

Subject: Re: Clues  
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Dear Nev,  
Many thanks for all the news.  
That fabulous array of Kulture you are pulling in makes me envious. What a fabulous place London is to visit . But to live??? I wonder if you went to Stradford? I think I mentioned in an earlier noite that we will be seeing the Henry Trilogy at our Stradford in early August.

Its ages since Ive seen Lady Macbeth-as I recall v discordant-I think Mtensk is the name of the Siberian camp she was sent to w her twotiming lover. Oddly the Soviets at first really loved the "dynamism" of the piece but once the modern music community collapsed into factionalism and the state stepped in in the 30s poor old Sh's piece was condemned probably for something like "pandemonium" wh was a common criticism of mod. music from the 30s on. I wopuld have love to see W Tale. I love it=saw Scolield in it yeears ago.

Look forward to trying the trotinette when we visit sometime in the future.  
Do get the one with the shock absorbers--for wobbly guests.

Re Mower. I think I have a way of finding him. When in Wash heard about an association of Ret. For Service officers and Ill call them. Had both a useful and wasted time in Wash. All the CIA and State files have moved out to college park in Maryland--the Archives on the Mall downtown seem only to serve geneology buffs. So haad a pretty awful time getting back and forth as I had no car. So far found no dirct reports under CIA files that have been released. One v int. 100pp report dated 62 on "Sabotage Threats to Rail Transportation in S and Central Africa" v genl ref to Sab in SA no mention of ARM. But a long list of railway bridges and info relelvent to how they might be disabled--if only we and the ANC had that list then. On State dept, Just started getting into the int files eg a report on the "professionalism" of the Rhondebosch train signals action when I had to pack up since Id only given myself 3 days to do the work. But now I know what to do and will go back. Made a fair nos of copies of more genl policy issues but no direct stuff on ARM yet. Will also use Freedom of Information Act.

Interesting info about Crohns. Ill see if our weekly summary of Le Monde has something on it If not id v much like to see it. Odd about the numbers. In

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there are hundreds of thousands of people with it. In early 90s it was reaching epidemic proportions. Rexicade is one of a number of artificial antivirals wh are used to treat Cs. Here the result has been good for severe cases but the treatment is so expensive( each treatment about \$1500) that its only used for severe cases. So I stay on a new Swedish Steroid called Entocort wh controls inflammation and has few of the normal steroid side effects mainly because 90% of it passes thru the body in 24 hours. Not ideal but its working.

By the way heard from Leftwich that his piece on the ARM for Granta is almost ready. Wonder what it will be like.  
Cohen should arrive any minute so Ill sign off. Keep well  
Magnus  
nrubin wrote:

> Dear Mag,  
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> We're in London and loving it. EMBARRAS de RICHESSE. So far Muriel & Guy to  
> a My Fair Lady revival, Muriel & I both last night to an astonishingly  
> original, positively exhilaratingly anarchical version of A Winter's Tale at  
> the Olivier. Tonight (in the cheapies, hanging from the chandeliers) a  
> Shostakovich Opera (Lady Macbeth of Mtensk - ejerever that might be) at  
> the  
> ENO. And so on - together with daily outings to/with the effervescent  
> (nearly)7 year old Jake Rubin. Will be looking for more to see - any  
> suggestions? We're thinking of a day in Stratford to see the tetology of  
> royals (H-IV to H-VI) but not sure can afford the time or the cost. May  
> yet  
> do it in the "what the hell!" principle. Off to Cambridge tomorrow to see  
> the CUP about my contract - and Bob Hepple about the substance of my/our  
> work.  
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> Don't know when will see RV, perhaps in Deal?  
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> The MDC - is the Zimbabwe opposition party.  
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> Muriel & I have been bashing away on trotinettes for over a year now. Your  
> description of me is almost accurate - if you substitute a beret for the  
> Panama Hat (which tends to blow off). [ We have spares in Lyon for guests,  
> where the sight of us nearly always attracts flattering, amused or wry  
> compliments]. Saw a sooped-up model on sale here yesterday - with mini  
> shock absorbers and am trying to decide whether to get one or not. as a  
> treat for the remainder of the summer. Doubts though as we'll be back in  
> the London and Edinburgh in July & again in August, where they're much  
> less  
> serviceable - once caused gawking adolescents outside a Pop Club in  
> Charing  
> Cross Rd. to nearly collapse into the gutter with paralytic laughter. And  
> I don't use it in CT - where my equivalent indulgence is a 1978 MG Midget

> roadster which I adore to use, tootling round the Peninsula with the top  
> down.

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> Will be fascinated to learn what the State Dept. & CIA papers have to say

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> on the ARM & the early '60s generally. Photocopy all you can.

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> Will you be asking Jack Mower's help on the F o I?

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> Here, I really do think you should tackle Meta on MI6. With the H o L

truly  
> knackered now, she must have much less to do.

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> You may be interested to know that LE MONDE of 17th June had a page (19)

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> "Des Maladies intestinales delicates a traitez" which I read with great

> interest on the TGV when I was coming over, because it was highly

> informative on Crohn's disease - indicating not only it's genetic

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> but that you must be one of the few adults to be struck by it. Says, inter

> alia, that there are only 3 new cases p.a., (? in France) and indicates

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> existence of medicinal as well as surgical remedies. It also talks of a

> new, experimwental "anti-inflammatory and immunosuppressive" product

called

> REMICADE which is under evaluation.

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> I've kept the page, if you can't find the paper. I'll try to scan it in

> when I get back to Lyon, but if that doesn't work and you do want it, let

> me have a postal address to which I can send it.

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> Yours,

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> Neville