

P.S. I'll take silence to mean you are not publishing the article which is what I hope you're not! JB

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Dear Peter,

A note to bring you up to date on my movements and to say that I don't want that article I left with you published yet or in that form. I sent some notes on rearrangement soon after I got here. I presume you got them. There are various reasons against publishing the article yet. It needs tightening up in places. I was working towards conclusions at times and some of the material included is over tentative. The first page should be thrown out. It was hurriedly included when I drew out about half my material for another article on the drafting and general characteristics of the Constitution. Having completed that ~~it~~ I have been able to clarify my thinking and make the conclusions more definite. That article contains a good deal of my basic thinking on the problems of direct democracy and I would prefer to use it in a general study rather than put it out in an incomplete and tentative form. It would also be undesirable to split the article into two. So I hope that you have not gone ahead with any setting up process.

I was passing through this island on my way to London. Called here to see some of my friends who used to be at the U.W.I. The above Institute proved very interested in my research both in the referendum study and the subsidiary ones on the Constitution. Also perhaps in some research I proposed regarding Trinidad. They appointed me a Research Associate for November and December and it has since been extended to the end of the academic year in June. Could stay on if I wanted to. At least that is the general impression. What a change from the U.W.I. Here I am treated as I expect to be treated. That goddam place has no idea how to treat its staff. Certainly that fellow Lewis has none. The consensus of opinion amongst the staff in Jamaica is that Lewis is well out. Whether Sherlock is well in is another question. He hasn't much stature. Very little compared to Springer. But he ^(Springer) suffers from some of Lewis' trouble he's as cold as a fishes ars-hole. Sherlock is a good glad-hander and a University head needs some of that capacity. (I gather Sherlock is well in the running). The sick morale of the U.W.I. may begin to rise from where Lewis helped to put it. However the place is full of dead-heads in high positions still - Deadly Dudley Buggins notable amongst them and smarmy characters like Sidney Martin. Haines, Cruikshank are amongst the pommies who have been there too long. McKay ditto is coming here. That's the first time this University has not gained at the expense of its ill-run competitor over there. Very occasionally there is a gain in the other direction; Bill Trembley - a good American historian - has gone over to U.W.I.

Not that this University is anything to write home about. It's a glorified high school with terrible standards. However I'm talking about the undergraduate teaching. I'm not concerned with that. The Institute of Caribbean Studies is run by a good man - Tom Mathews. He'll leave fatuous Dudley well behind eventually I should think. Ford Foundation has just coughed up \$187,000 for the Institute.

If I can stomach this place until June, I'll then go on to the States proper or to Australia. It's problematical as the social life is deadly. San Juan is a vacuum culturally. It has American rush and nerve-wracking aimless hurrying without any American cultural facilities. It reminds me of a dumb blonde who is also pretty. Nothing much on the inside. Language is a barrier but it's not just that. Colleagues who speak Spanish fluently find the socio-cultural aspect smelly. Puerto Ricans are unfriendly and as a group one of the least impressive I have ever met. Their driving must be as bad as the worst in the world. They killed one person per day in 1962. It's the result of sheer stupidity more than anything else it seems. There's an irritating cult of virginity and all its concomitants. What have they bloody Spanish contributed to civilization anyhow bull-fighting? But these poor devils aren't even Spanish and they ^{are} certainly not Americans - except legally. It's a search for identity. Wish they'd hurry up and find it. Have no time to wait for the outcome. Suspect it might be rather like the quest for the holy grail

Actually the girls are very pretty and feminine as a group. Less said about the men the better. Rather similar to the Jamaican situation. My respect for Jamaican girls is parallel to my dislike of Jamaican men as a group. However I suppose the women made the men ~~000~~ what they are. I left a sweet and lovable girl behind in Jamaica and miss her very much and I don't mean my ex-wife I should not have to add. Sweetness and loveliness are not Barbara's outstanding characteristics although she used to have a great deal more of both when I knew her in England. There was a marked change in Jamaica. Which may say a lot in a little.

Have an Exchange Visitor's visa to the U.S. until June. Feel that this place is wasting time I could be spending sampling the American way of life as long as I could stand it. However I'M being well paid to complete my Caribbean research and perhaps extend it somewhat. I feel bucked that withing a month of leaving the U.W.I. where I was under-sold, backbitten, fooled around by nit-wits and not wanted (it was more than

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mutual) I am much higher in salary, status and appreciation. But what could you expect when I had to deal with Buggins and that large slab of fatuous Dutch cheese de Jong. Fancy appointing that fellow Professor of Government. His Department is a joke.

I almost came to Jamaica for New Year to escape from the social dreariness of this place and to see that girl - her name is Audrey but not more information forthcoming. Could not get a booking when I wanted it ~~by~~ so went to Virgin Islands instead with a colleague who has a part-time job with a guy who sells planes. They were ferrying planes across to St. Thomas to escape taxes. My friend is a pilot of course. Had a free trip over and on the way we flew twice round El Yunque - highest peak in this part of the island and over Vieques naval base. Virgin Islands are very beautiful from the air and I liked St. Thomas in spite of American commercialization which is at saturation point.

P.R. is fairly beautiful too so long as you don't start making comparisons with Jamaica. Remember me to Daphne and the kids. Also Edw gets and the lass in the office. Best wishes to all for the New year. Jim.

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