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May 24, 1982

Mrs. Elli Peonides
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Dear Mrs. Peonides:

I am pleased to send you some material describing the Fifth Annual Celebration of Modern Greek Letters held at the University of Minnesota on May 14, honoring the poet Kostis Palamas. The event featured an extensive exhibit of books, manuscripts and photographic material dealing with the life and work of Palamas, as well as an exhibit of lithographs by contemporary Greek artists and engravers. It was attended by over 400 individuals from Minnesota, the United States at large, and from abroad. Speakers included faculty members as well as library and administrative officials from the University of Minnesota. The main speaker was Professor Constantine Trypanis, the General Secretary of the Academy of Athens, who came from Athens especially for the event as a representative of the Academy of Athens and of the Palamas Institute. His presentation was on "The Poetry of Kostis Palamas."

With this event, we concluded the first phase of our ten-year plan in our efforts to promote modern Greek studies at the University of Minnesota. We feel that they have been five successful years, despite limitations of resources, with regard to the development of the Modern Greek collection, the teaching of courses, and our publication series. We look forward to the next phase of our operation. We hope you enjoy the enclosed brochure and if you have any questions about our program, feel free to write and I will try to answer them for you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Theofanis G. Stavrou'.

Theofanis G. Stavrou
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January 7, 1980

Elli-Panikos Peonides
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Dear Friends:

Thank you for your Christmas greeting which was waiting for me upon my return from Greece and Cyprus. My stay in Cyprus, unfortunately, was too brief (December 20-23), and even though I tried to contact you, I was not successful. I certainly hope that will be possible next time. Anyway, I hope your Christmas holidays were happy ones and that the new year will bring us all one step nearer to a satisfactory solution about the future of our beloved Island. My recent visit there left me with mixed feelings. On the one hand, I rejoiced observing the resilience of the Cypriot people and their economic prosperity. On the other, I was left with the impression that like archers we are somehow constantly missing the target, to use Seferis' expression. During my two stays in Nicosia, I talked to a few individuals and I think we got things moving toward having a major exhibit of Cypriot books at the University in the near future. I hope so.

Elli, I wonder if you have received the books which I mailed you some-time ago? I am thinking especially about Kimon Friar's The Spiritual Odyssey of Nikos Kazantzakis, about which I was hoping you might write a review in the Cyprus journals or newspapers. Please do let me know how your work is coming along.

Stay well.

Sincerely,

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November 30, 1987

Elli Peonidou
P. O. Box 544
Limassol, Cyprus

Dear Elli:

I feel I can call you by your first name and I hope you do not mind. You may call me Theofanis. Since our paths never seem to cross, it is a double pleasure when from time to time I find something from you in the mail. Your Hourglass arrived just before the Thanksgiving holidays so I had plenty of time to read it and enjoy it. You are a very talented and sensitive person and all this is evident in your recent book of poetry which you kindly sent me. Congratulations. I will have it listed among the books received which we include in the Modern Greek Studies Yearbook. Are you aware of the Yearbook's existence? In case you are not, I take the liberty of sending you volume II which has been widely acclaimed. I am also sending you a copy of the recent poetry book by Ritsos which we published in our series. It circulated on Monday, November 30. In case I did not send it to you before, I am also sending you a copy of the material describing last May's event of modern Greek letters honoring George Theotokas. I hope you find them of some interest. Presently, we are working hard on the third volume of the Yearbook.

I trust all is well with you. And let's stay in touch by mail, until some day our paths cross.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Theofanis G. Stavrou'.

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October 17, 1979

Mrs. Elli Peonidou
P. O. Box 544
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Dear Mrs. Peonidou:

A few days ago I received your much appreciated letter and today your three books of poetry arrived. Thank you very much, indeed. Glancing through them, not only do they give me a better idea of your poetic, that is artistic, development, but also of your social concerns. Your ores lefkosias and khoma tis Kyprou contain many thoughts which fit rather nicely with what I am working on.

Of course, we must stay in touch. Under separate cover, I am sending you a copy of Kimon Friar's lecture which I edited entitled "The Spiritual Odyssey of Nikos Kazantzakis," which has just appeared. This will acquaint you a little bit more with our efforts here to promote modern Greek studies. I hope you find it of some interest. I also hope you can prepare a note or a review about it for Cypriot journals or newspapers.

I definitely plan to look you up next time I am in Cyprus, and I hope that will be fairly soon. Stay well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Theofanis G. Stavrou'.

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