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December 22, 1962.

Dear Jim and Dutch,

I have purposely refrained from writing to you the last few months, for I think you are on the edge of being a national celebrity, and I daresay every Tom, Dick, and Harry who ever knew you is making the most of it and pestering you for inside information. I have wondered about you many many times, have followed the allusions which I knew were to you and the ones which I merely suspected were to you in the nationwide reporting. I read very carefully your son's letter in the Times. I should guess it is both a very memorable and enlightening experience to live through (though perhaps I've got the wrong preposition) and it must give you another dimension on life. I should also guess it is in some ways terribly trying, perhaps almost intolerable, for while I read much in the lines about the difficulties imposed upon Meredith, I read only between the lines about the difficulties imposed upon those who try to treat him decently. Your own story must be quite a story. I hope you have thought of setting it down in full, not for publication now, but because it ought not to perish or evaporate.

Best wishes to you from your old friend, that former Landor fan,

Dave. I had no more idea

what the future might hold than Lend in head!