Paris when he was a young man there in the 20's. Another is what I think is a very good sea novel full of action and drama and with some marvelous characters. And there are some other things besides "The Dangerous Summer", but I am purposely letting these manuscripts rest comfortable here in America until I feel that my own judgment is settling down to an approximation of normal before I make any decision -- in collaboration with Scribners, of course -- about which to publish first and when. Of course, when we make such a decision we will be happy to let you know.

I am leaving here the end of May to make a month's safari in Tanganyika in June and am planning then to return to Rome and Venice before going on to London and returning to America. If you are going to be in Milano, I will give you a coup de telephone when I get to Rome, which will probably be July 4.

Very best wishes to you and Virginia and the children.

Yours sincerely,



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