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Les Aumettes June 24, 1991

Dear Mr. Barbieri;

I must apologize for being so late in replying to your warm letter (of April 22), and thanking for the hospitality you so generously offer me in your farm near Curnove; a very charming idea of yours indeed! I am afraid though the idea will not realize, not in this life at any rate, as I have renounced travelling altogether, and for years have practically not left my little house and garden in the countryside, in the South of France,

and do not intend to do so in future if I can help it so. My intercourse with other people is almost exclusively through letters. If you feel like corresponding with me about more or less personal or "philosophical" matters (and in my eyes there should be no difference between the two), you are welcome, and chances are I'll respond sooner next time you feel like writing me, than ~~this time~~ ^{now}. (The last months were quite strenuous and I had no spare energy and time to devote to correspondence...)

I Concerning *Récoltes et Semailles*,
I gave up my intention to
publish it, and I have
no spare copy left of the
entire work (which appeared
in seven "fascicules" or book-
lets, totalling about 1500
pages - quite a bulk to read,
and it is pretty dense writing
...) By separate mail, I
am sending you the opening

part, which was written at
the very end of the whole work.
I'll send you more if it
turns out that your interest
prevails. Also, I could give
you the name and address of
some colleague in Italy,
who may lend you a copy
of some other parts. (I believe
the reading makes sense sepa-
rately, provided it is a truly
distinctive one.)

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I wonder if you have known Aldo Andreotti, who was a good friend of mine and a very precious person. I've come to appreciate his punkier qualities a lot more now, while he is gone, than in the fifties and sixties when he was still around and

we would spin our fine-
ly intercourse.

With my very best wishes for your work and for your life (and for a harmony between both) you

Alexander Gorkhurdin