

Correspondence

Henry E. Sigerist – Gregory Zilboorg

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1. Introduction

1.1. Gregory Zilboorg (1890-1959)

Gregory Zilboorg was born on 25 December 1890 in Kiev, Ukraine, where he witnessed racial persecution and pogroms. After an orthodox Jewish training in Kiev he studied medicine in St. Petersburg. Among his teachers was Bekhterev who insisted in considering a patient in its totality rather than as a disease case. Zilboorg served in a military hospital, in the Russian army and, as a socialist, embraced the beginning of the Revolution in 1917, serving as secretary of the minister of labor in President Kerensky's Provisional Government. After Lenin's takeover, however, Zilboorg could not support the brutality and dictatorship of the new rulers, returned to Kiev and then moved on to the Netherlands, there applying for a U.S. immigration visa.

Zilboorg arrived in the United States in 1919. The first years were used to learn the new language, to do a second study of medicine at Columbia University in New York, to join the Quakers, to translate Russian literature into English, to lecture on Russian drama and on Russia, and also to marry Ray Liebov, with whom he had the children Nancy and Gregory Jr.

Once he had obtained his American M.D. degree in 1926 he started work at the Bloomingdale Psychiatric Hospital in Westchester County, NY. In 1930 he went to Berlin for a psychoanalytic training, having several encounters with Henry Sigerist in Leipzig before returning and starting his private practice in New York in 1931.

Zilboorg soon became a celebrity as a psychiatrist of the rich and famous. Yet his activities extended far beyond private practice. He was a founder of psychiatric journals and an active member of quite a few psychiatric societies and institutions. He also taught at New York universities and was invited as a lecturer to cities all over the country, inspiring audiences with his broad cultural and historical background. As an enthusiastic author he published a number of books and some 200 papers on psychiatric and historical topics and beyond.

Zilboorg was known as a colorful personality who exercised a magnetic influence. Friends and colleagues described him as individualistic, progressive, nonconformist, philosophically and religiously inclined (he joined the Catholic Church in 1954), deeply rooted in 19th century European culture, also as full of inner contradictions. As a psychiatrist he was a Freudian who, however, declined Freud's oversimplifications and tried to situate psychiatry within a broad sociological and humanistic context.

Zilboorg died in 1959 at age 68 in New York. He was survived by his second wife and former research assistant, Margaret N. Stone, and their three children Caroline, John, and Matthews. Margaret (Peg) Stone wrote introductions to posthumous editions of her husband's books.

Biographical literature on Zilboorg unfortunately is scarce (Sigerist 1935), (Fountain 1960), (Franz 1960), (Fremantle 1962), (Madsen 2002), (Wikipedia 2010).

Zilboorg's Books

<i>The Medical Man and the Witch During the Renaissance</i>	Baltimore	1935
<i>A History of Medical Psychology</i>	New York	1941

<i>Mind, Medicine and Man</i>	New York	1943
<i>The Psychology of the Criminal Act and Punishment</i>	New York	1950
<i>Sigmund Freud. His Exploration of the Mind of Man</i>	New York	1951
<i>Freud and Religion</i>	London	1959
<i>Sigmund Freud</i>	New York	1960
<i>Psychoanalysis and Religion</i>	London	1962

1.2. The Correspondence

There are 268 letters of Sigerist to Zilboorg and 281 letters of Zilboorg to Sigerist. These figures include a few telegrams, postcards and letters to and from the correspondents' secretaries. All letters are dated, and the majority of the letters are typed. A few letters are clearly missing, however, there is no evidence of major gaps in the correspondence. Spelling errors were transcribed as such but are followed by the sign [sic], whereas the frequent errors in punctuation were left unchanged and unmarked as long as they did not distort the sense of a sentence. Literary works are given as, e.g., (Zilboorg 1935) and listed in chapter 3.

The annotations are given in small print following each transcribed letter. They are meant to help understanding the contents of the letters rather than to interpret them and are therefore kept to a minimum. They also serve as links to former letters and annotations so that persons or things can be explained once only. Persons sufficiently characterized and explained in the letter may not appear in the annotations. The term “medical historian“ for the characterization of persons is used in a wide sense as, e.g., members of the American Association of the History of Medicine. A few persons, most of them mentioned only once, could not be identified and are marked as such in the annotation. However, all persons mentioned in the letters are listed in the name index (chapter 4). A bibliography of all literature mentioned in the letters and annotations is given in chapter 3.

The correspondence begins in 1931 and lasts all the way to 1956, the year before Sigerist's death. In 1931 Sigerist is professor of the history of medicine in Leipzig, 40 years old, while Zilboorg, a 41 year old psychiatrist, undergoes psychoanalytic training in Berlin, repeatedly visiting Sigerist in Leipzig. In the winter of 1931/32 Sigerist is on a study and lecture tour in the U.S., the itinerary and impressions of which are reported to Zilboorg.

Between 1932 and 1947 Sigerist is professor of the history of medicine at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, while Zilboorg is practising psychiatry in New York with increasing activities in teaching, lecturing, and writing. His interest in general and medical history may well be the result of his interest in Sigerist. The correspondence between Baltimore and New York in these years is intense and increases to over 20 letters of one correspondent per year. From 1947 on the correspondence between Zilboorg in New York and Sigerist in Switzerland is less intense, but still steady and cordial up to its end in 1956.

Many of the exchanged letters obviously just served to fix a date for a visit in Baltimore or New York, on Zilboorg's farm outside New York, or elsewhere. On the other hand the multitude of this kind of letters witnesses the very strong desire of the two friends to meet, to talk, to discuss their problems, their work and their times, occasionally also to practise their hobbies photography and cooking. During the final decade of the correspondence Zilboorg travels to Europe at least once per year, eager to include a visit with Sigerist in Switzerland.

The fact that the correspondence mentions 77 books and other literary works as well as 249 people clearly indicates that it contains infinitely more than fixing dates and details of visits. There are mutual invitations to give lectures, to write contributions for papers or books or institutions, to organize money for people or projects. We learn of the correspondents' institutions, of their plans, their work and problems, and we participate in their many travels and congresses in the U.S., Europe, Soviet Russia, India, Latin America. We also become familiar with many people who are close to both Sigerist and Zilboorg. All this holds for the correspondence between New York and Baltimore as well as between New York and Pura, Switzerland.

The correspondence between Sigerist and Zilboorg is also a rare document of a friendship, of an informal, direct, and open exchange between two congenial personalities which to a

considerable degree reflects not only the correspondents' thinking and acting, but also their feelings, their personal and emotional life. When Zilboorg informs his friend of his personal happiness but of his disgust at the world situation, we find the same attitude with Sigerist. The two were progressive liberals most interested in social politics and correspondingly depressed by conservatism, fascism, war, McCarthyism, and all forms of stupidity. Time and again Zilboorg suffers under the stress of work load and of lack of time to accomplish his duties; the same holds, less expressed, for Sigerist. Zilboorg's divorce is another stress-test, and he even worries about the future of their friendship when Sigerist is too slow in answering letters. Both correspondents are family-minded, speaking of their children and, in the case of Sigerist, of their grand-children with love and pride. The marital love between Zilboorg and his second wife, Peg Stone, is touching; there are very strong feelings between Peg and Sigerist too. During his final decade in Pura, Sigerist repeatedly worries about the far too slow progress of his multi-volume *History of Medicine*, yet up to his death he is over-optimistic the project will succeed. As an independent scholar in Pura his serenity is also troubled by financial problems.

The exchange between the correspondents is always open and direct. When Zilboorg in 1945 converts to Catholicism, Sigerist answers with a joke rather than with disapproval or shiny tolerance. In summary: A document of friendship and understanding and, particularly, of unending mutual help.

2. The Letters

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 31 July 1931

Dear Dr. Sigerist:

By the time you come to America I shall be spending most of my time in New York City. I am certain that you will be in great demand here, and I do hope you will find some time to have dinner with me in New York. Please get in touch with me as soon as it is convenient for you after your arrival. I will be at the above address, and the telephone number is Circle 7.3572.

There are many things I should like to talk over with you, let alone the fact that it will be one of the greatest pleasures for me to renew the acquaintance made in Germany.

I understand that you are to speak at the Academy of Medicine in New York in November. I shall read a paper on witchcraft in the 15th century at the Academy in January, and if you are still in New York then, I hope you will do me the honor of being one of the official discussers [sic] of the paper, which is the result of a study of the text of *Malleus Malleficarum* [sic].

With kindest regards and remembrances,

Yours very sincerely

Gregory Zilboorg

Letter-head: Gregory Zilboorg, M.D. , 28 West 54th Street, New York City.

Letter written to S. in Leipzig. “by the time you come to America“: S. would be on a study and lecture tour in the U.S. from fall 1931 to spring 1932. “acquaintance made in Germany“: Z. had visited S.’s department in 1929 and at other occasions in Leipzig. Z.’s study on witchcraft resulted in a book (Zilboorg 1935). *Malleus maleficarum* (witch’s hammer) was a treatise on witches, written by inquisitors in 1486.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Leipzig ?, 15 August 1931

Lieber Dr. Zilboorg,

Nehmen Sie vielen herzlichen Dank für Ihren so liebenswürdigen Brief vom 31. Juli. Ich werde Sie anrufen, sobald ich in New York bin, denn ich habe auch sehr viele Fragen an Sie zu richten. Ich werde am 25. September in New York eintreffen und werde im Shelton-Hotel, Lexington Avenue and 49th Street wohnen. Anfang Oktober werde ich nach Baltimore fahren und von dort aus vermutlich noch öfters nach New York kommen. Im Januar werde ich jedoch voraussichtlich in Kalifornien sein, so dass ich zu meinem grössten Bedauern Ihren Vortrag nicht werde anhören können.

Aber ich freue mich auf alle Fälle, Sie bald zu sehen und verbleibe inzwischen mit herzlichen Grüssen

stets Ihr

[Henry E. Sigerist]

Another preview on S.'s U.S. tour of 1931/32.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 28 September 1931

Dear Dr. Sigerist:

We shall expect you for dinner Tuesday night at 7:45 at my home No. 180 E. 79th Street, apartment 16 E. We look forward to seeing you.

As ever yours,

Gregory Zilboorg

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 10 November 1931

Dear Friend:

I shall leave New York on Monday the 16th at 12:30, arriving at Baltimore Pennsylvanis Station at 4:10 P.M. If your plans are changed and it is not convenient for you, please let me know and I will not come. If it is all right, please write a telegram for me where I should go to meet you. I return on the sleeper the same night.

I look foreward to seeing you.

Yours sincerely

Gregory Zilboorg

Z. did not go to Baltimore, see S. to Z. of 26 December 1931.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Minneapolis, 26 December 1931

Mein lieber Freund,

Seit Monaten wollte ich Ihnen schreiben, aber Sie kennen die Gastlichkeit der Amerikaner und wissen wie zeitraubend diese ist. Seit November bin ich dauernd auf der Fahrt. Ich war in Boston, Cleveland, Detroit, Ann Arbor, Chicago, Rochester, Des Moines, Omaha, wieder in Chicago und jetzt in Minneapolis, wo ich an der Versammlung der Historical Association teilnehme. Es war sehr interessant.

Ich wollte Ihnen immer schreiben, um Ihnen zu danken für alles was Sie in New York für mich getan haben. Ich wollte Ihnen auch sagen, wie leid es mir tat, dass aus dem Abend in Baltimore nichts wurde. Welch musste verreisen, Garrison war auch weg, sodass es sich nicht gelohnt hätte, Sie herzubemühen. Und nun werden Sie bald nach Europa fahren, aber ich hoffe, Sie im März wieder zu sehen. Ich fahre wahrscheinlich am 17. März mit der New York. Lasswell wird Ihnen erzählt haben, dass wir uns in Chicago trafen.

Es war sehr interessant den middle West kennen zu lernen, der vom Osten so ganz verschieden ist. Meine Vorträge fanden überall Beifall und ich bin erstaunt über das Interesse an medizinhistorischen Dingen. Es geht meistens nicht sehr tief, aber es ist da. Nach Neujahr fahre ich nach Denver und Colorado Springs, dann nach Californien. Ende Januar werde ich eine kleine Ferienreise nach Hawaii machen, dann mit der Santa Fe Linie nach dem Süden und schliesslich zurück fahren.

Ich hoffe, Ihre Frau hat sich ganz erholt und hoffe, dass das Kind wohl ist und dass Sie selbst sich an Ihre neuen [xxxx] gewöhnt haben.

Sollten Sie nach Zürich kommen, würde es mich herzlich freuen, wenn Sie meine Frau aufsuchen oder sie anrufen wollten. Sie wohnt bei Dr. C. Escher, Rütistrasse 55, Telephon 24147.

Mit den herzlichsten Wünschen zum neuen Jahr und besten Grüssen bin ich

stets Ihr

[Henry E. Sigerist]

William H. Welch (1850-1934) pathologist, hygienist, medical historian; first director of the Hopkins Institute of the History of Medicine. Fielding H. Garrison (1870-1935) medical historian, librarian at Johns Hopkins' Welch Medical Library. Lasswell not identified. Mrs. Ray Liebow, Z.'s wife since 1919. Mrs. Emmy Escher, S.'s wife since 1916. C.(arola) Escher, a relative of Emmy Sigerist-Escher. [xxxx] Protected health information of the Alan Mason Chesney Archives of the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 31 October 1932

Dear Friend:

It feels somewhat uncanny to think that you are in this country and yet we are unable to see one another. At times I have painful moments of cultural loneliness and regret that we cannot get together and have a good talk. When do you expect to be in New York again ? Where are you going to spend your Christmas holidays ? We plan to celebrate the first anniversary of our Psychoanalytic Quarterly. We hope to have a special meeting at the Academy of Medicine to which I was recently elected. One plan for the present is to arrange an open meeting, a sort of a "feierliche Sitzung" with William A. White or Adolf Meyer presiding. Radò of Berlin, who has been editor of the Internationale Zeitschrift für Psychoanalyse and the Imago for over ten years, would speak briefly (15-20 minutes) on the history of the Psychoanalytic periodical literature for the past 25 years or so, and we plan and hope that you will agree to come and speak for 45 minutes or so on Medicine and Periodic [sic] Literature with particular reference to the medico-psychological and psychoanalytic side of it. Dr. Dorian Feigenbaum, who is the chairman of our editorial board, will write you about it very soon.

As to myself - I bought a farm and hope that this will give me some psychological security. I shall transfer my library there and work.

Please let me hear from you soon. Has your wife become acclimated already ? How is Temkin ? My regards to him.

Always yours,
Zilboorg

S. had a call to Welch's former chair at Johns Hopkins University while on his study tour in the U.S.. He accepted it when back in Leipzig in spring 1932 and moved to Baltimore in the fall of this year. It is therefore likely that letters are missing for 1932.

New York "Academy of Medicine". William A. White (1870-1937) psychiatrist and writer. Adolf Meyer (1866-1950) psychiatrist at Johns Hopkins University. Sandor Radò (1890-1972) Hungarian psychiatrist in Berlin and New York. Dorian Feigenbaum (1887-1937) psychiatrist. "your wife" Emmy Sigerist, see S. to Z. of 26 December 1931.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore, 7 November 1932

Dear Zilboorg:

I was delighted to read your letter of October 31st and I very much hope to see you some day soon in Baltimore. Could you spend a Sunday with us ? There is a very convenient night train leaving New York at 12:15. They leave the sleeper at the station in Baltimore until eight o'clock, so that one does not have to get up too early. We could spend the morning at the Institute where I would like to show you what I am doing just now, then we could have dinner and spend the evening at home. Mrs. Sigerist would very much like to meet you and Mrs. Zilboorg. Next Sunday we have an engagement, but any other Sunday will be convenient if you will let me know in time.

I expect to be in New York at the end of November for a meeting of the Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation, however, I do not know how long I will be able to stay.

I just had a letter from Dr. Feigenbaum, asking me to come over for your celebration. I hope to be able to make it possible.

I envy you your farm and I am sure that it will give you lots of fun, and more than that, a certain peace of mind.

Please remember me to Mrs. Zilboorg and come soon.

Sincerely yours,
Henry E. Sigerist

"Institute" of the History of Medicine at Hopkins. Mrs. Emmy Sigerist, Mrs. Ray Zilboorg. Feigenbaum and "celebration" see Z. to S. of 31 October 1932.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 6 November 1933

Dear Friend:

It is a very long time since I have heard from you and I wonder how you are.

I have been pondering for some time over a Trattato dei Sogni written by a pious divine in 1591. It is apparently one of the earliest scientific books of the time written in the vernacular (Tuscan) instead of in traditional Latin. I understand that you started a new publication and I wonder whether you would care to publish a study of this book on dreams. Anyhow I should like to know more about your new journal and about yourself.

With kindest remembrances and regards,
Cordially yours,
Gregory Zilboorg

Trattato de sogni (Segni 1591). “new publication“: Bulletin of the History of Medicine, founded by S. in 1933. The first publication of Z. in the “Bulletin“ is of 1943.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 14 November 1933

Dear Zilboorg:

It seems ages since I heard from you. Isn't it queer, as long as I was in Leipzig we met quite often and now as we are practically neighbors it takes so many years to come together? May I remind you that you promised to visit me in Baltimore? I do hope that you will come down some day in the near future.

I need not tell you that your *Trattato die Sogni* interests me very much. As to its publication, there are some difficulties, the chief one being that our funds for publications are very limited; all we can do is to publish a bulletin as a supplement to the Johns Hopkins Hospital Bulletin. I will gladly send you under separate cover copies of the numbers that have been issued so far. As soon as I get more funds, I will make this Bulletin an independent journal, and then I will be glad to accept papers from outside. So far I had to restrict myself to articles written by members of our University.

I enjoy my work here very much indeed, and am very glad that I left Germany before the whole nation became crazy. Europe certainly is in a terrible mess.

There are so many things I would like to talk over with you, so do come soon and let me know how Mrs. Zilboorg and the baby are.

Very sincerely yours,
Henty E. Sigerist

Trattato see Z. to S. of 6 November 1933. The Bulletin of the History of Medicine became independent after two years. “baby“ see S. to Z. of 26 December 1931.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 18 January 1934

My dear Sigerist:

I am very happy about your coming to our Quarterly meeting on February 3d. This being a Saturday, will you come to New York Friday evening and have dinner with me en famille. In case Mrs. Sigerist is coming with you, she is, of course, also cordially invited. We could dine at seven and either chat or take in a play or the opera that evening. Will you let me know your preference? However, if you don't arrive before Saturday, will you come in Saturday afternoon for tea and also let me drive you out to my farm on Sunday. I am happy and proud about my farm and should love to show it to you.

Does not Temkin by chance plan to come with you to New York? If yes, let me know for I want him too to join us.

With warmest regards, I am
Cordially yours,
Zilboorg

“Quarterly meeting“: Editors of the Psychoanalytic Quarterly. Owsei Temkin (1902-2002) S.’s associate in Leipzig and Baltimore.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 22 January 1934

Dear Zilboorg:

You undoubtedly have developed into a regular „Kulak“. Nothing could be more pleasant than to spend a Sunday with you on your farm. I have bucolic inclination myself, and wish I could spend more time in the country, so I accept your very kind invitation with great enthusiasm. I shall probably arrive in New York Friday morning, February 2nd, and will stay in New York until Monday night. There are a great many people I have to see, but I shall keep Friday evening free, and am looking forward with great pleasure to having dinner with you. It seems ages since we met. I am very fond of the theatre, and if you know of a good show being given at the present time I would be glad to see it. I saw “Man in White“ some time ago.

I am sorry that Mrs. Sigerist will not be able to accompany me, and I do not think that Temkin will be in New York at the time.

With kind regards to Mrs. Zilboorg and yourself, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Henry E. Sigerist

Kulaks: Affluent farmers in the Russian Empire. *Man in White*: Play by Sidney Kingsley. Temkin see Z. to S. of 18 January 1934.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 24 January 1934

My dear Sigerist:

It is a great pleasure to know that you are coming to spend with us the evening of February 2d and the following Sunday. I am enclosing a list of plays and shows with those you might be interested in checked off. Will you let me know as soon as you can which one you prefer.

Do you object to the following plan. Dinner Friday 7 p.m. (we shall dress) and theatre after dinner, and after the theatre le bon Dieu nous en dira la verité [sic].

Saturday, February 3d, the Psychoanalytic Quarterly dinner and meeting, following which around eleven or midnight we shall drive over to the country where we will spend the night and most of the following day returning to New York early Sunday evening. Unless you have other plans for that evening, we could rig something up to do together about the town.

Kindest regards.

Always yours,
Zilboorg

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 25 January 1934

Dear Zilboorg:

Your program is just splendid, and I am looking forward with the greatest pleasure to being with you. The play that would interest me very much is “Ah, Wilderness” at the Guild Theatre. Mrs. Sigerist saw it some time ago and was very enthusiastic about it.

With kind regards, I am,
Very sincerely yours,
Henry E. Sigerist

Ah, Wilderness, a comedy by Eugene O’Neill.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 7 February 1934

My dear Sigerist:

It was good and stimulating to have you with us and I sincerely hope that we will very soon get together again.

I have been thinking of your plan for a brief symposium on the history of psychiatry or psychopathology, and as you know I was oscillating between an all inclusive historical survey and a more specific series of circumscribed “Darstellungen”. As a result I arrived at the following compromise which could be suitably called “Highlights of Psychiatric History”. As you will see from the enclosed plan the symposium is thought of as taking at least two days: two sessions each day. The first lecture would survey the field up to and including Harvey, which presents the sum total of what Psychiatry in the main uses until today. While Medicine depends upon the greater advances in physiology, psychiatry of today hardly went beyond the fundamental concepts of Hippocratico-Galenic humoral trends (endocrinology) or Harveyan inferences with regard to circulation. Even present day associativistic psychology from Wundt on to Bleuler took root in the period suggested for survey. The discussion to follow this lecture or paper should tend to bring out the further development of physiological psychopathology from Harvey on.

The second session (on the Pinel and Tuke tradition) would illustrate the cultural trends and the motive forces which originated the humanistic “organizational” and custodial tradition which is prevalent today. The discussion which is to follow could well bring out the influence of this tradition on present day mental hospital organization. This would conclude the first day.

The second day would devote its first session to Psychiatric Nosology and the discussion should bring out how the various trends of medicine in its entirety had influenced the nosological trends in psychiatry. The second half of the second day is to be devoted to “The Development of the psychiatric concepts of disease” and to a discussion of the concepts in the

light of the various therapeutic trends which always followed in the wake of the various theories of disease.

Now comes the problem as to who should do it. While you asked me for suggestions, I feel that you know the field very well and you undoubtedly are a better chooser. You realize as well as I do that the psychiatric profession as a whole has never been interested in a scientific pragmatic history of its specialty; history was and is more understood here as a collection of reminiscences and historical anecdotes, and it is a bit dangerous to entrust some one with a topic which will then not be treated to your liking. Hence my suggestions are liable to be too general and not very apt.

There is quite a good and easily accessible literature on the “Physiological Psychopathology from Galen to Harvey“. Some one in your Department should be able to prepare the paper without great difficulty. Then someone should be especially assigned to lead the discussion of the paper. He need not necessarily be a medical man. You probably know that Bernard Sachs, the President of the New York Academy of Medicine, has always been interested in History of Medicine and for many years has been a member of the Charaka Club and is one of our oldest neurologists. He might lead the discussion of the session.

The second session of the first day (The historical role of the Pinel and Tuke tradition) is both an easy and difficult problem. The sources are easily available in French (particularly Semelaigne’s work), but the whole subject must be considered as a characteristic result of humanistic liberalism of the latter part of the XVIII and the early part of the XIX century. I think of you in this connection and think that you could and would present the subject in a more comprehensive manner than anyone I know. The discussion of the subject could be suitably led by Adolf Meyer who knows more about it than anyone else.

The second day - first session - “Psychiatric Nosology from Boissier de Sauvage to Kraeplin [sic] inclusive“ should be entrusted to someone who is both a clinician and historian. Who ? I am afraid I cannot be very helpful here. I believe Jelliffe could do it but he has become very old of late and forgetful a bit. There was a time when he devoted himself to pondering over old books and some years ago (1916) translated Friedereich’s *Geschichte* (1836). The discussion of the subject should bear a close relationship to the development of medicine as a whole and here I think of you as the leader.

The second session of the second day would deal with the development of the psychiatric concept of disease. Since we spoke of the topic in connection of myself I could go into greater detail, but I think the details could be gone into after the program is definitely decided upon. Suffice it to say that it will represent a review of contrasts between the medical and psychiatric concepts of disease at various periods of our civilization: Hippocrates-Galen; medieval concepts up to Wyer. From Wyer [sic] to the middle of the XIX century: from then to Kraeplin [sic] and to the sociological influences of the latter part of the XIX century.

However, if you want to assign to me another topic instead of this one, I shall gladly accept it if I happen to know enough about it.

As to the discussion to follow, some medical man if not a psychiatrist could be asked to lead. I do not really know how much Barker could do with it; or Adolf Meyer, or yourself, or William A. White of Washington (the latter has more a philosophic than a historical bent).

I hope you don’t find this message too lengthy. My own enthusiasm for the subject carries me perhaps to greater length than is necessary.

Always yours cordially,
Zilboorg

Charaka, a Club of physicians interested in the cultural aspects of medicine. Adolf Meyer, and William A. White see Z. to S. of 31 October 1932. Friedreich's Geschichte (Friedreich 1830).

New names:

Barker, Lewellys F. (1867-1943) physician at Johns Hopkins
Bleuler, Eugen (1857-1939) Swiss psychiatrist
Boissier de Sauvage (1706-1776) French physician and botanist
Galen (2nd century A.D.) Greek physician
Harvey, William (1578-1657) British physiologist
Hippocrates (5th century B.C.) Greek physician
Jelliffe, Smith Ely (1866-1945) neurologist and psychiatrist
Kraepelin, Emil (1856-1926) German psychiatrist
Pinel, Philippe (1745-1826) French psychiatrist
Sachs, Bernard (1858-1944) neurologist
Semelaigne, René (1855-1934) French psychiatrist
Tuke, William (1732-1822) British psychiatrist
Weyer, Johannes (ca. 1515-1588) Dutch scholar of medicine and psychiatry
Wundt, Wilhelm M. (1832-1929) German physiologist and psychiatrist

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 9 February 1934

Dear Zilboorg:

Thanks ever so much for your long letter, which I found here yesterday when I came back from Philadelphia. Your suggestions are excellent, and I shall give them careful consideration. I intend to prepare a scheme for our symposium next week, and will get in touch with you then. I am very anxious to make that symposium a success, so as to stimulate interest in the field.

I am sending you under separate cover a copy of the first volume of our Bulletin. I have your name on our mailing list, and you will receive the next issues regularly. I am very anxious to hear what you think of the Bulletin. I try to make it as interesting as possible, and as you know my policy is to gradually develop the Bulletin into the most important journal on the subject in the English language. "The Annals of Medical History" are not on a very high standard, and in England there is no periodical of this type at all, so that I think there is a strong need for a good journal on the subject. The only obstacle so far is that our funds for publication are extremely limited. If the plans of which you spoke would materialize we would be out of trouble, as far as publications are concerned, and I am sure that we could do a very good job.

I am glad to send you a copy of another series that we have just started, The Hideyo Noguchi Lectures. I hope you will like the little volume, which I think has been printed very nicely.

I recollect with greatest pleasure the week-end spent with you, and I am more than enthusiastic about your farm.

Hoping to see you soon again, I am with kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,
Henry E. Sigerist

“Bulletin“ of the History of Medicine. Hideyo Noguchi Lectures: A funded lecture and publication series at S.’s Institute; Z. would give the 1935 lecture. S. sent a thank-you letter to Mrs. Zilboorg on the same day.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 15 February 1934

Dear Sigerist:

Many thanks for the Bulletin and the booklet. I shall enjoy reading them especially now because I am going away to Bermuda for ten days and will be able to read peacefully.

Always yours,
Zilboorg

Bulletin and booklet see S. to Z. of 9 February 1934.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 18 April 1934

Dear Zilboorg:

Just a note to tell you that we are postponing our Psychiatric meeting to next year. The academic season is too far advanced for such an undertaking, particularly as it requires very careful preparation, and as I am most anxious to make the first attempt a success. However, I am very much indebted to you for your excellent suggestions and will correspond with you again on the subject sometime in the early fall.

I recall with great pleasure my visit in New York. Your farm must be delightful now. We are sailing for Europe at the end of May, and I will tramp all over France, Belgium, Holland, and Italy in search of mediaeval medical manuscripts.

With kind regards to Mrs. Zilboorg and yourself, I am,
Very sincerely yours,
Henry E. Sigerist

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 16 May 1934

Dear Zilboorg:

I heard through Feigenbaum that you will be in Europe this summer and will attend the International Psychoanalytic Congress in Lucerne. It happens that we have rented a little house a few miles from Lucerne with a big garden right on the lake; and I do hope that we will have the pleasure of seeing you there. Our address will be Haus Utohorn, Kastanienbaum bei Luzern.

We are sailing in a fortnight, and I intend to spend June and July working in French libraries. However, I am sure to be in Kastanienbaum during the whole month of August.

With best wishes to Mrs. Zilboorg and yourself, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Henry E. Sigerist

Feigenbaum see Z. to S. of 31 October 1932.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 17 May 1934

My dear Sigerist:

It is extremely good news to hear that I shall have a chance to see you in Europe this summer. The Congress is to be held from August 26th to September 1st, and I should be very happy to spend at least a few hours with you during or after the Congress.

With my best wishes for a good summer and kindest regards,

Yours cordially

Zilboorg

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 3 August 1934

My dear Sigerist:

Wanderlust is gradually getting hold of me. I sail on the ILE DE FRANCE on August 18th and arrive in Lucerne on the 25th in the afternoon, stopping at the Hotel Beau Rivage. Mrs. Zilboorg is coming with me and we plan to stay there until August 31st inclusive. We look forward to seeing you and having a good visit.

Best regards.

Yours cordially,

Zilboorg

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Kastanienbaum, Switzerland, 21 August 1934

Dear Zilboorg,

Welcome in Europe ! This is excellent news to hear that you will be in Lucerne soon. We are looking forward with the greatest pleasure to seeing you with us. Please call us up as soon as you can. Our phone-number is: Kastanienbaum 10.

Best wishes to Mrs. Zilboorg and yourself

Yours ever

[Henry E. Sigerist]

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 28 September 1934

My dear Sigerist:

I am just back from Europe after a vacation without rest and a holiday with a lot of work. I was unable to spare any time in Lucerne until I presented my paper. Immediately after that I had to leave the Congress without awaiting its closing because a patient of mine needed my immediate attention and I had to join him in Venice. I left Lucerne at once without having time to communicate with you. I regret it very much. It is my sincere hope that you will get in touch with me very soon and that we will be able to spend a little time together. I am scheduled to be in Philadelphia on the 14th of October. This, however, I will know more definitely early next week. If you are in Baltimore at that time I could do one of the following two things: either visit with you the day before, which is a Saturday, sometime in the afternoon and evening, or I could reach Baltimore Sunday around noon and return to Philadelphia in time for my lecture in the evening. I am scheduled to talk at the Academy of Medicine on January 9th and suggested that you be invited to discuss my paper. I understand that Dr. Steiner (from Hartford) will present a paper at the same meeting and you will be asked to discuss that one also. I sincerely hope you will be able to come. The topic of my paper is “The Medical Man and the Witch towards the Close of the Sixteenth Century.”

With kindest regards,

Always yours,

Gregory Zilboorg

New York “Academy of Medicine“. Walter S. Steiner (1870-1942) creator of a medico-historical library. Z.’s lecture topic is that of (Zilboorg 1935).

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 6 October 1934

My dear Zilboorg:

I was very disappointed not to see you in Lucerne, but of course I understand that you were extremely busy. As a matter of fact, I had very little time myself as I was just getting ready to leave for Italy.

I am delighted to hear that there is a chance of having you in Baltimore soon. Saturday, October 13, would be most convenient, and Mrs. Sigerist and I would be delighted to have you for dinner with us quite informally. Come as soon as possible as I am most anxious to show you the Institute and to have a long talk with you. And let us know when you will arrive so that I can meet you at the station.

Looking forward to seeing you soon, I am

With kind regards,

Henry E. Sigerist

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 8 October 1934

Dear Sigerist:

My date in Philadelphia has been postponed till mid-November and I shall therefore have to change my plans of coming to Baltimore accordingly. I shall let you know the Philadelphia date when it is definitely fixed.

As always,

Yours,

Zilboorg

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 15 October 1934

My dear Sigerist:

It is now definitely settled that I shall be in Philadelphia on November 11th, but I don't know yet whether it will be in the evening or the morning. I shall know about it in a couple of days and shall write you again.

You remember a long time ago we discussed the question of a subvention for your part of the Bulletin. As a result of some demarches it now looks as if we will be able to obtain it. We shall discuss the details when I see you and the matter will be settled by the end of November.

Always yours,

Zilboorg

“Bulletin“ of the History of Medicine, edited by S.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 16 October 1934

My dear Zilboorg:

I was glad to receive your letter. I am sure to be in Baltimore on November 11 and will be delighted to see you either on Sunday or Saturday, or whenever you choose to come. If there is anyone here whom you particularly wish to meet, I will be glad to ask him for dinner.

I can not tell you how much I am looking forward to having a good talk with you. I was also very interested to hear about your paper in New York in January. I certainly shall not miss it, although I feel that I will not be able to add very much to the subject.

It was good news to hear that there is a possibility of obtaining some money for our Bulletin. This year I could manage because the National Academy of Sciences granted me one thousand dollars toward the cost of printing. The grant, however, will not be renewed, so that I felt rather apprehensive about the future of the journal. I believe that I told you before that from January first on, the Bulletin will be published as an independent journal.

I feel that there is a strong need for it as there is no serious journal for the history of medicine in the English language, neither here nor in England.

With kind regards, I am
Very sincerely yours,
Henry E. Sigerist

Bulletin see Z. to S. of 15 October 1934. “independent“ of the Bulletin of the Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 23 October 1934

Dear Zilboorg:

I just remembered that I have to give a talk at the Goethe Society of Baltimore in the evening of November 10. I will speak on the Swiss poet, Heinrich Leuthold, and Mrs. Sigerist will sing a few songs, poems of his that were set to music by the Swiss composer, Hans Huber. If you happen to be here that evening, you will be very welcome to attend the meeting, which will be held informally after dinner at a private home.

Very sincerely yours,
Henry E. Sigerist

Heinrich Leuthold (1827-1879). Hans Huber (1852-1921).

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 25 October 1934

My dear Sigerist:

Thank you for your note and invitation to spend with you the evening of November 10th. I shall avail myself of it if I come to Baltimore on Saturday. However, if I postpone coming until Sunday morning, I shall see you then.

Sincerely yours,
Gregory Zilboorg

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 5 November 1934

Dear Sigerist:

As I shall not be able to come Saturday until very late, I shall see you on Sunday morning. You will find me at the Hotel Belvedere. Will you give me a ring some time in the morning whenever you are ready ? About 10 o'clock ?

I look forward to seeing you,
Yours sincerely,
Zilboorg

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 6 November 1934

Dear Zilboorg:

I am looking forward with great pleasure to seeing you on Sunday. I shall call for you at the Hotel about ten o'clock. Then I suggest that we go to the Institute, and at 1 o'clock we will have dinner at my home.

Very sincerely yours,

Henry E. Sigerist

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 13 November 1934

Dear Zilboorg:

I can not tell you how much I enjoyed your visit, and I only regret that it was so short. As soon as you had left, I remembered a great many points that I intended to discuss with you, but alas, it was too late. I hope that we will meet soon again and that your visit was the beginning of a closer cooperation.

I have given some thought to your lecturing here, and I think that February would be the most convenient time as there are no special meetings of the History Club during that month. I would suggest that you deliver one lecture a week for three consecutive weeks from five to six o'clock. We would send out invitations to the historically interested physicians here, and I am sure that you will have a good and appreciative audience. Our students, of course, would also attend the lectures. Let me know what you think of it, whether February will be convenient for you, and whether or not you have any preference for a definite day. Thursday will be a good day for us. We have our Research Seminar from four to five o'clock, and it would give me great pleasure if you could attend it.

I told you about my sociological project. I am most anxious to establish a special division of the Institute for research in the sociology of medicine. It seems to me that there ought to be a place in this country where the relationships between medicine and sociology could be studied in their development and present day trends. So many interesting experiments in sociological medicine are going on all over the world that the material should be collected and worked with. It seems to me that our Institute would be a good place for such a scheme. Sociology will also be very closely connected with history.

I figured out that about ten thousand dollars a year would be required for such a sociological division, and I wonder if there is any chance of obtaining a sufficient capital from the estate that you were mentioning the other day. I saw Dr. Lewis H. Weed, the Director of our Medical School, yesterday and discussed the matter with him. He was not in favor of having a large committee established for that purpose. Such a committee is a very heavy and clumsy machine, and there are usually so many diversities of opinion that it is rather difficult to work satisfactorily with such a body. He suggested that the whole scheme be presented as a project of the Johns Hopkins University. I would write a memorandum on the subject, and the Medical School as such would apply for the funds.

I would like to know what you think about the matter. I know that you are in favor of such sociological studies. Personally, I am convinced that in the years to come, the sociological

problems will be the problems of medicine. Great progress has been done in the laboratories, but the great problem is how to apply our knowledge in every day life.

I hope to discuss these problems with you some day, perhaps in December.

By the way, I forgot to ask you how your History of Psychiatry is getting on. I heard that a Dr. Amdur has translated the History of Psychiatry of [?] Professor Kannabich from the Russian, and is looking for a publisher. He wanted me to print it in the Bulletin, but this was out of the question as the manuscript was too long.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Henry E. Sigerist

Lewis H. Weed (1886-1952) anatomist at Johns Hopkins. Z.'s planned history of psychiatry, probably (Zilboorg 1941). Kannabich or Kannabikh: Russian psychiatrist; his history of psychiatry not identified. "Bulletin" of the History of Medicine.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 13 November 1934

My dear Sigerist:

It was a great pleasure to visit you at Baltimore and I want to thank you and your wife for your hospitality. I shall expect you for dinner on January 9th, the night of the meeting of the Section for Historical and Cultural Medicine. I am not asking your wife because this being a meeting night we shall dine "stag" as it were.

It was very gratifying to see the atmosphere in which you work. The "plant" itself cannot be more solid and attractive, and the organization and the spirit of the work gives one almost a feeling of "consolation", for after all there are terribly few things nowadays that we don't think of as going out, disappearing, in another five or ten years.

With warmest regards,

Zilboorg

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 15 November 1934

My dear Sigerist:

The day after I returned from Baltimore I learned that there might be some more money available from the trust fund for a "good cause". I at once thought of you and I shall discuss the matter with the so-called "powers that be". In the meantime I received your letter. Will you compose a rather detailed and motivated memorandum on the subject and send me two copies of it. At the same time I shall arrange that you meet the lady who is making the survey for the trust fund and you will have a chance to make a personal contact. She has a great deal of unofficial influence in the matter of how some of the money is to be distributed.

A letter from Jerome Webster tells me that he wrote you inviting you to discuss the paper which I am to read on January 9th before the Section of Cultural and Historical Medicine. Do

not forget that you are coming to have dinner with us that evening at seven before the meeting. Dr. Webster is also coming.

As to my proposed lectures, it sounds more than attractive to me and February will be a good month. Will you let me know whether you have any preference as to subjects and then I shall write out a summary of all three lectures and submit them to you. If when and as the lectures are arranged, I shall most decidedly prefer Thursday in order to attend your seminar before the lecture.

As ever,

Zilboorg

Jerome Webster (1888-1974) plastic surgeon and medical historian.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 16 November 1934

Dear Zilboorg:

I am most awfully sorry that I will not be able to be in New York when you give your talk at the New York Academy on January 9. Long ago, I had accepted the invitation to deliver the Hogden Lectures in St. Louis, which were to be given some time in January. Now, I hear that the date for the lecture is January 8 and, as this lecture is to be delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Surgical Society, the date can not be changed. I need not tell you that I am extremely disappointed that I will not be able to hear you, but I hope that you will come to Baltimore in February and tell us what you have to say on the subject; and besides, I hope to see you before that, perhaps some time in December.

I may have a research secretary for you, a friend of Miss Brooks who is my research secretary. I am not quite sure that this girl will be available in December, but we will find out and let you know. Her training would be just what you want. She graduated from Vassar, and got an M.A. degree in literature and sociology from Cambridge. I shall give you further details as soon as I hear of them.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Henry E. Sigerist

“New York Academy“ of Medicine. Helen C. Brooke, S.’s research secretary. Vassar: College at Poughkeepsie, NY.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 19 November 1934

Dear Sigerist:

I hardly need to tell you how very disappointed I am that St. Louis claims you on January 8th. Too bad. You speak of December. Will you let me know when you expect to be here ?

Are you coming alone or with Mrs. Sigerist ? We ought to get together for one evening at least during your visit to New York.

As to the lectures planned in February, a Thursday will be quite convenient. As to the topic for all three, may I suggest: The Medical Man and the Witch during the Renaissance. The first lecture will then be on the Malleus Maleficarum; the second on a deposition at the witch's trial near Paris in 1592; and the third on Johannes Weyer (1579) and his English follower Reginald Scott. The specific titles of each lecture we could formulate later. Will you let me know when you have definitely decided: 1. The dates of the lectures, and 2. Whether you want me to prepare a brief summary of the lectures (a page or two).

As ever,

Gregory Zilboorg

Malleus maleficarum see Z. to S. of 31 July 1931. Weyer see Z. to S. of 7 February 1934. Reginald Scott (1538-1599) English author on witchcraft.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 21 November 1934

Dear Zilboorg:

I was delighted to hear that February will be convenient for your lectures; as to the dates, I would like to suggest February 7, 14 and 21. I believe that I told you that a Baltimore physician, Dr. Deetjan, has a remarkable collection of books on witchcraft. I will ask him to lend us his books, and will get [sic] up an exhibition on witchcraft during the month of February. I think that this will be a good illustration for your lectures. I also will have a little dinner arranged for you on one of the Thursday evenings, so that you may have a chance to meet our historical group. I am looking forward with greatest pleasure to having you here, and I am sure that the lectures will be a success.

You need not prepare a summary of the lectures. All you will have to do will be to decide about the specific titles of each of the lectures, but there is no hurry for that.

I do not know when we will be in New York. I suppose it will be some time in the middle of December. Mrs. Sigerist usually has some Christmas shopping in New York, and will therefore accompany me. I will let you know the exact time and date.

In about a week's time, I hope to be able to send you a memorandum of my sociological scheme. I, of course, would like very much to have a chance to meet the lady who is making the survey for the Trust fund, and to give her more information about this subject. Whatever you can do to help me in this line will certainly be greatly appreciated.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Henry E. Sigerist

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 22 November 1934

Dear Sigerist:

I was at the point of writing you this morning when I received your letter. What I was about to tell you is this: late yesterday afternoon Dr. Chester E. Jenney, who is a clergyman in Buffalo and chief factotum of the Trust Fund of which I spoke to you, came to see me with Miss Elizabeth G. Brockett, who is a well known social worker, a friend of mine, and the survey secretary for the Trust Fund. We discussed your suggestion about medico-sociological studies. They came on their own initiative after I told them, upon my return from Baltimore, that you were pondering over a plan of medico-sociological study. As you see the response was that of rather spontaneous interest. As matters stand now, the following is expected: a brief memorandum outlining the plan in a general way which you can submit through me, as both of them prefer temporarily to remain in the background for reasons which I will explain when I see you. Following this you will be expected to send a formal request for a grant directly to Dr. Jenney or Miss Brockett. This request should be sent at the end of December so that it would be in their files on January 2d. I have the assurance that your project will be the first to be considered. They naturally don't make any promises but the impression is quite favorable and I sincerely hope that the grant will be made as you want it.

As to my lectures, I should like to discuss them with you briefly before I send in the final titles, and I look forward with great enthusiasm to delivering them. Your idea about an exhibition of books on witchcraft is very appealing.

I heard from a girl who is a friend of your secretary and I shall remain in touch of her.

My best regards.

As always,
Zilboorg

Medico-sociological studies see S. to Z. of 13 November 1934. "your secretary": Helen Brooks, see S. to Z. of 16 November 1934.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 27 November 1934

My dear Sigerist:

February 7, 14, and 21, will be all right, and your idea of an exhibition of books sounds very attractive. When you are here in December we will discuss the details and definitely formulate the specific titles. Also, while you are here then, we will arrange to meet the lady who manages the Trust Fund of which I spoke to you. As matters stand now, they are quite responsive to your idea and the prospects are that you might get the grant very soon. When they discussed the matter with me their chief factotum expressed the wish that the whole matter be made national rather than have it confined to Johns Hopkins. I explained to them that for a medical school to undertake the job that you have in mind, it should be equipped in advance with a department and facilities which are at your disposal, and since the medical schools in this country do not have such departments, the only way to make it national in scope would be to grant enough money so that instructors, professors, or senior medical students of other medical schools could spend a year in your department on a scholarship

basis as advanced students or research workers. This idea seemed to appeal to them. I am reporting it to you for what it is worth merely to apprise you of their trend of thought.

As always,

Zilboorg

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 28 November 1934

My dear Zilboorg:

Your two last letters were excellent news. I am most excited at the possibility of obtaining funds for the sociological scheme. I am sure that it would be a thing of national importance, and I am still convinced that our Institute is the best place for it. After all, we have not only all the historical material necessary, but a staff of men who besides being medical men, have had a special training in classics, oriental languages, philosophy, theology, and bibliography, and who will be valuable experts to be consulted in sociological as well as historical work.

I am working on the memorandum at the present time, and you will receive it in the beginning of next week.

I intend to be in New York, Wednesday, December 12. I would arrive the evening before and would stay until Thursday morning. Please let me know if this is convenient for you, otherwise I would arrange for another date.

I am looking forward to discussing all these matters with you, and to meeting the lady who manages the Trust Fund. If she is interested in the matter, we could perhaps persuade her to come down to Baltimore some time later, and to have a look at the place.

With kind regards, I am

Always yours,

Henry E. Sigerist

S.'s staff: Classics (Edelstein), oriental languages (Sigerist, Temkin), philosophy (Temkin), theology (Oliver), bibliography (Brooks). Lady: E. G. Brockett.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 3 December 1934

My dear Zilboorg:

I am sending you enclosed two copies of the memorandum. I tried to make it not too long, yet long enough to make my ideas clear.

Dr. Weed, the director of our Medical School, is very enthusiastic about the scheme. He shares my conviction that this is a great opportunity for doing very important work.

With kind regards, I am

Always yours,
Henry E. Sigerist

“Memorandum“ on a section of sociological medicine at S.’s Institute. Weed see S. to Z. of 13 November 1934.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 3 December 1934

My dear Sigerist:

I am looking forward to seeing you next week. Are you coming with Mrs. Sigerist ? Could you have dinner with us Wednesday evening or Thursday evening ?

You will have the opportunity to see Miss Brockett (of the Trust Fund) and have a talk with her.

As always,

Zilboorg

Brockett see Z. to S. of 22 November 1934.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 4 December 1934

My dear Zilboorg:

Mrs. Sigerist is coming with me, and we both will be delighted to have dinner with you on Wednesday, December 12. We will be leaving on Thursday morning as I have a class on Thursday afternoon, but we will be in New York the whole of Wednesday.

I will be very glad to have an opportunity to see Miss Brockett.

Looking forward to seeing you soon, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Henry E. Sigerist

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 6 December 1934

Dear Sigerist:

Good. We shall expect Mrs. Sigerist and you on Wednesday at 7 p.m. for dinner - informally. Will you telephone to me some time in the forenoon and I shall tell you at what time we could get together with Miss Brockett ? Have you any preference as to time ?

Your memorandum is very good.

As usual,
Zilboorg

Brockett see Z. to S. of 22 November 1934. Memorandum see S. to Z. of 3 December 1934.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 8 December 1934

Dear Zilboorg:

I will call you up on Wednesday morning. I have no preference as to time whatever. I want to see you and Miss Brockett, and whatever time you choose will be convenient to me.

I am glad you liked the memorandum.

Au revoir,
Yours ever,
Henry E. Sigerist

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 13 December 1934

Dear Sigerist:

I obtained three “work organizers“ of the type I showed you yesterday. They are in leather and cost \$ 3.50 each. Do you want all three of them or shall I send you only two ? I understand that they are the last three to be had as the manufacturer has gone out of business.

It was good to see you yesterday.

As ever,
Gregory Zilboorg

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 14 December 1934

Dear Zilboorg:

It was a delightful evening, and I can not tell you how much we both enjoyed it.

As to the “work organizers“, I could use the three of them, but if you would like to keep one of them for yourself, I could do with two.

I am most enthusiastic about the new movie camera. I will make a film next Sunday and will let you know what the result is.

With kind regards, I am
Very sincerely yours,
Henry E. Sigerist

Zilboorg's secretary to Sigerist, New York, 17 December 1934

Dear Prof. Sigerist:

Dr. Zilboorg has asked me to send you the enclosed booklet of instructions of how to use the Weston Exposure Meter.

Very sincerely yours,

P. H. Turkel

Secretary to Dr. Zilboorg

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 17 December 1934 (Telegram)

PLEASE WIRE COLLECT BY WESTERN UNION THE ADDRESS OF MISS BROCKETT.

Henry E. Sigerist


Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York ?, 17 or 18 December 1934 (Telegram)

MISS ELISABETH [sic] G. BROCKETTS [sic] ADDRESS IS THREE SEVEN FIVE PROSPECT STREET EAST ORANGE NEW JERSEY.

Gregory Zilboorg

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 18 December 1934

Dear Sigerist:

The work organizers were sent to you yesterday. I trust you received my reply to your telegram in due time. May I bother you with a bagatelle that interests me. I noticed your very nice paper clips which look something like this:  They are good looking and are quite convenient. Will you ask your secretary to mail me the box in which they come so that I should know where to order them? Or if it is not too much trouble, let her get for me one box of the smallest size, one of the largest (for bulky papers), and one box medium size. I shall mail a check immediately upon receipt of the clips.

We are having our first meeting of the Committee for the Study of Suicide and with your permission I am going to propose you for consultant membership for the coming year.

Always yours,

Zilboorg

“something like this“: There follows a tiny sketch.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 20 December 1934

Dear Zilboorg:

I shall be glad to serve on your Committee for the Study of Suicide as a consulting member.

Thanks ever so much for the address of Miss Brockett. The matter will be presented to the Advisory Board of the Medical School tomorrow. That is a mere formality, and tomorrow evening the formal application will be sent to Miss Brockett. All my colleagues are enthusiastic about the plan, and I do hope that we will succeed in obtaining the funds required for such an undertaking.

The “work organizers“ have arrived, and I am delighted to have them.

As to the clips, our stationer is coming to the Institute today, and he will mail you three boxes of them as required in your letter.

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Henry E. Sigerist

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 8 January 1935

Dear Sigerist:

The first number of the Bulletin in its new jacket of independence reached me yesterday and it was good to see it.

This will reach your desk by the time you return from St. Louis and I hope you will be able to come to New York soon for I want to arrange for you to meet Frankwood Williams. I saw him the other day and he is very eager to meet you. Is there any special time you prefer for a meeting ?

The Committee for the Study of Suicide had two meetings and our next meeting will consider and ratify our budget for the year. A general discussion of the budget has already taken place. Will you, for purposes of formality, write me a note in the form of a brief memorandum which I could formally present to the meeting in order to get for the Bulletin a subsidy of fifteen hundred dollars for the coming year. You need not ask for fifteen hundred - you can ask for two thousand, but I doubt whether the Committee will consider more than fifteen hundred because we have only twenty-five thousand dollars to spend this year and very many things to do. I am confident that the matter will be considered quite favorably, but as a matter of form I need the authorization of the Committee. I told them thus far that the Bulletin's pages will be open for us as far as our historical research on suicide as a phenomenon and as a problem, and that you being in need of money could do it if we help out. The question arose as to how much, how many pages, etc., we will publish in the Bulletin. I tried to make clear that it is not a question of paying the expenses involved in publishing our work in the Bulletin, but contributing towards the making of the publication of the Bulletin possible so that we could have a journal to publish our historical research material. In brief, you see the point and I am sure you will write a short memorandum which will prove very satisfactory.

I hope you had a nice trip to St. Louis.

As always,

Zilboorg

The Bulletin of the History of Medicine was now separated from the Bulletin of the Johns Hopkins Hospital. Frankwood E. Williams (1883-1936) psychiatrist and editor of the Psychoanalytical Quarterly.

Sigerist's secretary to Zilboorg's secretary, Baltimore, 10 January 1935

Dear Mr. Turkel:

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Very sincerely yours

[Hope Trebing]

Secretary to Dr. Sigerist

Correct: Miss Turkel. The letter deals with the paper clips, see Z. to S. of 18 December 1934. S.'s secretary Hope Trebing.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 11 January 1935a

Dear Zilboorg:

I just came back from St. Louis where I had a very pleasant time. However, I am still very sorry that I missed your lecture at the Academy. I am sure that it was a great success.

Enclosed you will find a more formal letter about the Bulletin. I need your help greatly. The Bulletin is very well started now, but the number of subscribers is not sufficient yet to carry it. I am confident that the journal will be self-supporting in a few years, but this and the next year will be crucial in its development.

I am leaving for New Haven on Monday morning, and shall be there until Friday evening. I have to give three lectures on "The Social Aspects of Medicine". If it is convenient to you, I could spend Friday, 18th, in New York on my way back. I am, of course, most eager to meet Dr. Williams and it would be a great pleasure to see you, and to make the final arrangements for your lectures here. You can reach me in New Haven in care of Dr. Milton Winternitz, Yale University, the School of Medicine, 333 Cedar Street, New Haven, Connecticut.

I could arrive in New York, Friday in the early morning so that any time during the day or evening would suit me perfectly.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,
Henry E. Sigerist

S. had given the Hodgen Lecture at St. Louis. "Academy", New York, of Medicine. "Bulletin" of the History of Medicine. Williams, Frankwood, see Z. to S. of 8 January 1935. Milton C. Winternitz: Dean of Yale School of Medicine. "Your lectures" in Baltimore: Noguchi Lectures.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore, 11 January 1935b

Dear Doctor Zilboorg:

You know the BULLETIN of the Institute of the History of Medicine of which I have just started the third volume.

When I came over to this country two years ago to take charge of the Institute of the History of Medicine at the Johns Hopkins University, I immediately realized that a new organ would have to be founded for the publication of papers on the History of Medicine. The two already existing journals, The Annals of Medical History, and Medical Life were popular journals. What was needed was a periodical of scholarly standing that would publish the results of original research.

As I did not know at that time what the reception of such a journal was, and as I did not know whether enough good papers would be available for such an undertaking, I started in a very cautious way by publishing a Supplement to the Johns Hopkins Hospital Bulletin.

The development of this Supplement, however, was beyond expectation. In the first year we already printed 480 pages containing 19 papers with 16 plates and 32 illustrations. I soon realized that a strong need was felt for a non-commercial journal of scholarly standing not only in this country, but in the whole English-speaking world. While the first volume contained mostly papers written by members of my Institute or members of our University, in the second year I accepted papers from outside, and the size of the Bulletin was increased to 628 pages with 31 papers, 15 plates and 41 illustrations.

The journal was very well received and found great attention not only in this country, but abroad as well, and I therefore felt that a moment had come to separate from the Johns Hopkins Hospital Bulletin, and to make our historical Bulletin an independent journal. The first number of the third volume has just come out, and I intend to publish ten numbers a year in order to be able to print papers with a minimum of delay.

The first number of the Bulletin was financed by the Institute which paid for the cost of printing, binding and mailing. The second volume was printed with the help of the National Academy of Sciences. This grant, however[,] can not be renewed. The third volume, that is in course of publication, will be financed partly by the Institute and partly by the subscriptions. The funds of the Institute, however, are very limited this year so that it will not be able to bear the cost of the Bulletin. I have no doubt that in a few years the Bulletin will be self-supporting, but the coming next years are the crucial years in the development of our journal. A grant of \$ 1,500 to 2,000 would secure the publication of this year's Bulletin, and would give it time to increase the number of its subscribers.

As I told you before, I shall be delighted to publish any historical, anthropological or similar papers produced by your Committee for the Study of Suicide, and I could print any paper you recommend within six weeks' time. Besides, my Institute with all its facilities will

always be at the disposal of your Committee, and I and my associates will be glad to cooperate with you and to assist you and the members of the Committee at any time.

Very sincerely yours,

Henry E. Sigerist

This formal letter to Z. as a member of the *Committee for the Study of Suicide* was intended to be passed on to the Committee.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 14 January 1935

Dear Sigerist:

Thank you very much for the memorandum which is very useful to me. I regret very much that on the evening of the 18th both Frankwood Williams and I are busy, and it will be impossible for me to change the appointment of that evening. However, I am most eager to see you in connection with some matters that are of interest to you too, and I wonder whether we couldn't meet on Friday, the 18th, either at 1:45 p.m. or at 4 p.m. Should you choose 1:45 I could arrange to set aside an hour and a half and we could have a good long talk. If you come at four, I can have only 45 minutes. Please let me know as soon as you can.

Very sincerely yours,

Zilboorg

Memorandum i.e. S. to Z. of 11 January 1935b. Frankwood Williams see Z. to S. of 8 January 1935.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 16 January 1935 (Telegram)

DELIGHTED TO SEE YOU ON FRIDAY IN NEW YORK ONE-FORTY-FIVE.
HENRY SIGERIST.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 22 January 1935

Dear Sigerist:

This is just to follow up in part our conversation of last Friday:

The general title of all three lectures is to be

THE MEDICAL MAN AND THE WITCH DURING THE RENAISSANCE.

Lecture 1. February 7, 1935.

The Physiological and Psychological Aspects of the Malleus maleficarum
(The Witch's Hammer).

Lecture 2. February 14, 1935.

Medicine and the Witch in the Course of the Sixteenth Century.

Lecture 3. February 21, 1935.

Johann Weyer, the Founder of Modern Psychiatry.

I hope this final formulation conforms to the one I gave you last Friday, and that it is not imposing on you to add this paper work to your secretary's regular work.

It is fun to look forward to the lectures in Baltimore.

As always yours,

Zilboorg

These are precisely the titles of book and chapters of (Zilboorg 1935).

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 30 January 1935

My dear Sigerist:

I was glad to hear that the dates of my lectures had not been changed. I was apprehensive lest the schedule may have to be altered since I have not received the formal letter you told me about over the telephone last Saturday.

I look forward to coming to Baltimore and I hope that the business of publishing the lectures will not be made difficult by their volume: on paper they will take much more space than "viva voce".

Will you do me a favor? I should like to have a few announcements for myself and also would appreciate it if you send an announcement to each of the following addresses:

Dr. H. Rawle Geyelin, 103 East 78th St., New York City.

Dr. M. W. Raynor, Bloomingdale Hospital, White Plains, N.Y.

Dr. G. R. Jameison, " " " " "

New York Psychoanalytic Institute (markes "Please Post")

324 West 86th Street, New York City

Dr. A. A. Brill, 1 Est 70th St., New York City.

Dr. C. P. Oberndorf, 112 West 59th St., New York City.

With kind regards,

As always,

Zilboorg

"my lectures": Noguchi Lectures. "publishing the lectures": (Zilboorg 1935) with an introduction by S. Geyelin, endocrinologist. Mortimer W. Raynor, psychiatrist. Gerald R. Jameison, Abraham A. Brill (1874-1948), and Clarence P. Oberndorf (1882-1954) psychoanalysts.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 11 February 1935

Dear Zilboorg:

Your lecture was a great success. Everyone was delighted with it and is eager to hear more on the subject.

I am sorry that I have an engagement on Thursday evening which I can not break, and I very much regret that I shall not be able to spend the evening with you. Garrison is most anxious to have a long talk with you, and so I shall have to entrust you to his hands. I am sure you will excuse me.

With kind regards, I am

Always yours,

Henry E. Sigerist

“Your lecture“: Z.’s first Noguchi Lecture. “Thursday evening“: Z.’s second Noguchi Lecture. Garrison see S. to Z. of 26 December 1931.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 20 February 1935 (Telegram)

TAKING A LATER TRAIN AND ARRIVING AT INSTITUTE AT FOUR THIRTY.
ZILBOORG

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 23 February 1935

Dear Sigerist:

It is hardly necessary for me to reiterate how much I enjoyed my visits in Baltimore and how I appreciate your personal and scientific hospitality.

Here is hoping that soon you will be freed from the drudgery that hampers your scientific work. My best wishes to you.

I am enclosing the cuts with suggestions as to how and where to place them. You might want to have the cuts made before the manuscript reaches your desk. Don’t hesitate, however, to omit or substitute or change any of the illustration [sic] suggested, or to rearrange them according to your own ideas. I regret that I don’t have any old cut illustrating an auto-da-fe. If you could locate one, it would prove to be the most suitable illustration on the closing page of the last lecture.

The manuscript is being typed and it will be sent to you as soon as the transcription is ready.

My best wishes to you and regards to Mrs. Sigerist.

Always cordially yours,
[Zilboorg]

“manuscript“ of (Zilboorg 1935).

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 25 February 1935

Dear Zilboorg:

Many thanks for your letter of February 23rd and for the cuts. I shall look for a picture illustrating an auto-da-fé, and I think that it will not be difficult to find one in the collection of Dr. Deetjen [sic]. All I need now is your picture of which I should like to have two copies, one for the printer and one to be framed in my office.

As soon as your manuscript comes it will go to the printer whom you will find very efficient. I have no doubt that he will make an excellent job and that you will like the little book.

Finally, let me tell you how much we all enjoyed having you here. The lectures were excellent and were very favorably received by all who attended them. Dr. Meyer also told me yesterday how much he enjoyed talking to you. So, this was a good debut [sic] in the history of medicine in our University, and I sincerely hope that we shall keep in touch.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,
Henry E. Sigerist

Deetjan see S. to Z. of 21 November 1934. (Zilboorg 1935) was published by Johns Hopkins University Press. Dr. Meyer: Probably Adolf Meyer, see Z. to S. of 31 October 1932.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 15 March 1935a

Dear Sigerist:

The manuscript of my lecture is almost completed. The first two lectures are fully typed and are ready for the printer; the third lecture will be completed in the next day or two. Hence, instead of submitting the manuscript on March 15th as I had planned to do, you will not receive it until the 17th or the 20th. I hope you don't mind. The other thing that held me up was the photograph. However, the two will be here in a day or two and you will receive two photos with the manuscript.

I am bringing together material for my paper before the meeting of the American Psychiatric Association in Washington on May 15th. Do you think that the book might be issued by that time? If yes, I would want to take a couple of copies with me to the meeting. Incidentally, you may be interested to know that they usually have a stand selling books during the meeting, and that Norton might arrange to have some of your books there and also some of the Johns Hopkins books. These meetings are usually well attended - over a thousand people.

With warm regards to your home and office family, I remain

Always yours,
Gregory Zilboorg

“manuscript“ and “the book“ (Zilboorg 1935). Norton: Publisher in New York.

Zilboorg to Sigerist’s secretary, New York, 15 March 1935b

Dear Miss Brooke:

It is an excellent print of the auto-da-fe and I think it is particularly appropriate because it was done 1570, i.e. during the period covered by the lectures. May I suggest that the inscription on the print be translated and printed under the reproduction in the book.

My manuscript is going to be completed in the next three or four days and I sincerely hope that it will be done sufficiently well so as to save you a great deal of the usual routine work.

With kind remembrances, I am

Very sincerely yours,
Gregory Zilboorg

Print for (Zilboorg 1935).

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 19 March 1935

Dear Zilboorg:

I am glad you liked the picture of the auto-da-fe. I think it will fit very well into your book. I am looking forward to receiving your manuscript. You need not rush, however, as there is no particular hurry. Our printer is very efficient, and I am sure that we can have the book out before May 15th without any difficulty.

I was in New York the other day, but it was a Saturday and Sunday and knowing that you would be at the farm, I did not call you up.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,
Henry E. Sigerist

“manuscript“ of (Zilboorg 1935).

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 29 March 1935

Dear Sigerist:

It was good to have a visit with you although I regret that it was too short.

The manuscript of the lectures was sent to you today. May I express some of my wishes in connection with getting the work out, but if you or the printer find objections, use your own judgment which I am sure will be agreeable to me.

1. I should prefer that each chapter begin on a new page.
2. As to the picture, if it could be printed on matt paper instead of glossy, I think it will look better.
3. Could I have twenty-five unbound copies of the book in addition to the twenty-five I am to get. I shall pay for them, of course.
4. I forgot to ask you whether you would consider it seemly to mention in your foreword that these lectures are not a casual, incidental study, but the result of some years of work and that a History of Medical Psychology is being made ready in cooperation with Dr. G. W. Henry. I mention this because Dr. Henry and I were at it for almost ten years (he did a part of the purely organic side) and Norton will probably issue it soon after January.

I hope to see you soon - at any rate before you sail. It is quite possible that I shall use the making of the book as a pretext and run over to Baltimore one of these days for a few hours. I hope Miss Brooke has recovered by now from her recent illness and is back at her desk.

As always,

Zilboorg

P.S. Within a few days I will send you the index which you may have set up and sent to me together with the galley proofs so that there will be no delay in printing the index by the time the page proofs are ready.

“manuscript of the lectures“ (Zilboorg 1935). # 4. was taken care of in S.’s preface. *History of Medical Psychology* appeared in 1941 only (Zilboorg/Henry 1941). George W. Henry, psychiatrist, Z.’s coauthor (Zilboorg/Henry 1941). Norton, publisher. “before you sail“ to Europe in summer. “making of the book“ (Zilboorg 1935). Brooke see S. to Z. of 16 November 1934.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 1 April 1935

Dear Zilboorg:

Thanks for your letter of March 29th. I promised to send you the pictures, but on looking at them, I found that you had given the detailed instructions so that nothing could be added.

I am looking forward to seeing your manuscript and will pass it on to the printer immediately.

Our bookseller in Paris is:

Librairie E. Droz
25 Rue de Tournon
Paris Vie
France

She gives us excellent service and I can recommend her most warmly.

It would be delightful to see you here, and I hope that the printing of the book will give you an excuse for realizing the intention.

Always yours,
Henry E. Sigerist

“manuscript“ and “book“ (Zilboorg 1935).

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 4 April 1935

My dear Sigerist:

I am mailing you an Index for the book. If you will have it set up with the Mss. and send me the galleys of it at the same time as the text, I shall correct it. When the page proofs come I shall put in the page numbers. We shall thus have the index ready without any loss of time.

As my plans stand now, I intend to drive to Washington for the meeting of the American Psychiatric Association on Monday, May 13th, and wish to stop over in Baltimore for a couple of hours. I hope to see you then, although I hope that we may also have a chance for a visit before then. When do you expect to be in New York again ? I want to arrange for you and Frankwood Williams to get together.

As always,
Zilboorg

“the book“ (Zilboorg 1935). Frankwood Williams see Z. to S. of 8 January 1935.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 6 April 1935

Dear Zilboorg:

I wish to thank you for your splendid manuscript and also for the photos; one is being framed and will be placed in my office, the other will be sent to the printer and will later be included into the portrait collection of the Institute.

Your manuscript with the illustrations has been sent to the publisher today, and I must say that the editor’s task was never easier than in this case. You have done all the work for me so that I had very little to add. All I have to do now is to write a preface which I shall do next week.

Meanwhile the publisher is making an estimate of the cost of production and as soon as I have it in hand, the manuscript will be set into type.

With kind regards, I am
Always yours,
Henry E. Sigerist

P.S. The Index just came. Thanks

“manuscript“ (Zilboorg 1935). “editor“: S.. “preface“ (Sigerist 1935). “publisher“: Johns Hopkins University Press.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 10 April 1935

Dear Zilboorg:

Thanks for the beautiful index which I have passed on to the printer.

It will be a great pleasure to to see you on May 13th on your way to Washington. I hope that you can arrange to have lunch with us. I may have to go to New York before, but do not know yet when; at any rate, I shall let you know some time in advance.

I, of course, would very much like to meet Frankwood Williams. We expect him in Baltimore by the end of May and hope that he will address our students, but I am afraid that this will be after my departure.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Henry E. Sigerist

Frankwood Williams see Z. to S. of 8 January 1935. “after my departure“ to Europe.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 18 April 1935

Dear Sigerist:

May14th being the day when I am scheduled to read my paper in Washington, I should like to ask you whether I could not let you know a little later when I will be able to come to Baltimore, and whether you would be able to run over to Washington some evening and let us “bummel“ a little and talk things over.

You will hear from me soon.

How is the printing of the book progressing ?

As always,

Gregory Zilboorg

“bummel“ = stroll. “the book“ (Zilboorg 1935).

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 22 April 1935

Dear Sigerist:

I shall probably be in Baltimore Saturday evening, May 11th. Should you be free that week end, I would stay over-night and we could spend a few hours together on Sunday.

I just learned that Garrison died. Was it sudden ? He seemed quite frail that night when we were together, but nothing seemed to betray that death was near.

As always yours,
Zilboorg

Garrison see S. to Z. of 26 December 1931.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 29 April 1935

Dear Zilboorg:

The proofs of your book have been mailed to you today, and you will receive them soon. If they do not quite conform to your wish, do not hesitate to let me know.

I am looking forward with greatest pleasure to seeing you here on May 11th and 12th. If the weather is good, we could drive to a little inn on the Chesapeake Bay. By that time the softshell crabs should be in all their glory.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,
Henry E. Sigerist

“your book“ (Zilboorg 1935). “softshell crabs“: Both S. and Z. were gourmets and hobby cooks.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 7 May 1935

Dear Sigerist:

Thanks for the galleys. You are well acquainted with the kick one gets from seeing one’s opus transferred into print; hence I need not say much about it. The proofs look extremely good; in fact, I am quite enthusiastic about the neatness of the job and the excellent type.

I note that the Index has not arrived. It will probably come with the page proofs. I also missed your introduction but this apparently will also come with the page proofs.

The enclosed sample of my signature is for your use under my picture. I note that you put in a facsimile of a signature that was made by my secretary. However, if you don’t want to make another facsimile, we might put the name into straight type. I leave the matter to you.

I look forward to seeing you this coming week-end.

As always,
Zilboorg

P.S. I shall telephone to you upon my arrival to Baltimore Saturday evn. Am returning the galleys corrected to day.

“galleys“ of (Zilboorg 1935). “introduction“ (Sigerist 1935).

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 8 May 1935

Dear Sigerist:

I am writing you confidentially about a matter that both you and I undoubtedly take very much to heart. As you may know, the University of Chicago is going to be investigated by the Senate of Illinois for so-called subversive teaching. Some ignorant fools influenced another batch of fools and there was instilled into the whole matter a so called anti-comunistic [sic] and anti-semitic current. The Board of Trustees are either embarrassed or scared - but whatever they are, they are in the majority a decent and fair-minded group. They stand by the young President of the University who, as you know, is one of the most liberal and enlightened representatives of Academic freedom sans parti pris. Some people close to the situation and eager to win a victory for the University, talked to me about it and I remarked in passing that in 1244 the University of Paris was considered subversive for teaching Aristotle; this remark brought forth the suggestion that if we could collect some such data of preposterous encroachments on science and universities, they could be used to great advantage during the investigation.

When I am in Baltimore this week-end I shall give you some more specific data about the matter. In the meantime I wonder whether you would not dig into your own memories and jot down, or have your secretary jot down some specific data from the past which I will work over and present (anonymously, of course) to those concerned.

I look forward to seeing you Saturday. I shall stop at the Lord Baltimore and shall give you a ring when I arrive.

As ever,

Zilboorg

“sans parti pris“ = unbiased.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 9 May 1935

Dear Zilboorg:

Thanks for [?] your letter of May 7th. I am looking forward with greatest pleasure to seeing you here soon. Call me up as soon as you arrive. We are having a musical evening at our home on Saturday night, and I hope that you can join us after your lecture.

Miss Brooke, as you know, was [xxxx], so I think it would be better if you discussed the galley-proofs with me, perhaps Sunday morning.

The story of your autograph is a great joke. We, of course, will have another cut made.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Henry E. Sigerist

Brooke see S. to Z. of 16 November 1934. [xxxx] Protected Health Information of the Alan Mason Chesney Archives of the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 20 May 1935

Dear Zilboorg:

It was such a pleasure having you here the other day, and I enjoyed very much talking photography with you.

I send you enclosed a few data which may be useful to you. They were compiled by Dr. Temkin. If you want any additional information, please write to him directly. He will be delighted to help you in the matter.

We are sailing Monday instead of Saturday, the Champlain having been delayed by a strike.

Your galley-proofs went to the printer, and you will receive page-proofs within the next few days. Miss Brooke will supervise the finishing of the book. If you have any special wishes, write to her directly.

With kind regards, I am

Yours ever,

Henry E. Sigerist

Photography was a common hobby of S. and Z.. Temkin see Z. to S. of 18 January 1934. “to help you in the matter“ of Z. to S. of 8 May 1935. “galley-proofs of (Zilboorg 1935). Brooke see S. to Z. of 16 November 1934.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 21 May 1935

My dear Sigerist:

Many thanks for your very nice letter and for the data compiled by Temkin.

It was good to see you and I want to add that the pictures that I took at the Log Inn came out very well.

As ever,

Gregory Zilboorg

Temkin see Z. to S. of 18 January 1934.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 24 May 1935

Dear Sigerist:

Bon voyage !

I hope you got the films in time.

Accept this modest momento of your own image and let us hope that next time I shall be able to do better.

As to the Gaevalux, I am able to obtain it at a 25% reduction, and if you buy a gross it makes it all much cheaper.

Best regards to Mrs. Sigerist and the rest of the family.

As always,
Zilboorg

“Bon voyage“ for S.’s trip to Europe and the Soviet Union. Gaevalux see Z. to S. of 16 October 1935.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 16 October 1935

Dear Sigerist:

It was good to hear your voice the other evening and I am more than sorry that I was unable to see you. May I come over some day to Baltimore to have a chat ? It is a purely selfish desire on my part since I have nothing to contribute and you must have a mass of newly acquired and important knowledge.

I have a couple of books of yours which I shall return to you in a few days and I shall also send you a copy of the Noguchi lectures specially bound.

You will remember that we talked about photographic paper before you left for Europe. Since then I discovered the following: the Gevaert people, the makers of Gevalux, are now making here a number of very attractive surfaces in fast Bromide projection papers and also in slower Chloro-Bromide papers for warmer tones. These are about 10 to 12% cheaper than the Kodak, Agfa and similar papers. They are just as good, if not better. In addition, since I get 20 to 25% discount on everything photographic, the paper costs me about one-third less than all other papers. I shall send you some samples in a day or two. Will you tell me which surfaces you like best and how much of each you want and they will be sent to you directly.

I don't dare to invite you to come and visit us just now because you must have your hands full starting things going for the academic year, but as soon as you find time I hope you and Mrs. Sigerist will be able to come to visit us either in New York or in the country - any week-end you are welcome.

Incidentally, George Gershwin's purely modern opera “Porgy“ opened here last week. It is a great success and you must come to see it. It will take quite a while before it reaches the “wilds“ of Baltimore.

Warmest regards to you and the family.

As always,
Zilboorg

“important knowledge“: S.’s first trip to the Soviet Union. “Noguchi lectures“ (Zilboorg 1935). George Gershwin (1898-1937) composer, patient of Z., his opera *Porgy and Bess*.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 18 October 1935

Dear Zilboorg:

Thanks ever so much for your good letter. It will be such a pleasure to have you here. Any day except Sunday, October 20th, will be convenient. Just let me know which dates you

prefer. Couldn't you come for a weekend so as to give us more time ? There are endless things, Russian, Historical and photographic, that I would like to talk over with you.

I was very delighted to hear about those new photographic papers and would appreciate if you could let me have some samples of the various surfaces. I leave the choice entirely to you. I am very poor in papers, and am particularly glad that you drew my attention to these new papers. The trouble is that we have not one decent photographic store in Baltimore and I must get in touch with your dealer in New York.

Hoping to see you very soon, I am, with kind regards

Yours always,

Henry E. Sigerist

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 21 October 1935

Dear Sigerist:

Nothing would please me more than to spend a week-end in Baltimore. I could come on a Saturday noon and leave late Sunday. As to which particular week-end it should be - the first or second week-end in November would be quite convenient for me. I shall make a representative selection of papers and either send them to you or bring them with me.

I look forward eagerly to seeing you and talking with you.

As ever,

Zilboorg

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 22 October 1935

Dear Zilboorg:

I am delighted that you can come for a week-end. This will give us plenty of time for talk. I am most anxious to get your advice on how to improve some of my photos. Either week-end, the first [sic] or second in November, will be convenient to us.

Do you know Eliasberg in Vienna ? I received the enclosed letter. I wrote him that I can not do anything in that particular field, but that I would forward the letter to you. If you can not do anything either, just return the letter to him directly.

With kind regards, I am

Yours always,

Henry E. Sigerist

Vladimir Eliasberg (1887-1969) German psychiatrist, emigrated to the U.S. in 1938.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 23 October 1935

Dear Zilboorg:

The books just came and I was delighted to find a copy of your book and so beautifully bound. It is a great pleasure to have it.

Thanks ever so much.

Always yours,

Henry E. Sigerist

“your book“ (Zilboorg 1935).

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 24 October 1935

My dear Sigerist:

Good. I shall appear on the Baltimore horizon on Saturday, November 2d. I don't know yet when I shall arrive there: it will be either very late Friday night or Saturday morning; most probably the former because I want to sleep late. I shall call you up around 10 a.m. Saturday and shall bring my camera. Incidentally, for reasons which I prefer to tell you rather than write, I am a Leica man now and the Contax is gone - horribile dictu.

I shall also bring with me some samples of paper.

I am looking forward to seeing you.

As always,

Zilboorg

P.S. The paper of Eliasberg will be attended to. If I cannot do anything with it, I shall return it to him directly.

Eliasberg see S. to Z. of 22 October 1935.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 28 October 1935

My dear Zilboorg:

We will be delighted to have you here for the next week-end. On Friday, November 1st, I am giving a talk on my Russian experiences before the Hamilton Street Club. If you could come in time you would, of course, be very welcome. There will be an informal dinner at 6:30 p.m. and after the dinner, I shall talk. There may be quite an interesting discussion as several members of the Club have been in Russia also and have somewhat different views. However[,] if you can not manage to come as early as that, I shall expect to hear from you Saturday morning.

You will be interested to hear that a French literary agent has applied for the rights of French translation of your book. This is a great success. I am looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to your visit.

Always yours,

Henry E. Sigerist

“Russian experiences“ of S.’s first study tour in Soviet Russia. Hamilton Street Club: A social club in downtown Baltimore. “your book“ (Zilboorg 1935).

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 30 October 1935

Dear Sigerist:

I am very eager to come to Baltimore in time to attend the meeting at which you are going to speak on Russia. It is very thoughtful of you to let me know about this. I shall arrive in Baltimore at 6:01 p.m. Friday and proceed directly to the Club. Should this be at variance with your plans, please telephone to me. I shall leave my office at 1:45 p.m. on Friday.

As always,

Zilboorg

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 8 November 1935

My dear Gregory:

This was a great week-end and I can not tell you how much I enjoyed it. It gave me a new impetus for my photographic work. My laboratory is in fine shape now; and when you come back from your trip, I hope to be able to submit a few new pictures for your criticism.

I also was greatly interested in what you said concerning the possibility of having the International Medical History Congress in America. What you said was very encouraging and I will take up the matter with Philadelphia.

Thanks ever so much for your two letters and for all the trouble you had in trading in my camera. Needless to say that I am eagerly waiting for Rabsons’ [sic] parcel. The linone [?] screen is very interesting and I am anxious to try it out. I also greatly appreciate the formulas you gave me, and I feel sure that these will help me greatly to improve my technique.

Well, you will be leaving soon and I can imagine that you are very busy in these last few days. I wish you a good trip, a good rest, and a great many fine pictures.

Yours ever,

[Henry]

Plans for the International Congress of the History of Medicine to be held in America did not succeed. Philadelphia: Site of the present secretary of the American Association of the History of Medicine. Z.’s two letters are missing. Rabson: A name in photography business. Linone: Probably a linen screen. Z.’s trip to Mexico. The signature does not show on the Xerox copy of the letter, however, the following line shows “Henry E. Sigerist“.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 12 November 1935

Dear Henry:

During your peregrinations do not forget to drop in to the office and get your tickets for “Porgy and Bess“. The tickets are for Friday, the 15th, in the evening. The curtain rings up at 8:30 sharp.

Yours in haste,

G

Porgy and Bess, opera by George Gershwin.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 19 December 1935

My dear Henry:

Two days ago my very delightful holiday came to an end and I am back at my desk.

You will be interested to know that two [sic] of my prints (both portraits of you) were chosen for the Second International Leica Exhibition, now in progress at Rockefeller Center. When the exhibition is over I shall send you the portraits or copies of them.

Mexico proved even more fascinating on a second visit and I shall go there again. A lot of work is being done there on the history of medicine - Aztec and Mayan - and there are a number of tribes now who are still totally out of contact with civilization and even wear feathers on their heads. Books on the subject are written and published and some of them will be sent to me shortly. I hope that some time we will be able to discuss these things personally.

If you contemplate a trip to New York during Xmas please let me know, and remember that Xmas eve is open house with us and should you be in town we will be most happy if you and Mrs. Sigerist would join us for the evening.

I hope your family is well and happy and I send my regards to all.

Yours

G.

Z. made the trip to Mexico with his patient George Gershwin and Gershwin's ladyfriend Kay Swift.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 20 December 1935

Dear Gregory:

It was good to hear that you are back and I am sure that you had a most delightful time. You undoubtedly came back with loads of new pictures.

I was quite thrilled to hear that two of the portraits you made of me are at the International Exhibition now. I wish I could see that Exhibit but unfortunately I will not be able to go to New York this month. I liked the pictures you made of the children very much indeed and, as

Miss Turkel may have told you, I helped myself rather freely on the day of your departure. I made a few pictures in the meantime, and thanks to your advice I have improved my technique considerably. Next time I come to New York, I will submit a few prints to your criticism.

I wonder how you will like the January number of the Bulletin. You may have seen that Sarton attacked medical history in a rather stupid way in a preface to Isis. Well, I wrote a preface to the Bulletin, answering him. Besides you will find in this number some new features, notably a new section on contemporary history. It should add to the vaule [sic] of the journal. So far, we have 225 subscribers which is a nice beginning; but, of course, it still leaves a heavy financial burden on the Institute. The difficulty is that I do not want to make the journal commercial. It should be a scholarly affair and this will never appeal to the medical masses. Still I hope to come to about 500 subscribers in course of time. If you have any historically minded friends, I would appreciate it if you would draw their attention to the Bulletin. Men like Dr. Webster, for instance, should subscribe to it. The subscription price of \$ 5.00 is very low for what the journal gives.

I shall be in New York toward the end of January. I will be very busy, having to give four lectures in three days, but I hope to have a glimpse of you.

With best wishes for the holidays to yourself and family, I am

Yours ever,

[Henry]

Miss Turkel see Z. to S. of 17 December 1934. Bulletin of the History of Medicine. George Sarton (1884-1956) Belgian-American historian of science; (Sarton 1935). Isis: A journal of the history of science. S.'s answer (Sigerist 1936). Webster see Z. to S. of 15 November 1934.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 2 January 1936

Dear Henry :

The reprints which you were good enough to send me while I was away have come to my attention and I am truly grateful for them.

I wonder how our old friend Detjeen is. I read in the papers that he sustained a burn a few days ago - poor but plucky man.

Happy New Year to you all.

As ever,

G

P.S. Has the January number of the Bulletin been mailed. It seems that I never got mine. I am very eager to see what you said in reply to Sarton.

Should you be able to arrange to be free some evening after your lecture here we could get together somewhere and have a drink.

Detjeen or Deetjan see S. to Z. of 21 November 1934. Sarton see S. to Z. of 20 December 1935.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 9 March 1936

Dear Gregory:

Could you do me a great favor ? I have to be in New Haven next Saturday and Sunday to attend the Eastern Students' Conference. My wife is coming with me and we just discovered that Flagstad is singing in "Fidelio" on Friday evening. So we thought we would like to come to New York Friday and have an evening at the opera on our way to New Haven. Would it be much trouble for you to get us two good seats ? I am afraid that it would not be possible to get tickets the same day. I will possibly arrive in New York toward noon as I have several people to see during the afternoon. I would get in touch with you and call for the tickets at your office. If you and your wife could come with us to the opera it would be perfectly delightful.

I feel rather discouraged in my photography, and hope that you come down some week end. I need your help and advice.

Yours ever,

[Henry]

Kirsten Flagstad (1895-1962) Norwegian soprano. *Fidelio*, opera by Beethoven.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 10 March 1936

Dear Henry:

Just received your letter. It was good to hear from you and it is fun to be able to do something for you. The tickets are secured and they will be waiting for you in my office when you come here Friday. I am sorry I shall not be able to spend the evening with you at the Opera because I have an engagement which I cannot break. I have been West as far as Denver, Colorado, and naturally found a lot of work accumulated here. The week-end after this I shall be in Boston to talk to the Medical History Group.

Many thanks for the set of reprints which came yesterday. I am glad to have them. As to your photography, I am sorry to hear that you are discouraged. I, too, go through such phases and I feel that we ought to get together for a good photographic spree. Moreover, there are a number of things which I should like to discuss with you. Somehow the winter rushed by without much opportunity for us to talk. The world is getting crazier and crazier - so life must be going on.

Let me know when you will come in to pick up the tickets. I moved my office to 9-E in the same building; however, you have to take another elevator.

Regards to your family.

As always,

G

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 11 March 1936

Dear Sir:

The enclosed might be of interest to the readers of your journal. It is a release made to the medical press only.

Yours sincerely,

Gregory Zilboorg
Secretary

Excuse this official tone [?] - it is a circular letter.

G

Letter head: Committee for the Study of Suicide (with Z. Secretary and Director of Research). The addressee is:

Editor, Bulletin of the History of Medicine (i.e. S.).

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 25 March 1936

Dear Henry:

I have an idea. It is strange that I have one, but it just happens. Would you and Mrs. Sigerist spend a week-end with us ? You would arrive Friday evening; the ladies would go to the theatre or do whatever else they wish, and you and I would spend the evening printing pictures (you will have to bring your negatives). After the theatre we could all go to the country and do some walking and photography (bring your camera); we shall return late Sunday afternoon to the city and spend another evening enlarging and you could take the midnight train home. Any week-end after April 3d will be suitable.

It was good to catch a glimpse of you the other day. Sorry I was not free.

As ever,

G

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 31 March 1936

Dear Gregory:

This was a delightful idea. Both Mrs. Sigerist and I accept your invitation enthusiastically. Nothing could please us more than to spend a week-end with you in the country. As to the date, I shall communicate with you soon.

At last I got my Russian films. They were the whole winter in New York, messed up with the films of Julian Bryan. I am enlarging wholesale, and I will bring a whole bunch of them when we meet. Some are very good and they all are interesting as documents and dear to me as souvenirs of a great trip. They will interest you too, I am sure.

With kind regards, I am
Always yours,
[Henry]

Julian Bryan not identified.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 6 April 1936

Dear Gregory:

Would April 24 to 26 be convenient to you ? After consulting my rather crowded calendar I find that it would be a good date as far as I am concerned. However, if it does not suit you, do not hesitate to let me know and I will arrange for a later date,

On May 4, the American Association of the History of Medicine is meeting in Atlantic City. By the way, are you a member ? If not, you should join. It is a rather amateurish group but it is the national organization of medical history. The annual dues are \$ 1.50; the secretary is Dr. E.J.G. Beardsley, 1919 Spruce Street, Philadelphia. If you intend to go to the meeting, we could perhaps meet on the week-end of May 1st to 3rd and then go from New York to Atlantic City. My whole Institute will be there.

Very sincerely yours,
[Henry]

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 8 April 1936

Dear Henry:

Excellent. If you and Mrs. Sigerist come Friday, the 24th, in the late afternoon, we will have dinner here and then either do some enlarging for a couple of hours or go directly to the country. If there are some pictures which you want to enlarge by all means bring the negatives. The ladies might go to the theatre while we amuse ourselves with photography. We shall also do some developing in the country.

As to the American Association of the History of Medicine - I am a member of it and I should like very much to join you in Atlantic City. Unfortunately the American Psychiatric Association meets on exactly the same date in St. Louis and I shall be on my way to St. Louis the week-end of May first.

We look forward with pleasure to the week-end with you.

As always,
G

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 10 April 1936

Dear Henry:

A gentleman by the name of Mr. Bernays is probably going to write you to invite you to attend a dinner to be given on the occasion of Freud's eightieth birthday. He is a nephew of Freud's. Should you like to attend this dinner will you and Mrs. Sigerist be my guests that evening. However, if this does not interest you it will be absolutely no deprivation for me not to go and instead to do some enlarging. The guests at the dinner will be not only analysts, but representatives of philosophy, science, sociology, history, medicine and what not. I understand that John Dewey will speak and perhaps one or two others of the same standing.

I look forward with much pleasant anticipation to our week-end.

As always,

G

Edward Bernays: popularizer of Freud's theories. Sigmund Freud (1856-1939) Austrian neurologist and psychiatrist. John Dewey (1859-1952) philosopher, psychologist, educator.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 13 April 1936

Dear Gregory:

Just a line to tell you that both Mrs. Sigerist and I are looking forward with greatest pleasure to spending the week-end of April 24th to 26th with you. I wrote to Mr. Bernays accepting to be present at the dinner in celebration of Freud's birthday.

Yours ever,

[Henry]

Bernays and Freud see Z. to S. of 10 April 1936.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 14 April 1936

Dear Henry:

The dinner in honor of Freud will take place at 7:30 p.m. This being the case you don't need to dress on the train. We shall all dress in our house before going to the dinner, so come directly to us from the train.

As always,

G

Zilboorg's secretary to Sigerist's secretary, New York, 17 April 1936

Dear Miss Mann:

Thank you for the review of Dr. Zilboorg's book which you were kind enough to send. This one was particularly good, and has already found its place of honour in the famous scrap-book.

Yours very sincerely,

Marjorie Milde

Research Secretary to Dr. Zilboorg

Elisabeth Mann, S.'s secretary. Z.'s book (Zilboorg 1935).

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 29 April 1936

Dear Henry:

The humble efforts of our printing evening are being mailed to you today. They are not very well done but I promise to do better next time. It was very good to have you and Mrs. Sigerist with us and I look forward to seeing you upon your return from Europe.

I have been thinking about the Club. The more I think about it, the more I believe that it can be easily accomplished. We can get the necessary financial backing. By the time you come back from Russia I shall probably have this part of the matter properly attended to.

As to the name, I went over in my mind the humble beginnings of the various societies of the XVII century, and the idea appeals to me to start the same way and call it the same thing: the American Academy of Medical History. What do you think of it ?

With warmest regards and best wishes to you all,

As always,

Gregory

“back from Russia“: S.'s second study tour in Soviet Russia in the summer of 1936.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 30 April 1936

Dear Gregory:

Well, this was one of the most delightful week-ends I ever had and as I told you before, it was the only trip in many years for which I had not to pay by delivering a lecture. Your farm is marvelous, and I certainly learned a good many new tricks that I will apply in my photographic work. I hoped I could send you prints of the last film, but so far I had not a minute yet to go to my dark room. I was in Washington yesterday and am going back for a lecture today, and Sunday I have to leave for Atlantic City. There is no end of meetings, and I am looking forward to being on the boat soon.

Thanks ever so much for all the pleasure you gave us.

With best wishes, I am
Yours ever,
[Henry]

“being on the boat“ to Europe and Russia.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 6 May 1936

Dear Gregory:

Thanks ever so much for your letter of April 29th and for the prints. The one you make of me while photographing your chickens is just killing and it is technically excellent. Hamilton Owens was very pleased with it and wants to publish it together with one of the pictures I made while you snapped me.

Your suggestion as to how to call the society is good, although “academy“ sounds rather pompous. The trouble is that yesterday I was elected president of the American Association of the History of Medicine so that I can not start a new organization while I am still president of the old one. I suppose we shall have to wait for one more year.

With kind regards, I am
Yours ever,
[Henry]

Hamilton Owens: Possibly editor of the Baltimore Evening Sun. “academy“: Probably a plan for a society of professional medical historians, the AAHM being still amateurish.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 12 May 1936

Dear Henry:

Just returned from St. Louis where the meeting of the American Psychiatric Association was held. There I saw the Editor of the American Journal of Psychiatry and he told me that he never received a review copy of *The Medical Man* and *the Witch*. I promised to follow up the matter. Would it be asking too much if I were to ask you to make the corresponding inquiries?

You will soon be off for Europe. I envy you.
As always,
Gregory

The Medical Man and the Witch (Zilboorg 1935).

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 15 May 1936

Dear Gregory:

Thanks for your letter of May 12th. I have written to the Hopkins Press in order to find out what happened to the review copy for the American Journal of Psychiatry. If it has not been sent, this will be done now immediately.

I remember that I owe you an answer concerning Paracelsus. I looked up the Sudhoff bibliography and found that the edition of 1567 that you have is the first edition and not a mere abstract. According to Sudhoff, the second printing, Strassburg, 1576 is considered better. The third edition of this text is to be found in the collected works, edited by Huser. You will find these things briefly discussed in the second volume of the Sudhoff Paracelsus edition, page 26. I think it would be advisable to base your translation upon the Sudhoff edition.

At any rate the book is not a mere abstract. It was meant to be seventh book of a large treatise which, however, never materialized.

With kind regards, I am

Yours always,

[Henry]

Paracelsus, Theophrastus Bombastus von Hohenheim (1493-1541) German physician and theologian. Karl Sudhoff (1853-1938) medical historian in Leipzig, S.s teacher. (Sudhoff 1929-).

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 19 May 1936

Dear Henry:

I don't know how to thank you for your note about Paracelsus. I shall look into the matter carefully.

You must be all set for your vacation and you and your family have my warmest wishes.

Incidentally, Marshall Field, with whom I frequently talked about you, repeatedly expressed his desire to meet you. He would like to arrange to see you as soon as you return from Europe. Keep it in mind and we shall have dinner together when you come back.

Yours, as ever,

G

Marshall Field III (born 1887) department store tycoon, Z.'s patient.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 23 May 1936

Dear Gregory:

Thanks for your letter of May 19th. I will be delighted to meet Marshall Field after my return in the fall.

By the way, I hope that the Sun sent you a copy of their rotogravure section. They published the photo you made some time ago together with some of my chickens. It looked very funny indeed.

We are sailing Tuesday on the Normandie, and I am, of course, looking forward with great pleasure to being back in Russia soon.

With kind regards, I am
Always yours,
[Henry]

Marshall Field see Z. to S. of 19 May 1936. “Sun“: The Baltimore Sun (newspaper). “my chickens“ see S. to Z. of 6 May 1936.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 13 October 1936

Dear Gregory:

Well, how are you ? We came back a few days ago on the Isle [sic] de France after a very interesting and pleasant summer.

I found Russia greatly improved and had a great time completing my material. I spend [sic] most of June and July in Moscow but made a short trip to Kazan to attend a medical meeting of the physicians of the Tartar Republic. From there I went by boat up the Volga to Nizhny Novgorod. I loved the Volga region. Then, I spent August and September in Switzerland in the country working on my Soviet book, of which about one third is written. I hope to complete it this winter and to have it out in spring.

I am sending you enclosed a review of your book. You will be pleased to hear that the Press sold in June alone 200 copies, which is a real success.

I did not make many pictures this summer, but still I have quite a few good new portraits. I am anxious to hear of your experiences and I am sure that you had a very pleasant summer on your farm.

I hope you will come down to Baltimore some day soon as you did last year, and I would love to have a long talk with you.

With warm regards, I am
Yours ever,
[Henry]

SS Ile de France. “my Soviet book“ (Sigerist 1937). “your book“ (Zilboorg 1935). “Press“: Johns Hopkins University Press.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 14 October 1936

Dear Henry:

It was more than a pleasure to receive your note this morning. I have been watching the calendar and wondering when you were coming back, wondering what impressions you

gathered in Europe. Germany und Spain, and the undercurrents in France, as they are reflected here, aroused in me a great deal of disquiet and foreboding. I should like to hear from you and still more to see you.

This was a busy summer for me and I did not have a day's rest. Hence, I am going to take a vacation in November and December. I am sailing on November 14th for Rio de Janeiro, shall visit Montevideo, Buenos Aires, cross the Andes, then Santiago and Valparaiso, a number of smaller ports in Chile and Peru and Equador, and shall be back home on December 29th. Unless some special opportunity arises I shall be unable to see you until I come back. Should you be planning to be in New York after the 30th of December, let me know at once and we will arrange to get together. I look forward to a very busy winter and expect to give a course of five lectures in Chicago on the History of Psychiatry. On February 27th and March 13th I am scheduled to give two seminars in Baltimore and Washington and should like to join you on either of these week-ends or both. Let me know whether you expect to be free then.

Thanks for Castiglione's [sic] review. It is good news about the sale of the book.

As to photography, I am afraid I was again a bad boy and spent a good deal of time to learn from some of the masters of the craft the art of spotting, retouching, and chalking. Hence, scratches, poor distribution of light, or spots don't bother me anymore and some of my portraits are going to be exhibited this winter in a couple of salons.

I obtained an old (XVII century) French translation of Spee's *Cantio* [sic] *Criminalis* and am very happy to have it, and I studied a bit this summer the history of some of the physical sciences in the XVII century.

As you are now President of the American Society [sic] for the History of Medicine, would you put me down for a paper ? When is the meeting going to be held ?

Are you attending the meeting this coming year of the History of Science Society ? Where is the meeting going to be held ?

Warmest regards to you and your family at home and at the Institute.

As ever,

Gregory

Germany and Spain, fascist countries at that time. Arturo Castiglioni (1874-1953) Italian medical historian. "sale of the book" (Zilboorg 1935). Friedrich von Spee (1591-1635) German theologian, wrote *Cautio Criminalis* and other works against witchcraft.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 17 October 1936

Dear Gregory:

It certainly was a great pleasure to read your letter of October 14th, and I only regret that I will not be able to see you for such a long time. However, I am sure that you have well deserved a long vacation, and I hope that you will have a very pleasant trip. What marvelous pictures you are going to make in South America.

I was delighted to hear of your many lecture engagements and was particularly pleased that these will bring you down to Baltimore. I do hope to see you on both week-ends in February and March, but I hope to meet you before.

The meeting of the American Association of the History of Medicine will be held in Atlantic City early in May, and I am delighted that you will come and give us a paper. The date has not been settled yet but it will, in all probability, be May 3rd.

I am giving a talk at the New York Academy on October 19th but unfortunately will not be able to stay. I have to go to New Orleans for five more lectures.

The meeting of the History of Science Society will be in Providence between Christmas and the New Year. The meetings are usually very good. I intend to be there and would very much enjoy seeing you.

Well, let me know when you are back so that we can arrange for a meeting. I will, in all probability, be in New York once every month during the winter.

With all good wishes, I am

Yours ever,

[Henry]

“New York Academy“ of Medicine. Providence, RI.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 5 January 1937

Hello, Henry ! Here I am back from South America where dictatorships prosper and bubonic plague or dysentery is still in the full bloom of vigorous youth. The Andes are impressive and terrible, and the Inca culture has been duly destroyed as all other Indian cultures. Needless to say my camera was kept very busy but not my mind.

As I wrote to you before[,] I am scheduled to be on th 27th of February in Baltimore and I should like very much to make a week-end of it with you. It is barely possible that instead of coming Saturday morning as I usually prefer, I shall not be able to reach Baltimore until Saturday afternoon, but I shall know about this when I hear from Vassar College where they want me to give a lecture about that time.

With best regards to all of you,

As ever,

Gregory

P.S. While I was away a letter came from Dr. Leighton. I hope to be able to see him when I am in Baltimore.

Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, NY. Leighton not identified.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 6 January 1937

My dear Gregory:

It was good news to hear that you are back and that you had such a good time in South America.

I hope to have a chance to see you soon. I will be in New York next week. I have to give a lecture on Soviet medicine under the auspices of the American Russian Institute on January 13th, and I will call you up.

I am very much disturbed that I will not be able to see you on the 27th of February. I will be on a trip to the Middle West, having to give a few lectures at the Mayo Clinic and at Minneapolis. I will have to leave Baltimore on the 25th and will not be back before March 4th. It really is bad luck [sic] but I do hope that you can arrange to come some other week-end.

You remember old Dr. Deetjan, the man whose collection on witchcraft was exhibited here when you gave your lectures. He came to see me yesterday and it was a pathetic sight. The old man is completely crippled and after 50 years of practice has not enough to live on. He wants to sell his collection which includes 103 items, quite a few of which are very rare. The collection has been estimated at about \$ 2,000 but he would sell it for \$ 1,700. I wonder if you could get the New York Academy interested in this collection. Deetjan had several offers from book dealers, but he would like to have the collection kept together. We are dead broke as we always are so that we can not consider a purchase, but I thought that the New York Academy might be interested.

With all good wishes and hoping to see you soon, I am

Yours ever,

[Henry]

P.S. I have a typewritten catalogue of Dr. Deetjan's collection here which I will be glad to send to whomever is interested in the subject.

Deetjan see S. to Z. of 21 November 1934. "New York Academy" of Medicine.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 8 January 1937

Dear Henry:

Here is hoping that the week-end of March 13 will prove a luckier date for us (is it not the thirteenth?). I shall then come again to Baltimore for the second lecture. In the meantime I am eagerly awaiting your call next week when you come to New York. Where is your lecture going to be? I should like to come to hear it.

About old Deetjen's book collection - it is very sad. Will you send me the list of the books? I have the following in mind: If Deetjen would not object [,] you and I would go over the list and I should like to choose a few items (five or fifty will depend on what he has) and keep them for my library, the remainder to go to your Institute. Should such a breaking up of the collection be agreeable to the man I should consider paying the \$ 1700 dollars [sic].

What do you think about it? You may have heard of the untimely death of Dr. Feigenbaum? Influenza complicated with a pneumonia, type III.

A bientôt,

As ever,
Gregory

Deetjan see S. to Z. of 21 November 1934. Feigenbaum see Z. to S. of 31 October 1932.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 11 January 1937

Dear Gregory:

I am delighted to hear that you will be in Baltimore on March 13th. I have to give a lecture at the University of Vermont on March 12th, but I am sure that I can manage to be back in Baltimore on the 13th toward evening. Please reserve the Sunday so as to have dinner with us.

My lecture in New York will be given under the auspices of the American Russian Institute at the New School of Social Research on Wednesday, January 13th at 8:15 p.m. It would be delightful if you could come so that we might have a chat after the lecture.

About Deetjen's collection, he felt very strongly about having the collection kept together but he is so hard up that I am sure that he would be glad to consider your offer. In the meantime I am sending you the catalogue enclosed. Any books we would receive from the collection would, of course, be highly welcome.

Hoping to see you soon, I am

Yours ever,
[Henry]

Deetjan see S. to Z. of 21 November 1934.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 21 January 1937

Dear Henry:

I shall look forward to spending Sunday, March 14 with you.

My lecture in Baltimore is on Saturday evening and I shall stay over in order to see you. We shall also have the opportunity to discuss what can be done with Deetjen's library. There are some details I should like to consult you about.

Yours ever,
Gregory

Deetjan see S. to Z. of 21 November 1934.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 25 March 1937

Dear Gregory:

I can not tell you how much I enjoyed seeing you here last week-end, and I only regret that the time was so short.

I remember that you spoke of a week-end at the farm, and I think that I told you April 3rd and 4th might be convenient. Now I just see that I will not be free on April 4th. We are expecting visitors from outside which I had overlooked at the time. The next week-end, April 10th and 11th, I have to lecture at Wilson College and on April 17th and 18th, there will be a student conference in Baltimore at which I have to talk. So, I am afraid that April will be a very bad month but I hope that we can meet again, perhaps in May.

I, of course, wonder how the photos came out but please do not hurry, I know myself how much time it takes to make pictures.

With kind regards, I am

Yours ever,

[Henry]

There were Wilson Colleges in Pennsylvania, North Carolina, and Kentucky.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 9 April 1937

Dear Henry:

It seems a century since I saw you last. I am sorry that you are still so much engaged in lecturing that life seems just an endless series of train berths.

At any rate I shall see you in Atlantic City very shortly. Dr. Beardsley asked me to speak at the meeting of the Association for the History of Medicine.

As to the pictures, they came out rather well, but I had no time to print any. I shall try to have some in about a week and also send you the negatives.

With warm regards, I am

As always,

G

Beardsley see S. to Z. of 6 April 1936.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 28 April 1937

Dear Gregory:

I saw old Deetjen the other day and told him that there was a possibility of purchasing his collection. Have you made up your mind in the matter ? Deetjen needs the money badly and

it would be fine if he could be helped in the near future. Please let me know what you think in the matter.

Yours ever

[Henry]

Deetjan see S. to Z. of 21 November 1934.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 5 May 1937

Dear Henry:

I am sorry that I had no chance to have a good talk with you in Atlantic City. There are many things I should like to discuss with you before you leave for the summer. Can it be arranged ?

I am off to Pittsburgh this Sunday to be away a whole week attending the meeting of the American Psychiatric Association.

I should like to have the Deetjen matter settled soon as well as many others.

Yours,

G

Deetjan see S. to Z. of 21 November 1934.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 22 October 1937

Dear Gregory:

It seems ages since I heard from you. I came back from Europe a couple weeks ago after a very quiet summer spent mostly in the country in Switzerland. My Soviet book was in print during the whole summer, and I had to correct proofs almost all the time so that I could not travel much. I managed, however, to have three weeks in Paris and to make a short trip to Belgium.

Now, I am glad to be back. I shall not give any outside lectures this year but shall concentrate on the Institute, and I have just begun work on a four volume history of medicine in which I am trying to do something entirely new.

I just had a letter from Dr. Friedenwald who is a close friend of Deetjen and who, as you may remember, had offered to contribute one hundred dollars toward a purchase of Deetjen's library on witchcraft. I am sorry to bother you with the matter again but from what I hear old Deetjen is declining very rapidly and the library is still a great burden on his mind. What do you feel in the matter ?

How have you been ? I am anxious to hear from you. What are your plans; are you considering another trip to South America ? I very much hope to see you in Baltimore some day soon. I have a new Agfa film which I found very satisfactory. It has no particular grain. In Europe it is called F-Isopan Neu, but I do not know what they call it here. I develop it only five minutes with a Perrutz fine grain developer, and I have had very good results so far.

With kind regards, I am
Very cordially yours,
[Henry]

Soviet book (Sigerist 1937). The number of S.'s outside lectures in 1938 has increased rather than dropped. S. could not start work on his planned multi-volume history of medicine until 1945, and the first volume appeared in 1951 (Sigerist 1951). Harry Friedenwald (1854-1950) medical historian and collector. Deetjen see S. to Z. of 21 November 1934.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 25 October 1937

Dear Henry:

My thoughts turned towards you many times in the course of these months, and I wondered how and where you were. The utterly depressing turn of events in “world affairs“ makes me relive a number of apprehensions as to our world, and therefore my mood has not been of the best.

I too decided to “stay home“ this winter and attend to my writing - finish my History of Psychiatry; a book on suicide and a few essays.

My fortunes, in some respects, have turned on me, and this adds a hue of unhappiness to the already existing depressive mood. Perhaps it is only Weltschmerz, but it is rather painful. I am as busy as ever with my practice, but I am thoroughly disgusted having to treat the rich who care not a wit about anything but their pocket-books.

About Deetjen. It is extremely unpleasant for me to have to tell you that right now I am somewhat in a tight spot, and my good intentions in the matter will have to be bridled by coarse reality. However, should the situation ease up I will let you know before a word from me is solicited.

My photography is progressing, but the course of the Loyalist's cause puts a damper on it.

My warmest regards to you.

Gregory

“world affairs“: The advance of fascism in Europe. “History of Psychiatry“ became *History of Medical Psychology* (Zilboorg/Henry 1941). Z.'s book on suicide seems to have not materialized. Weltschmerz =

world-weariness. Deetjen see S. to Z. of 21 November 1934. Loyalists: The forces fighting against General Franco's fascist falange in the Spanish Civil War (1936-1939).

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 28 October 1937

Dear Gregory:

Many thanks for your letter. Please do not bother about the Deetjen affair. It is not so important after all.

I was sorry to hear that you had troubles, and I hope we may come together some day and have a good talk.

Yours ever,
[Henry]

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 7 December 1937

Dear Henry:

Dr. Lujo Thaller of Zagreb writes me inviting me to present a paper at the next International Congress for the History of Medicine. Do you expect to be there. I am very much tempted to accept the invitation, but without you I would feel lost there. Please let me hear from you soon, because I want to answer Dr. Thaller's letter in a day or so.

How are you ? I am planning to be in Washington on December 27th in the evening, and should be delighted to catch a glimpse of you on that day, if possible. I could come over to Baltimore for a few hours earlier, and catch some sort of conveyance to Washington in time to arrive for the evening meeting.

As always
[Henry]

Lujo Thaller (1891-1949) Yugoslav medical historian.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 9 December 1937

Dear Gregory:

I was delighted to hear that there is going to be a chance of seeing you on December 27. Couldn't you arrange to have luncheon with us ? It would give us all the greatest pleasure. I shall be free the whole day and the more time you can give me, the more I shall appreciate it.

Yes, I intend to go to Jugoslavia [sic] in September for the Congress. The program seems most tempting and I am anxious to see the country. Lujo Thaller is a very delightful man. I have known him for a number of years and I met him in Paris last August. I am sure that he is going to be a good president. I sincerely hope that you can arrange to come also, and I am sure that we would have a very good time there together. Serajevo, besides, would be a fine target for photographers like us.

Hoping very much to see you soon, I am
Yours ever,
[Henry]

Thaller see Z. to S. of 7 December 1937.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 14 December 1937

Dear Henry:

I shall arrange to come to Baltimore before noon, have luncheon, have a visit with you and - provided I reach Washington before 8 p.m. - everything will be alright.

Unless there is a war, which is quite possible, I will also go to Yugoslavia [sic] to the Congress. I suppose if there is a war, you will also stay here. Let us plan to go over, or at least to return together. We shall discuss the matter on the 27th. In the meantime I am writing to Lujo Thaller accepting the invitation.

As ever,

G

“Congress“, International, of the History of Medicine. Thaller see Z. to S. of 7 December 1937.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 17 December 1937

Dear Gregory:

I am perfectly delighted that you can come on the 27th. Let me know on what train you will come and I shall meet you at the station.

I am sure that we are going to have a most pleasant time in Yugoslavia [sic], and I am very glad indeed that you have accepted the invitation. I intend to spend June and July in the Soviet Union and August in Switzerland so that I will go to Zagreb from Switzerland.

These are all plans and war may upset them all, but in the meantime we have to plan as if conditions were normal.

With kind regards, I am

Yours ever,

[Henry]

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 24 December 1937 (Telegram)

ARRIVING MONDAY ELEVEN FORTY FOUR AND STAYING A FEW HOURS.
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL.

GREGORY

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 6 January 1938

Dear Henry:

It was very good to have a visit with you. Your “Communitic Chef“ has progressed wonderfully, and by the time you come to the farm on the 22nd, Saturday, we will have a wonderful time contemplating his laugh.

Will you let me know at what time I should meet you Saturday the 22nd at the Pennsylvania Hotel ? We shall then go to your meeting together, and from there proceed to the country.

Kind regards,

G

“Communitic Chef“: Possibly S.’s cousin and hobby cook Bruno Wiskemann in Brussels.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 17 January 1938

My dear Gregory:

I postponed answering your letter until I received the definite program of the conference of the American Russian Institute. I just got it and I am most upset to find that it would keep me busy the whole of Saturday until late in the evening. I am afraid that I can not skip the second part of the program as there will be discussions on labor protection and social welfare in which I have to participate.

I am most disappointed but I very much hope that we can postpone my visit to the farm for one week. As I told you in Baltimore, I have to attend the annual meeting of the American Council of Learned Societies on January 28 and 29. There, however, I am absolutely sure that I can leave Saturday at noon.

I hope that this change of program does not inconvenience you, and I sincerely hope that I may come to the farm on January 29.

Yours ever,

[Henry]

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 18 January 1938

Dear Henry:

I would have been distressed at the news that you are unable to come this week-end, if you had not told me in the same letter that you could come the Saturday after this. We shall expect you then.

If you will let me know where you will be on Saturday the 29th, I will have my car meet you and drive you to the country. We will wait luncheon for you.

Your laughing cook will be all ready by that time; I am sure you will be pleased to see him again.

As ever yours,

Gregory

“laughing cook“ see Z. to S. of 6 January 1938.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 24 January 1938

Dear Gregory:

Many thanks for your letter of January 18. I am looking forward with greatest pleasure to spending this week-end with you.

I am glad we postponed our meeting because I was not able to go to New York last week. I had a sudden attack of [xxxx] that kept me in bed for several days and from which I am only beginning to recover. I had to call off all my New York engagements last week.

The meeting of the Council of Learned Societies will be at the Harvard Club, 27 West 44th Street, and if your chauffer [sic] can call for me there on Saturday at noon, he will find me ready. I expect to be in New York from Thursday evening on and will be staying at the Hotel Pennsylvania where you can reach me if there is any message. I will check out Saturday morning and take my bag to the Harvard Club so that no time will be lost.

I am most anxious to see what you have done with my socialist-cook-cousin. The newest Hopkins development is that a group of students and internes of the Hospital have organized a Photo Club that will have an exhibit in the Welch Library at the end of February. I intend to send in a few pictures and will have the negatives with me so as to get the benefit of your advice.

Yours ever,

[Henry]

„socialist-cook-cousin“ see Z. to S. of 6 January 1938. [xxxx] Protected Health Information of the Alan Mason Chesney Archives of the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions. Welch Medical Library of Johns Hopkins University.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 26 January 1938

Dear Henry:

I am extremely sorry to hear that you were ill. There seems to have been, and still is, a mild form of the same illness in New York, and I was the victim of it for several days.

My car will meet you at the Harvard Club Saturday at noon, and I look forward as much as you do to our playing with photography over the week-end. I am not going to tell you anything about your cheerful communist cook. You will see. We will work together on the negatives which you are bringing with you and you will - I hope - carry with you a few prize-winning prints to be exhibited in your new Photo Club.

As ever yours,
Gregory

“communist cook“ see Z.to S. of of 6 January 1938.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 31 January 1938

Dear Gregory:

Just a line to tell you how thoroughly I enjoyed this last week-end. It was awfully good of you to give me so much of your time in the laboratory and I certainly learned a great deal. The family was most enthusiastic about the pictures and I am looking forward to having them on exhibit in the Welch Library at the end of February.

I forgot to mention that I received the annual report of the Committee for the Study of Suicide and that I read it with great interest.

Well, I hope to see you soon again and, with cordial regards, I am

Yours ever,
[Henry]

Zilboorg to Sigerist, Poundridge, NY, 13 February 1938

Dear Henry –

It was a great pleasure to hear of your photographic exploits with Minicol etc. The picture of [...] is very good indeed. As to your grain. Finopan in general has very little grain. However, since you got grain, it means that one of the twenty million things went wrong. My guess is

1) your water must contain some minerals and other impurities. I would dissolve the developing powder in distilled water

2) The temperature should be uniformly 65°F., i.e. during the washing also

3) Last but not least the film may have taken too long to dry. It should be sponged off, or rinsed in alcohol for about one to 1½ minutes and then sponged off so that the drying time be reduced to the very minimum. Another suggestion [...] followed [...] grain and makes for better negatives is a short stop bath made up of Potassium Chrome Alum and Sodium Bisulphite (10 grams each in 500 cc of water) this very stinking bath is used only once. It should be prepared just before it is used.

I have been writing two papers for a Meeting in Chicago and I am leaving next Friday to be away for a week. Hence the delay in sending you the various formulae which I have to look up. As soon as I am back from Chicago I shall send them to you.

With kindest regards
As ever
G

Letter in long-hand with several illegible words.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 2 March 1938

Dear Henry:

I am back from Chicago and Cincinnati, and to my great regret I find that my formulas are in the country. I shall be in the country this week-end, and shall get the formulas and send them to you.

In the meantime, I want to tell you that I was rather disappointed in the results of my work with you the other day, and decided to present you with a surprise. I am sending you - separately - a couple of prints which I hope you will enjoy, and approve fully. I worked on them leisurely, in accordance with my technique.

I saw the programme of your special course in the History of Medicine and am very, very much impressed.

My best regards to all of you.

G

“special course“: First Graduate Week in the History of Medicine, for post-graduate education in the subject, April 1938.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 8 March 1938

Dear Gregory:

Many thanks for two letters and the most delightful pictures. They are perfect. It is incredible what you have done with this film. Not two prints are alike, and I particularly like the dark one. I have it framed in my office.

I am glad you liked the idea of our Graduate Week and I wish you could be with us on that occasion. We already have registrations from all over the country so that the week promises to be very interesting.

Just now, we are having another course of the Noguchi Lectures of which I am sending you the program enclosed.

I am also sending you a copy of the draft of a new Constitution of the American Association of the History of Science [sic]. I really feel that this association could play an important part in this country and that it could stimulate studies in the History of Medicine very considerably. The new Constitution is being studied by the Council at present, and I suppose that action will be taken at the next meeting in Atlantic City on May 2.

I would very much like to know what you think of the whole plan. You will see from my memorandum that about \$ 1,000 would be required to develop the new régime. It, of course,

will be necessary to do a good deal of propaganda and also to have medals made. Do you think it would be possible to raise a thousand dollars ? I think I could find two or three hundred in Baltimore. Philadelphia seems rather reluctant but it should really be possible to find ten people interested enough in the History of Medicine to contribute a hundred dollars each.

Yours ever,

[Henry]

The Graduate Week (see Z. to S. of 2 March 1938) attracted 33 medical historians from 13 states and Canada. The Noguchi Lectures were given by Edward H. Hume on *The Chinese Way in Medicine*. The new Constitution was meant for the Association of the History of MEDICINE. Philadelphia: Seat of the AAHM's Council.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 14 March 1938

Dear Gregory:

Many thanks for your letter of March 7 and for the various liquids that you so very kindly sent me. I shall follow your instructions. You are a great teacher and if I am improving my photography gradually, it is entirely due to you.

We just had a very successful course of Noguchi lectures on Chinese medicine, and we are now busy preparing the Graduate Week for April.

With all good wishes, I am

Yours ever,

[Henry]

Noguchi lectures and Graduate Week see S. to Z. of 8 March 1938.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 31 March 1938

My dear Henry:

My very long silence I want to assure you was not due to my having forgotten you. Ever since the Hitler Austrian démarche, I have been in the same mood as in the day of the Pogroms in 1905 in Russia. Images of the past from my personal experience were revived with such acuteness that I cannot help but feel as if I am always in the presence of a final débâcle.

I studied the Constitution and the whole plan of the American Association of the History of Medicine, and I think it is a very good one. I might suggest just this; some of the Committees that the Constitution mentions should be made not of an even, but an odd number, so that a majority be always possible. Of course, one might obviate the difficulty by stipulating in the Constitution that the President is to be an ex-officio member of each Committee. This has its advantages, in so far as the policy of the Association could be made more uniform since the President, who is au courant of everything that is going on, could coordinate the activities of the various Committees. On the other hand it has disadvantages, in that the president will

have to be present at the meeting of each Committee which might be too big a load for the incumbent. I am expressing all these opinions not merely as a detached reader of a proposed document but also - if not primarily - as a member of the Association who feels that he would like to take a more active and productive part in the life of this Society, if it is constituted as your plan predicates.

As to the budget that you have in mind; I think that your estimate of \$ 1000 as an initial gift is rather conservative, and I might add - confidentially - that I have a pledge of

\$ 1000, to be given to you as soon as the Constitution is officially adopted by the Society. There are no strings attached to this pledge; of course the reverses of the last few weeks might reduce this sum, but I doubt it. At the same time, I believe that you ought to collect the \$ 200 or \$ 300 which you think you will be able to get from Baltimore. I will add a contribution of my own, and also the \$ 1000 I am sure will be forthcoming.

Somehow I feel that I need to have a talk with you; the disturbing developments of the past three weeks are a bit too much in an atmosphere of bourgeois contentment, which is characteristic of the populace.

Always yours,

Gregory

Adolf Hitler (1889-1945) German dictator; his "Austrian démarche": Occupation of Austria by Nazi-Germany. "Constitution" of the AAHM, see S. to Z. of 8 March 1938.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 25 April 1938

Dear Henry:

My brief illness is over, or almost over, but it set me back as far as my work is concerned. Hence I will have to stay home instead of going to Atlantic City to the meeting. I regret it very much.

Please let me know when the new constitution is accepted and I shall see to it that the money that was promised is forwarded to you. I am extremely eager to see you before you sail to Europe. Any chance ?

Always yours,

G

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 27 April 1938

Dear Gregory:

I was so sorry that you were sick but I was very happy to hear that you are better by now. I was very disappointed, however, to hear that you will not be able to attend the meeting in Atlantic City. I am just leaving for Chicago where I shall give a lecture at the University and attend a meeting on the Mediaeval Academy, and from Chicago I shall go directly to Atlantic City.

As soon as the meeting is over, I will let you know what happened. Personally I have no doubt that the new Constitution will be adopted enthusiastically. The only difficulty was to

have it adopted by the Council. The Council, as you probably know, consists mostly of worthy old gentlemen - most of them Philadelphians like Riesman, Burr, Krumbhaar, Steiner, etc. When I first sent them the draft of the new Constitution, they were scared to death. They found that the plan was much too ambitious. They thought that it would be impossible to increase the membership to any extent (there are only 212 members today). They further thought that it would be impossible to finance the Society and they put forth a great many similar arguments.

A few weeks ago we had the decisive meeting of the Council in Philadelphia. I came with two arguments that nobody could resist, namely, that I was willing to do the work myself by accepting to be Secretary and second, that I already had a pledge of \$ 1,000 and that I was confident that I could raise an additional \$ 1,000. This immediately changed the whole situation. The Council was full of enthusiasm for the new scheme and adopted the Constitution with slight modifications in the wording of certain articles.

So you see that it was your letter to me announcing the pledge that actually saved the whole situation. I am full of optimism for the future of the Association and I shall do everything in my power to make it a success. From now on, its office will be in our Institute and the work of the two institutions will be most closely connected.

I am most anxious to talk matters over with you, and I shall do my best to see you in New York before I sail.

I am sorry that you could not come for our Graduate Week. It was a great success. We had 35 members from 16 states and Canada and there was a great deal of enthusiasm from beginning to end. I am sending you enclosed our programs.

Well, the Institute is in the best possible shape. It had a great and most successful year but I, of course, had to pay the price for it by giving up much of my research and writing.

Hoping to see you soon, I am

Yours ever,

[Henry]

“new Constitution“ of the American Association of the History of Medicine. S. was Secretary of AAHM from 1938 to 1942 (together with S. V. Larkey). Z.’s pledge see Z. to S. of 31 March 1938. Graduate Week see Z. to S. of 2 March 1938.

New names:

Burr, Charles W. honorary member of AAHM in Philadelphia

Krumbhaar, Edward B. (1882-1966) pathologist and medical historian, founder of AAHM in 1925

Riesman, David (1867-1940) medical historian

Steiner, Walter R. , President of AAHM 1937-1939, at Hartford, CT

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 4 May 1938

Dear Gregory:

I just came back from Atlantic City, and I am glad to be able to report that the new Constitution has been unanimously adopted and that I was elected secretary of the Association. It is now up to me to reorganize the Society from top to bottom. It will have to be done tactfully so as not to offend some of the old members, but I am very optimistic as to

the future and I feel confident that the Association can be made a real factor in American medicine.

I shall be in New York Tuesday, May 10 and I wonder if you could have lunch with me. I have to give a lecture at Columbia in the afternoon and have an engagement for the evening, but I am very anxious to see you.

Yours ever,

[Henry]

“new Constitution“ of the AAHM.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 12 May 1938

Dear Gregory:

It was such a pleasure to see you the other day and I enjoyed the talk we had very much indeed.

I am sending you enclosed a copy of the letter that I wrote to Mr. Warburg and the official acknowledgment will be printed in the June number of the Bulletin which I shall send to Mr. Warburg so that he will have some official document in hand for his tax return. I am most indebted to you for having secured this gift for the Association. It will be a tremendous help because it will allow us to use decent stationary, to print the Constitution on good paper, to have efficient filing cabinets, etc.- in other words to make a good start. I think this infinitely important.

The more I think the matter over, the more I like the idea of making the Bulletin the official organ of the Association just as Isis is the official organ of the History of Science Society.

I am looking forward to travelling with you in Jugoslavia [sic]. Let me know when you arrive in Europe. My address during August will be

Haus Utohorn

Kastanienbaum

Kanton of Lucerne, Switzerland

I am most interested in your Paracelsus and also in the Dream Book and shall have them both published as soon as you let me have the manuscripts.

With kind regards, I am

Yours ever,

[Henry]

E.M.M. Warburg, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, made a gift of \$ 1000 to the AAHM via Z. Association: AAHM. “Acknowledgment“ in Bulletin of the History of Medicine 6, 676, 1938. Isis: Journal of the History of Science. Paracelsus (Zilboorg 1941) in (Sigerist 1941a). Dream Book see Z. to S. of 6 November 1933.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 19 October 1938

Dear Gregory:

I hoped to see you in Yugoslavia and was disappointed that you did not come. The Congress, like most such gatherings, did not amount to much but travelling in Yugoslavia was a delightful experience. I spent almost three weeks there and got a good picture of the general, social, and economic conditions and of the public health situation. It was just during the European crisis but I never expected war. I was convinced that the British Government would not march against Hitler.

From Yugoslavia I went to Holland for a very pleasant occasion, namely, the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the death of Boerhaave. It was a regular pilgrimage to all the places where Boerhaave had lived. Everything was so delightful that you almost forgot the European mess.

In June and July I travelled all through the Soviet Union and saw and learned a great deal. Tremendous progress has been achieved in every field and Russia appeared as an island of peace in the midst of a very troublesome world.

Finally we came back on the Queen Mary, sailing through mine fields in Cherbourg and not knowing until the last minute whether the boat would actually sail or not. At any rate, I am glad to be back and to resume my work at the Institute.

I just hear from Bett that the Medical History Club has been meeting at your home and I wish I could have been with you, but so far I could not manage to get to New York. Saturday I am going to the University of Missouri for a few lectures, and early in November I shall have to give a lecture course at Yale. I very much hope, however, to be able to see you some time in November and talk over the matters of the American Association of the History of Medicine with you. The new Constitution will be put into effect on January 1. Our Bulletin will, in all probability, be the organ of the Association and on November 1 I shall begin to contact present and past members and to look for new members.

Once more I should like to appeal to your great kindness in help me out in financial troubles. I apologize for calling on you all the time in such matters, but you are the only one of my friends who has connections with people who are willing and able to help. The case is briefly the following: A young Greek woman came to see me about a year ago. She was highly recommended by Dr. Michaud who is professor of clinical medicine at the University of Lausanne. This young woman, Helen Konjias, was born in Smyrna, came as a very young child with her parents to Texas, grew up in this country, studied medicine in Paris and Lausanne, and just before she could have taken her examination in Lausanne, she had all of a sudden to come home because her family was in serious financial difficulties. Very bravely she took a job as salesgirl at Macy's and supported herself and family until she lost the job. She then did all kind of works, sold newspapers in Long Island, etc. but she seems to be now in a desperate situation. She is a brilliant girl, highly intelligent with a broad cultural background knowing a good many languages. Michaud wanted her to write a historical dissertation with me and then to come back to Lausanne to take her final examination. I gave her a very interesting subject, namely, the influence of medicine and science on the naturalist school in French literature, and she has done very well on it. However, having to run all day long from one labor exchange to another hunting for jobs, she will never be able to complete her dissertation unless she could come down to Baltimore for a few months and finish the work under my supervision.

It all is a matter of about \$ 300 which would keep her going in Baltimore for at least four to five months. The trouble is that our present budget is 17 per cent lower than last year's and, although we can manage quite well, we have not one cent for extra expenditures. Do you think it would be possible to find \$ 300 somewhere to allow Miss Konjias to spend four to five months at the Institute ? From the last letters I had, I had the impression that the girl is going to pieces. She is rather emotional and has become rather unbalanced, and what she needs is to be able to work for some time in good surroundings where she would get a certain mental discipline. She is too valuable a person to be sacrificed.

With kind regards, I am

Yours ever,

[Henry]

“Congress“, International, of the History of Medicine in Yugoslavia. S. wrote an article on the Congress (Sigerist 1939a) and in The Netherlands (Sigerist 1939b). S.'s third and last study tour in the Soviet Union 1938. Lecture course at Yale (Terry Lectures) (Sigerist 1941b). “new Constitution“ of AAHM. “Bulletin“ of the History of Medicine.

New names:

Bett, Walter R., secretary of the newly founded New York Society for Medical History (President Z.)

Boerhaave, Hermann (1668-1738) Dutch professor of medicine at Leyden

Konjias, Helen T., became a medical author in the 1940s

Michaud, Louis (1880-1956) Swiss professor of medicine

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 15 November 1938

Dear Henry:

This is just a note to tell you that I am going to answer your letter very soon. I am not neglectful, but I have been going through a period of trouble - personal and otherwise. Among other things that happened, my wife had a cardiac attack, and she is not fully out of it yet.

I want to have a visit with you very soon.

Best regards.

As ever,

Gregory

Z.'s wife Ray Liebow see S. to Z. of 26 December 1931.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 22 November 1938

Dear Gregory:

Thanks for your note of November 15. I was in New York the other day and meant to call you up but I was so busy and had so many appointments that the day went by before I had had a chance to telephone you.

I was very sorry to hear about Mrs. Zilboorg's cardiac attack and hope that she has recovered since.

Why don't you plan to have a week-end in Baltimore in the near future ? You remember Marconi, the little restaurant where we used to have a decent meal and a good bottle of champagne ? Well, it is still there and I hope it may tempt you to come down.

Yours ever,

[Henry]

Mrs. Zilboorg see Z. to S. of 15 November 1938.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 28 November 1938

Dear Henry:

Your invitation to spend a week-end in Baltimore is very welcome. It seems that I am going to have rather a busy winter.

I wonder whether Saturday, December 10 would be convenient for you ?

As ever,

G

I am not certain, but I might be able to arrange to come Friday 9th in the evening.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 3 December 1938

Dear Gregory:

I am terribly sorry but I have to be in New York on December 9 for a meeting of the Soviet Relations Council. December 10, I have a dinner engagement, and December 12 I have to speak at an afternoon open forum which is preceded by a luncheon.

What about the next week-end ? I shall be in New York for a talk to the American Russian Institute on December 15 and shall return to Baltimore either in the afternoon of December 18 or 17 so that this week-end would be most convenient. I do hope you can make it.

Yours ever

[Henry]

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 6 December 1938

Dear Henry:

Your schedule and out of town commitments seem to be similar to mine - an endless series of engagements and things to do.

It so happens that I have to be in Boston on the 17th to attend a gathering with our mutual friend George Wislocki. He and I recently had a love feast about you, and a hate feast about the overt and covert fascism of to-day.

The Innominate Club in New York meets at Dr. Hartung's home on December 12, which is a Monday. I note that you have to speak somewhere in the afternoon. How about having an early dinner with me, and then joining us at the meeting of the Club? You could take a midnight train home if you so wished. I do hope you can arrange this.

As to December 16, which is a Friday. Would you be able and willing to stay over for the evening, don your black tie and come to dinner at our house at 7.30? We will be having some friends that evening whom you will be interested to meet. Do decide to come and let me know as soon as you can. If you come Mrs. George S. Kaufman will also be there, for she is eager to meet you. You will find her very interesting I am sure. There will also be a couple of doctors who are active in this new committee which has been opposing the die-hard attitude of the A.M.A.

It will give me really great pleasure to have you accept both invitations - the 12th and the 16th. I am not going to Boston until the morning of the 17th.

As ever,

G

George B. Wislocki (1892-1956) Harvard anatomist. Innominate Club see Z. to S. of 20 February 1939. Edward F. Hartung, medical historian, New York City. Mrs. George S. Kaufman, probably wife of the dramatist, née Beatrice Bakrow (1895-1945) editor and author. A.M.A.: American Medical Association, known for its conservative attitude towards health insurance.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 7 December 1938

Dear Gregory:

I shall be perfectly delighted to have dinner at your house on December 16. On December 12, however, I shall not be in New York. The lecture I am giving at Columbia is on January 12 otherwise I should have been glad to come to your house and to attend the meeting of the Innominate Club. But I am looking forward with greatest pleasure to seeing you on the 16th.

Yours ever,

[Henry]

Zilboorg's secretary to Sigerist, New York ?, 27 December 1938a (Memo)

Dr. Zilboorg has asked me to send you the enclosed copy of his annual report as secretary and director of research of the Committee for the study of suicide.

Elizabeth G. Wadleigh

Executive Assistant

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 27 December 1938b

My dear Henry:

Life becomes more and more crowded. From now on I am going to be in Chicago every two weeks, beginning with January 7. Am giving a course of seminars[.] Here is my schedule - January 7, 21, February 4, 18 and March 4 and 18.

I am very eager to see you at leisure and talk and play with you. Will you choose one of the week-ends in which both you and I are free, and let us get together. I would come over to Baltimore, probably with Mrs. Zilboorg. The women will amuse themselves while you and I talk, or make pictures.

I am leaving on January 6 for Chicago, and from there to California where I shall spend ten days, return to Chicago for my second seminar, and be back in New York on January 23. The week-end following this, I should like to spend at home. We should plan to go to Baltimore after that.

Happy new year to all of you.

As ever,

Gregory

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 7 January 1939

Dear Gregory:

I have to thank you for such a good deal. First for those very illuminating two letters. There is no reason in the world why you should apologize but it was fine to state the point the way you did. Needless to say that I agree with all you wrote.

Then, I wish to thank you for those superb Soviet pictures. If I am correct, they are reproductions of photographs of Margaret Bourke-White. They are excellent indeed and I am most happy to have them.

I am looking forward with greatest pleasure to having you and Mrs. Zilboorg come to Baltimore for a week-end. I need your photographic advice badly. You will find my laboratory improved and I would like to make a few enlargements with you. If the week-end of February 4-5 suits you, let's make it a date. But I am free also for the following week-end, February 11-12. I envy you your California trip although you could not find better spring weather than we have here.

Looking forward to seeing you and Mrs. Zilboorg soon, I am

Yours ever

[Henry]

A letter of Z. may be missing. Margaret Bourke-White (1904-1971) photographer.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 1 February 1939

Dear Henry:

While I am still not able to use my arm, I am able to dictate and am still planning to come with Mrs. Zilboorg to spend the week-end of February 11 with you. Will it be agreeable to you if we arrive Saturday just before luncheon, and stay until Sunday night ?

Also, will you be good enough and reserve for us a large room in some good hotel in Baltimore ?

I am off for Hartford, back to-morrow, and then to Chicago where I have to go to give both a seminar and a lecture. I shall be back in time to come and spend the week-end with you.

As ever,

Gregory

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 4 February 1939

Dear Gregory:

What is wrong with your arm ? I hope you have not had an accident.

Both Mrs. Sigerist and I are looking forward with greatest pleasure to having you spend the week-end of February 11 in Baltimore, and I had a room reserved for you at the Hotel Belvedere. The longer you can stay, the better. Let me know on what train you arrive so that I can meet you at the station. And of course, you will have all meals with us. I am making plans for cooking you a very good dinner myself. It will be a great pleasure indeed to have you here.

Yours ever,

[Henry]

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 15 February 1939

Dear Henry:

This is to tell you how much I enjoyed the week-end with you. It was a bit too short as far as I am concerned and I do hope that we will be able to get together again very soon.

I shall know in a day or so the details about our forthcoming fishing expedition and will let you know then. I am also writing today to Dr. Bett in connection with the Innominate Club and hope that we will be able to arrange a meeting within the next few days.

I shall write to you very soon in connection with the May program of the Association. I have a thought or two about a paper for the Atlantic City meeting but I want very much to crystallize my ideas a little bit further. I do not want to be late in submitting the paper, of course. Could you wait another week ?

Give my best regards to your family and to yourself.

As ever,

Gregory

Bett see S. to Z. of 19 October 1938. Innominate Club see Z. to S. of 20 February 1939. “Association“, American, of the History of Medicine.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 20 February 1939

Dear Henry:

I saw Dr. Bett and we are going to have a meeting a week from today, Monday the 27th. I was a bit surprised to find that Dr. Bett is rather opposed to the idea of reorganizing the Innominate Club into the New York Society for Medical History. I think it is a part of his psychological insecurity. He stressed the value of the informality of the Innominate Club. I agree with him in that but I also think that we ought to consider the group from the standpoint of broader values in connection with medical history. I therefore suggested that the Innominate Club could continue to meet once a month in the regular manner while we could organize the New York Society for Medical History with a larger membership and meeting as such three or four times a year in New York.

I have the list of the New York State membership that you sent to me and, as soon as we are officially organized, I shall write to these people.

As ever,

Gregory

Bett see S. to Z. of 19 October 1938. The private Innominate Club was disbanded upon the foundation in 1939 of the New York Society for Medical History.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 2 March 1939

Dear Henry:

Our fishing expedition is now in the hands of the weather. The season starts early in April; by the middle of April three of us will have a fishing bout at Byron Lake, a few miles from my farm, and I look forward to an exciting time. I shall keep you posted about the details if the plan.

I am enclosing an official letter about the organisation of the New York Society for Medical History.

I have to leave town for a few days, and will return on the eighth of March, at which time I should like to submit to you the paper on the Gallenic [sic] physiology, and also perhaps, a brief communication for the Atlantic City meeting. I hope it will not be too late then.

Best regards to all of you.

As ever,
G

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 6 March 1939

Dear Gregory:

Many thanks for your letter of March 2. I am most excited about the fishing expedition but much to my distress, I find that the only free week-end that I have before sailing is the one of April 15-16. I hope that this will suit you and that the weather will favor us.

I was delighted to receive your other letter concerning the New York Society for Medical History. I am sure that such a society has great possibilities in New York.

Your paper on Galen's physiology will be most welcome as well as a communication for Atlantic City. Announcement of papers is accepted until March 20 but the sooner we know about them, the better.

With kind regards, I am

Yours ever,
[Henry]

New York Society for Medical History see Z. to S. of 20 February 1939. Z.'s article on Galen's physiology (see Z. to S. of 2 March 1939) was not published in the Bulletin of the History of Medicine.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 4 April 1939a (Telegram)

FRIDAY APRIL 14TH EVENING 730 LETTER FOLLOW.
GREGORY

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 4 April 1939b

Dear Henry:

As I just wired you, the meeting is to be held on April 14th at 7/30. It starts with an informal dinner at the Harvard Club. The talking for half to three quarters of an hour. The group is rather heterogenous; people who officially "want to be educated" on all aspects of the problem of socialized versus the so-called private medicine. They listen to a speaker, and then try to solve some of the problems in their minds by means of voicing their questions. The true value of these meetings is primarily this; acquiring ideas and arguments during the meeting - they carry the arguments over into the meetings of the County Medical Society, where the real battles are fought.

I telephoned to Brooklyn; the lecture is scheduled for 8/15 p.m. They wanted to know whether you will have lantern slides.

May I suggest - upon your arrival in New York - that you go directly to my home, 885 Park Avenue ? I shall be waiting for you, and we shall leave the house around 7.15 to go to the meeting. From the meeting we will go directly to the farm and fish over the week-end in the neighborhood. Good places.

Best regards.

As always,
Gregory

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 10 April 1939

Dear Gregory:

Many thanks for your letter and telegram. I am delighted beyond words at the prospect of having a week-end with you. I need it badly. I was very tired in the last few days and did not feel particularly well. With all this, I had more work than ever. And so the idea of having a free week-end, the first since last September, is most pleasant and that we shall have some fishing makes it most perfect.

As I told you on the phone, I shall be very glad to address your group on April 14 at 7:30 at the Harvard Club. I shall be in New York on April 13 already as I must attend a meeting of the Council of Soviet Relations. I shall be staying at the Hotel Pennsylvania and I think the simplest would be if I came with my suitcase to the Harvard Club directly.

Looking forward to seeing you soon, I am

Yours ever,
[Henry]

“Harvard Club“ of alumni of Harvard University.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore, 5 May 1939

Dear Gregory:

I meant to write you ever since that delightful week-end to tell you how very much I enjoyed those peaceful days. I was frightfully busy, however with the Graduate Week and the Atlantic City meeting. I very much regretted that you couldn't come as the meeting was extremely successful. I have the impression that the Association is now very well established so that it can be developed into a strong organization.

Once more I need your photographic advice. DuPont is no longer selling the XL film. Have you any experience with the new Eastman films ? Plus X has the same speed as DuPont XL and if the film is good I would like to use it on my trip. Or do you know of any other film of that speed that has little grain ?

With kind regards, I am

Yours ever,
[Henry]

“Graduate Week“: Second postgraduate course in medical history, April 1939. “Association“: AAHM. “my trip“: Probably to South Africa later in the year.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 15 May 1939

Dear Henry:

I had it in mind to talk to you about this when I saw you but I forgot. I knew at that time that DuPont no longer sells the XL film. However, the DuPont Superior is an excellent film and has a sufficient amount of speed (24 scheiner) and you will like it very much. I do not recommend Plus X because it is a very inconstant film.

I was glad to hear of the success of your Graduate Week and I regret very much that it will be impossible for me to see you before you go. Which boat will you sail on? I might be free at that time and run over to the dock to bid you ‘God speed’.

As always,
Gregory

Graduate Week see S. to Z. of 5 May 1939. “before you go“ to Europe and South Africa.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 24 May 1939

Dear Gregory:

Many thanks for your letter of May 15. I will follow your advise [sic] and stick to the DuPont Superior film which is very good indeed.

I am sailing with Nora on the Normandie on May 30 at midnight, and we shall certainly be on board from ten o’clock on. It would be delightful if you could come but as it is a rather inconvenient hour, do not feel that you have to. Mrs. Sigerist and Erica will follow on the Queen Mary a week later as Erica has to finish her examinations.

Could you advise my secretary, Miss Hope Trebing, as to where the copy of the Bulletin of the History of Medicine which is due to the New York Society of the History of Medicine should be sent?

Yours ever,
[Henry]

S.’s daughters Erica (1918-2002) and Nora (born 1922).

When WWII broke out on September 1, 1939, S. was on a study and lecture tour in South Africa. This delayed his return to the U.S. In December Z. inquired in Baltimore about S.’s whereabouts.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 5 January 1940

Dear Henry:

May I be among the first to welcome you home - at least by correspondence ? The world is quite different from the one we saw when you left for Europe last May. – Yet, plus ça change ...

Needless to say I am very eager to see you. There is a possibility that I shall come to Baltimore on Friday, March 15. They want me to read a paper before the Neuro-Psychiatric section of the Baltimore Medical Society.

It would be very good to hear from you.

As always,

G

“The world is quite different“: Outbreak of WWII in Europe. Plus ça change, plus c’est la même chose: Proverb: The more things change, the more they stay the same.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 8 January 1940

Dear Gregory:

Many thanks for your letter. I am damned glad to be home again although I had a most interesting time in South Africa. But it was a very long trip - seven months away from the Institute. My staff did very well but work has piled up nevertheless.

I am also very anxious to see you. I hope to be here on March 15 although it is not quite sure yet. I have to give a lecture in San Francisco on March 9 and do not know exactly when I shall come back.

Mrs. Sigerist was very grateful for your help in locating her lost trunk. There is a faint chance that it may turn up although it is very uncertain.

I made hundreds of pictures in Africa and will submit some of them for your criticism.

With all good wishes, I am

Yours ever,

[Henry]

South Africa: Extended study and lecture tour in 1939. “My staff“: During S.’s absences in the summer months of the 1930s his associate, Owsei Temkin, acted as his deputy.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 25 January 1940

Dear Henry:

I listened to your talk at the Town Hall meeting. I took time off while at another meeting, to hear you over the radio, and wished I had time to come over to say ‘hello’. We had here our little set-to with the authorities of the New York County Medical Society but

we - the opposition - won out. You probably know that at the last election we succeeded in making a dent in some parts of the old régime.

It is now definite that I am reading my paper on Friday evening, March 15, before the Neuropsychiatric section of the Baltimore Medical Society. If I knew that you would be at home then, I would stay overnight to visit with you Saturday, March 16.

Warmest regards,
[Gregory]

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 30 January 1940

Dear Gregory:

Many thanks for your letter of January 25. In the meantime I have made my plans for the California trip according to which I shall be back on March 15. I therefore expect you definitely for March 18 and I am looking forward with greatest pleasure to having a long talk with you.

What films do you now use for the Leica ? In South Africa I made about 600 pictures on Eastman Plus X but I am not enthusiastic about the film, and I wonder if you know of a better film that has about that same speed.

Another question. Could you let me have the formula of the reducing solution that you use for over-exposed films, the one with which you simply rub the film ?

With kind regards, I am
Yours ever,
[Henry]

P.S. Many thanks for your excellent paper.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 2 February 1940

Dear Gregory:

We have this year a short seminar on the History of Psychiatry in the 19th century. We are beginning next week and you will find our tentative program on the enclosed sheet. The last seminar will be devoted to a discussion of Freud and the development of psychoanalysis, and we all wondered if it would be possible to persuade you to come and address our seminar on that occasion. The date will be March 28. The seminar is on Thursdays from 5 – 6 p.m. We are quite anxious to have the subject presented by somebody who is familiar not only with the doctrine of psychoanalysis but also with its development, and we could not think of anyone better qualified than you. The seminar consists of a group of about twenty. Most of them are advanced medical students or members of the staff of the Phipps Clinic.

I feel that it is an imposition to ask you to come down but it would be a real service to us and you could be assured of a very appreciative audience.

Hoping you can accept, I am, with kind regards

Yours ever,
[Henry]

Phipps Clinic: The Psychiatric Clinic of the Johns Hopkins University.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 5 February 1940

Dear Henry:

I look forward to seeing you during the week-end of March 16. I am not yet certain whether I will be able to stay in Baltimore both Saturday and Sunday, or only Saturday the 16th. I arrive March 15, to speak before the Medical Society that evening.

About the films. Du Pont's Superior is about the best for the Leica, and Agfa Supreme is really excellent. The trouble with the Eastman X films is that their speeds are inconstant, and the emulsion more or less loses and some times gains speed, as time elapses or as atmospheric conditions change. As to the formula for the reducing solution; I shall have to look up the exact proportions and let you know.

I appreciate your suggestion that I come to address your seminar on March 28. I cannot say ,no' to you, and I shall be very glad indeed to come. The thing that concerns me a bit is this; your seminar lasts but a single hour, and if we are to have questions and discussion, there will be frightfully little time left for the historico-critical outline of the subject itself. Of course, if no more time is available, we will have to do what we can, but should you be able to make it longer, I think it would be more fun - and more comprehensive, of course.

I am very eager to see you and talk with you.

As ever yours,
Gregory

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 8 February 1940

Dear Gregory:

Many thanks for your letter. It is really awfully good of you to accept our invitation to address the Seminar, and I appreciate it more than I can tell. I agree with you that one hour is rather short to discuss the subject and I shall see what we can do about it. Perhaps we can make it an evening meeting.

Thanks also for your information about the films.

Yours ever,
[Henry]

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 16 February 1940

Dear Henry:

In planning my week-end for March 15, I find that I am to be at the Johns Hopkins Faculty Club at 7 o'clock for dinner, which is to be held before the scientific session. I should like to stop in a hotel nearest to the Club, and I do not know where the Club is.

I shall appreciate it if you will let me know what the best arrangement would be. Is there a Hotel Stafford or Stratford, and is this the nearest ?

I look forward to seeing you.

As always,

G

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 19 February 1940

Dear Gregory:

The Johns Hopkins Faculty Club is on the campus of the University on Charles Street. The nearest hotel is the Belvedere. The Stafford Hotel is a few minutes farther down town, and they are both equally bad.

In the meantime my plan for California has crystallized also. I am leaving on March 2 and will be back on March 14.

I am looking forward with greatest pleasure to our week-end. I shall have a good many South African pictures ready by that time. I intend to exhibit about 120 of them in the Welch Library in April.

Looking forward to seeing you soon, I am

Yours ever,

[Henry]

P.S. Many thanks for the recipe [sic] of the reducing formula. I am delighted to have it.

Welch Library, Medical, of the Johns Hopkins University.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 18 March 1940

Dear Henry:

It was very good to see you. It was all too short.

I forgot to take that recipe after all.

Please do let me have it as soon as you can, because I want to use it for a dinner a week from to-day.

As ever,

G

The pheasants will leave New York Saturday morning. Will reach you probably the same day [?]

G

Zilboorg's secretary to Sigerist's assistant, New York, 20 March 1940

Dear Miss Miller:

I understand from Dr. Zilboorg that his seminar on Freud may be postponed for a week or so.

If you have any definite information about this, or if you know the exact date, it would be kind of you to let me know. This information would be helpful in making up

Dr. Zilboorg's schedule for the next few weeks, and I shall appreciate hearing from you at your convenience.

Yours sincerely

Kathleen Duffield
Secretary

Genevieve Miller (born 1914), S.'s research secretary, later became a distinguished medical historian.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 21 March 1940

Dear Gregory:

It was such a pleasure to have you here the other day and I am still most excited about what you told me concerning the new newspaper.

The seminar is scheduled for Thursday, April 4. It will, in all probability, be an evening meeting and I shall let you know the exact time.

How very good of you to send me pheasants. I am looking forward not only to eating them but also to cooking them. You will find the receipt [sic] on the enclosed sheet.

I thought of the matter of the Cincinnati meeting over and I really feel that I am not prepared for it. In order to give a good talk that would be a contribution, I would have to do a good deal of reading and research for which I have not the time just now. I am struggling to get my Yale lectures ready for publication by the end of April and I am very much behind.

With kind regards, I am

Yours ever,
[Henry]

Yale lectures see S. to Z. of 19 October 1938 and (Sigerist 1941b).

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 21 March 1940

Dear Henry:

Here is the current issue of the *Week*. As you see, it is now published in New York. Cockburn cables it here every Wednesday.

Best regards.

As ever,
G

Cockburn not identified.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 25 March 1940

Dear Henry:

For the recipe many thanks from myself, the culinary department of my household and all the prospective eaters at my table.

I look forward to seeing you again April the fourth.

As to Cincinnati you are right. However, let us remember next year. While it is unofficial, it is fairly certain that the American Psychiatric Association will meet in Baltimore next year. For the past four or five years I have been agitating the idea that we have a symposium on the history of Psychiatry, and should I succeed this year in having it definitely decided, we might arrange next year under your leadership a well rounded programme. Let us say a full day, or two mornings or two afternoons of history of Psychiatry.

As ever,
Gregory

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 30 March 1940

Dear Gregory:

The pheasants were marvellous. We already ate two of them and the other two are still maturing, and I am looking forward to preparing them. I never had such tender pheasants and I have no doubt that they are brought up on a very good diet on your farm.

Now about April 4. The seminar will be held as an evening session at 8 p.m. so that we shall have plenty of time. I hope you can come soon enough so that we can have a good little dinner together at Marconi's. Let me know on what train you intend to arrive and I shall meet you at the station.

I am most enthusiastic about the idea of a symposium on the history of psychiatry next year. If it materializes, I should like to make a special publication for the occasion either a new edition of some classic or a special number of the *Bulletin* or whatever it may be.

Looking forward to seeing you soon, I am

Yours ever,
[Henry]

The special publication and/or the symposium apparently have not materialized.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 1 April 1940

Dear Henry:

I look forward to April the fourth, and need not tell you how much I regret that I cannot leave New York before 4/30, and therefore shall have to forego the pleasure of having dinner with you. Perhaps we could have a drink afterwards. I shall arrive at 7.24 p.m. and shall leave after midnight.

Incidentally, I took the liberty of asking Dr. Grace Baker to come to the seminar, if she wants. She is on the staff of the Out-patient department of Phipps clinic, and may wish to come. She spoke to me about wanting to meet you.

Regards to all.

As ever yours,
Gregory Zilboorg

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 8 April 1940

Dear Henry:

Our all too brief visit the other evening was very pleasant indeed, and we look forward to your visit to the farm on May 10.

The 10th is a Friday. I have a lecture that evening at the Psychoanalytic Institute, which ends at 9.30 p.m. We can start for the farm at once thereafter, and reach it at eleven, or shortly before.

Let me know whether your wife will come with you, and please plan to have dinner with us at 7 p.m. that evening, unless you plan to arrive later. Better come to dinner.

As ever,

G

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 9 April 1940

Dear Gregory:

Your talk was simply superb and made a deep impression. It really could not have been better and you have greatly contributed to the success of this seminar. I am most indebted to you and so are my students.

Thanks also for the watch that was very helpful in New York. I am returning it through the Railway Express and hope it will reach you safely. I meant to bring it to your apartment on Saturday evening but was so rushed that I could not get there.

Now another matter. Next year will be the 400th anniversary of the death of Paracelsus and since he is so little known and so much misunderstood in this country, I should like to avail myself of the opportunity and to publish a book on him. I have just translated his treatise on Nymphs, Sylphs, etc. Rosen has translated his treatise on the miners' diseases and Mrs. Temkin is translating the *Defensiones*. If you could let me have your translation of his treatise on mental diseases, we could publish these four texts together - each one with an introductory essay and this would make a very fine volume that would illustrate four aspects of his personality and work, namely, the man, his anthropology and his views on mental and occupational diseases.

What do you think of the plan? I would need the manuscripts by January 1. On May 4 or 5, the American Association of the History of Medicine could hold a symposium on Paracelsus at which we would present our materials and a week later the book would be out.

I think this would make a very fine volume and an important contribution to the subject, and I very much hope that you can participate.

With kind regards, I am

Yours ever,

[Henry]

“Your talk“ on the development of psychoanalysis in S.'s seminar; see also S. to Z. of 2 February 1940. George Rosen (1910-1977) medical historian. C. Lilian Temkin-Shelly (1906-1992) germanist, Owsei Temkin's wife and collaborator. Paracelsus volume (Sigerist 1941a). Paracelsus Symposium held at the annual meeting of the AAHM on 5 May 1941.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 10 April 1940

Dear Henry:

The idea of a volume on Paracelsus is extremely attractive, and I shall be proud to be among those whose translations are to make up the volume.

One question: do you intend to publish the translated texts as they are without comment, or would you have some footnotes of an editorial nature, which would call attention to some of the most important points which might otherwise be missed, unless the reader were a student of medical history?

Warmest regards,

As ever,

Gregory

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 12 April 1940

Dear Gregory:

About the Paracelsian text, make as many footnotes as you like. I can imagine that a good many passages need explanations. And then write an introductory essay which also can be as long as you like. The point is to make these difficult texts really available and understandable to the reader.

I need not tell you that I am perfectly delighted to have your contribution in this volume which, I think, can be made very attractive. We will have to talk about it on the farm in May. Mrs. Sigerist greatly appreciates your asking her also to come but she is afraid that she will not be able to leave town on this week-end. She is coming with me to Atlantic City and does not want to leave the children on two consecutive week-ends. And so, I shall come alone.

With kind regards, I am

Yours ever,

[Henry]

Paracelsian text: (Zilboorg in Sigerist 1941a).

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 24 April 1940

Dear Gregory:

I just received a check of \$ 15.00 for the purchase of Institute books from Dr. Elgin. How very thoughtful of you. We, of course, can use the money very well, particularly toward the end of the academic year. Thanks ever so much.

Yours ever

[Henry]

Dr. Elgin not identified.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 3 May 1940

Dear Gregory:

I am looking forward with so much pleasure to seeing you next week. I shall arrive some time Friday, the 10th.

I should very much like to see the play, “Medicine Show“ that is being given in New York now. I saw the first draft of the manuscript of it last spring and I wonder how the play turned out. You wrote me that you were giving a lecture on that Friday evening, and it occurred to me that I could possibly see the play while you are lecturing and that we could go to the farm afterwards unless it would be too late. Please let me know what you think of it.

Yours ever,

Dictated but not signed by Dr. Sigerist

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 6 May 1940

Dear Henry:

It is going to be fun to spend a week-end with you, and I wish I could join you at the “Medicine Show“ but - as I told you - I am scheduled to lecture Friday night till 9.30

p.m. I shall proceed direct from there to Poundridge, and play around for an hour or so until you come.

There is a train from Grand Central station at 11.25 (E.S.T. summer time); it leaves from the lower level. There is also one leaving at 11.50 from the upper level. This is an express and brings you in only six minutes later than the 11.25. You will get off at Stamford, and find me waiting for you at the station.

You will bring your camera - of course.

As ever,

G

“Medicine Show“ see S. to Z. of 3 May 1940. Poundridge, NY: Site of Z.’s farm near Stamford, CT.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 8 May 1940

Dear Gregory:

Thanks for your note. I shall follow your advice and shall take either the 11:25 or the 11:50 train and meet you at Stamford.

Of course, I shall take the camera along. I have just bought a synchronized flash gun and I have great fun in making interior pictures with it.

It will be great to have the week-end with you and in the meantime, I am

Yours ever,

[Henry]

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 14 May 1940

Dear Gregory:

This was a most delightful weekend and I am home heavily loaded with your gifts. They were greatly admired by the whole family.

I have been thinking over the matter of the medical department of PM, and two names have occurred to me:

1. The man whom I mentioned to you is Dr. Harold Aaron, 17 Union Square West, New York City. As I told you, he is a very intelligent and active young man who has built up the medical section of Consumers Union and has published an excellent book on constipation in the Modern Age books. He has the right political attitude and I am sure that he could do a good job.

2. Another possibility is Mr. Harold Ward, 129 East 10th Street, New York City. He is not a physician but if I remember correctly, is a scientist by training. He is an older man and rather deaf but a very good writer and journalist who has written a good deal for the New Republic and other Left Wing organs. I had a letter from him some time ago saying that he is looking for a job and he said that what he particularly would like to do is editorial work, research and library work, rewriting of manuscripts, etc. It would be worthwhile to consider him also.

Yours ever,

[Henry]

PM, a New York newspaper, see also Z. to S. of 11 June 1940.. Harold Aaron (born 1904); *Constipation* (Aaron 1938). Harold Ward not identified.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 31 May 1940

Dear Gregory:

I think I gave you a book, “Black Hamlet“, by Wolf [sic] Sachs. If you do not need it any more, could you return it ? The author would like to publish a new edition of it in America and I was thinking of approaching Knopf in the matter.

Ever yours,

[Henry]

Wulf Sachs (1893-1949); (Sachs 1937); an American edition did materialize, however not by Knopf in New York.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 6 June 1940

Dear Henry:

Could you arrange that five copies of my Noguchi lectures be sent to me - and the bill, too, of course.

The world does not look brighter. When are you starting on your trip ?

Warmest regards,

Gregory

Z.'s Noguchi Lectures (Zilboorg 1935). “The world does not look brighter“: France collapsing under the German onslaught. “your trip“: S.'s transcontinental trip by car.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 11 June 1940

Dear Henry:

“Black Hamlet“ will be returned to you in a couple of days.

When are you starting on your trip ? I wanted to see you very much before you start, in order to talk over PM. I want to arrange that you, Ingersoll (the publisher) and I get together and talk things over - particularly the Medical Department.

As always,

Gregory

Black Hamlet (Sachs 1937). “your trip“ see Z. to S. of 6 June 1940. PM newspaper: S. wrote 18 articles on medical service plans as a result of his summer trip (Sigerist 1940). Ralph Ingersoll (1900-1985) PM publisher.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 12 June 1940

Dear Gregory:

We expect to leave on July 1. Next week, Tuesday the 18th, I must speak in Amherst, Massachusetts at the annual convention of the Consumers Union, and I intended to be in New York on the way back Wednesday and possibly also Thursday. As soon as I know more about my trains, I shall write and I should greatly welcome the opportunity of meeting Intersoll [sic]. I really feel that PM can fulfill an extremely important function in the medical field.

Yours ever,

[Henry]

“to leave“ for the transcontinental trip. Ingersoll see Z. to S. of 11 June 1940. PM see S. to Z. of 14 May 1940.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 18 June 1940

Dear Henry:

Mr. Ingersoll and I will be awaiting you to-morrow* at my office at seven o'clock in the evening.

I look forward to seeing you.

Regards.

G

* to-morrow. Wednesday. June 19

Ingersoll see Z. to S. of 11 June 1940.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 21 June 1940a (Telegram)

SORRY MONDAY BECAME IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO MEET LETTER FOLLOWS
GREGORY ZILBOORG

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 21 June 1940b

Dear Henry:

I am sorry that several matters came up which make it impossible to spend Monday evening with you in New York, and this is why I sent you a telegram this morning.

It was good to see you the other night, and I hope you are going to have a very enjoyable trip and rest. I look forward to seeing you early in September, and please keep in touch with me while you are roaming around the country.

I am enclosing a letter to Judge Westwick of Santa Barbara.

Warmest regards to all.

As ever,

Gregory

R. James Westwick, judge in Santa Barbara, CA.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 24 June 1940

Dear Gregory:

It was a most delightful evening with you and Ingersoll and I am glad I had an opportunity to see the plant. I am very confident as to the future of PM. The idea is sound, the paper meets a definite need and therefore must be a success. It will be a great pleasure for me to cooperate by supplying the editors with materials on health and medical conditions in the country, and I am getting ready for the trip.

Many thanks for the letter to Judge Westwick. California, I have no doubt, will be my most important hunting ground.

Thanks for your telegram and letter of June 21. I have so much work to finish in these next few days that it would have been very difficult for me to come to New York on Monday.

I shall keep in touch with you and you can always reach me through the Institute.

With kind regards, I am

Yours ever,

[Henry]

Ingersoll see Z. to S. of 11 June 1940. PM see S. to Z. of 14 May 1940. "materials on health": Z. to S. of 11 June 1940.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 26 September 1940

Dear Gregory:

How are you and how is your history of psychiatry coming ? I have not forgotten you and I always hoped I would be able to call you up and see if we could not spend a few days on the farm going through your manuscript. Unfortunately I had very little time this month. We came back on September 1 after a most fascinating trip, and now I have just spent a week in Philadelphia for the Bicentennial celebration of the University. It was a good week with a four-day conference, two symposia on the history of science.

Next week I unfortunately must go to the hospital [xxxx]. I had endless trouble with my nose and throat in recent years and so I am afraid that I must [xxxx]. It is a nuisance at my age but for once I must practice [sic] preventive medicine on myself.

From October 28 to November 18 I shall be at Cornell University in Ithaca as visiting lecturer but I hope to spend a few days in New York before, and I very much hope to see you.

Don't forget the Paracelsus. I would love to have the manuscript early in January so that we can make a nice volume.

Another matter that I should like to discuss with you is this: I have just now a brilliant student in my department, a young Canadian who is graduating from the Department in the spring. His chief interests are psychiatry and sociology and he is very well trained in medical history. It occurred to me that he would be an excellent man to make some studies on the history of suicide. If funds could be secured for a fellowship, I could take him into the department for a couple of years and I am sure that he would work out some very worthwhile contribution. Let's keep the matter in mind and discuss it when we next meet.

I hope you had a good summer and that the farm is thriving.

You saw that I fulfilled my assignment for PM. I wrote 24 articles for them and it was a great pleasure to do it.

Well, so much for today. I hope to see you soon.

Yours ever,

[Henry]

„your history of psychiatry“ (Zilboorg 1941). Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania, founded in 1740. [xxxx] Protected Health Information of the Alan Mason Chesney Archive of the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions. “Paracelsus“: Z.'s contribution to (Sigerist 1941a). Articles for PM (Sigerist 1940).

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 3 October 1940

Dear Henry:

It was a great pleasure to hear from you at last. Your articles in P.M. were very successful. In the meantime - as you may have heard - P.M. sent [sic] through an internal crisis which had to do with a group of reactionaries who wanted to change, to take possession or to destroy the paper. The crisis is not entirely passed, but in a week or ten days it will be fully over and apparently resolved quite successfully. For the time being, however, some things must hang fire.

Please do let me know when you expect to be in New York and we shall plan to spend some time together. My summer was very strenuous, but not very fruitful.

About your Canadian student: I am sorry to say that the Committee for the Study of Suicide is working on its final report and is therefore in its liquidating stage. We are unable to undertake any new work now.

I miss seeing you. My warmest regards to you.

Yours cordially,
[Gregory]

Articles for PM (Sigerist 1940).

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 15 October 1940

Dear Gregory:

Next time you see Ingersoll tell him to have an eye on his Circulation Department. It seems to be so thoroughly disorganized that it almost looks as if somebody were sabotaging there. Just a few cases to show you what happens.

1) I am a charter subscriber, of course, and took an annual subscription for one year for which I paid on July 24 as soon as I had received the bill. Yesterday I got the enclosed letter which is self-explanatory. I wrote Mr. Holden a personal letter and sent him my cancelled check so that he might be able to find out where the mistake was made.

2) The Institute of the History of Medicine also took a charter subscription for one year. The payment of the bill was somewhat delayed since the bill had to go through the Treasurer's Department but it was paid in September. The mailing of the paper to the Institute was discontinued without warning, whereupon we inquired at the Treasurer's Office of the University and wrote to the Circulation Department of the paper giving them the date when

\$ 14.00 was paid by the University for a year's subscription. Yesterday the Institute got a letter identical to the one enclosed and although we have paid for a full year, we have not received the paper for several weeks.

3) One of my colleagues, Dr. Cosmo MacKenzie of the School of Hygiene, had a subscription of PM, changed his address and although we indicated a new address to the paper, he never got it. He wrote twice without any result.

4) Professor Ernest [sic] Feise of the German Department of the University also had endless trouble in getting the newspaper forwarded to him.

Please do not misunderstand me. I am not complaining but, being a warm friend of PM, I am greatly worried. Almost everybody I know in Baltimore who has subscribed to the paper has had trouble with the Circulation Department. It is perfectly obvious that a young newspaper cannot afford to make such mistakes. It makes a very bad impression and is harming the paper a great deal. I am not writing to Ingersoll directly because he must be flooded with mail but if you have a chance to talk to him about it, do.

Very many thanks for your note. I hope to see you soon. I am out of the hospital but still not feeling particularly well. I had a rather unpleasant time. I think I wrote you I was going to [xxxx] it still makes me feel rather uncomfortable, but in a week or so it should be over.

With kind regards, I am

Yours ever,
[Henry]

Ingersoll see Z. to S. of 11 June 1940. “Circulation Department“ of PM. “Institute of the History of Medicine“, “Treasurer’s Office“, and “School of Hygiene“ of the Johns Hopkins University. Cosmo G. MacKenzie, biochemist at the Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health. Ernst Feise (1884-1966) of the Hopkins’ German Department. [xxxx] Protected Health Information of the Alan Mason Chesney Archive of the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 16 October 1940

My dear Henry:

I am more than happy to hear that you are out of the woods, and needless to say, it was rather frightening to read of your experience on [xxxx] no matter how bad they are. Please let me hear from you as soon as you can, and I hope you will tell me that you are fully recovered.

As far as the P.M. business is concerned the trouble with the circulation department is not in the circulation department. I happen to be rather well informed in the matter. There has been sabotage all the way through on the part of the circulation managers of other evening newspapers, with the result that the business was handled in the best tradition of American racketeering. I understand that the actual leader was Annenberg, brother of the Annenberg just convicted in Chicago, and he, himself, is circulation manager for the New York Daily News. Not only did they prevent news dealers in New York from handling P.M., but it has been known that batches of P.M. mailed to a suburb in New York or to Albany were put into the Chicago cars, and vice versa. This is being remedied by constantly keeping up what might be called an independent distribution involving an expenditure of almost \$ 1500 a week, which expenditure hardly covers the cost of the distribution in New York itself. Unless the matter is settled soon - which looks as if it will be - they will have to make up their minds to spend almost \$ 300,000 for a good organisation of independent distribution. Ingersoll is in London; he is to be back in a few days - if he is not killed in the meantime. He flew. In the meantime I am taking the matter up with his personal assistant, and I am sure that everything possible will be done to remedy the situation as far as Baltimore is concerned.

Would you consider spending a week-end on my farm, giving your much disturbed [xxxx] a proper rest and playing with photography ? I will even turn off the radio - if it will do you any good !!

Warmest regards.

As ever,

Gregory Zilboorg

[xxxx] Protected Health Information of the Alan Mason Chesney Archive of the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions. Annenberg, possibly Walter (1906-2002) publisher, later philanthropist and diplomat, whose father was involved in a scandal. Ingersoll see Z. to S. of 11 June 1940.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 22 October 1940

Dear Gregory:

I would love to spend a week-end on the farm but this week I still have treatments every two days and next Sunday I am leaving for Ithaca where I am going to spend three weeks as visiting lecturer.

Since the train connections are very bad between Baltimore and Ithaca, I intend to travel via New York and to spend a day there. I shall, in all probability, be in New York from Sunday, October 27 around 7 p.m. to Monday, October 28 at 10:10 p.m. If you have a free moment, it would be splendid if we could meet.

I was very interested in what you wrote about PM. In the meantime I have seen that there has been a financial reorganization and I have no doubt that this will improve conditions. Who is going to succeed Helen Gwynn as medical editor ?

With kind regards, I am

Yours ever,

[Henry]

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 16 December 1940

Dear Henry:

This is a depressing and hectic winter, and thus far I found no time to come to see you - although I am very, very eager to have a visit with you.

Early in January I am to begin a course of seminars at the Philadelphia Psychoanalytic Society. I shall be going there fortnightly on Saturdays, and I wonder whether you and I could not get together some Saturday after the seminar either in Philadelphia or in Baltimore, and spend the latter part of that day and all day Sunday with each other ?

As soon as my Philadelphia schedule is definite, I shall let you know the dates.

As ever,

Gregory

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 18 December 1940

Dear Gregory:

Thanks for your letter. I am sorry and disappointed but very much hope that we shall meet in January either in Philadelphia or Baltimore.

I shall be in New York on December 26 and 27 for the meeting of the History of Science Society but I suppose that at that time you will be on the farm. I have to attend three meetings in one week in New York, Boston and Philadelphia. I shall be again in New York on January 2 when I shall be addressing the New York Society of the History of Medicine.

I hope you have not forgotten the Paracelsus. Our plans are progressing for publishing four treatises including yours on mental diseases and for giving a symposium on the subject in Atlantic City. The symposium will be on May 5 and I am counting on you. There is no hurry with the manuscripts. If I get them in March, it will be time enough.

Yours ever,

[Henry]

“Paracelsus“:Z.’s contribution to (Sigerist 1941a).

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 6 January 1941

Dear Henry:

No, I have not forgotten Paracelsus, and I have not ceased being keenly aware that I want to see you very badly. My seminars in Philadelphia begin on January 18th. Could we get together after my seminar of Saturday, February 1st? As a matter of fact, I could arrange to come to Baltimore Saturday morning and spend the day with you, then go to Philadelphia to give my seminar at 7:30 P.M., return to Baltimore late that evening and spend most or all of Sunday, February 2nd, with you.

There are a great many things I wish to talk over with you.

Warmest regards.

As ever,

Gregory

“Paracelsus“:Z.’s contribution to (Sigerist 1941a).

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 8 January 1941

Dear Gregory:

Thanks for your note of January 6. Let’s meet on February 1 and 2 by all means. God knows when we both would have another date free. Saturday evening, February 1, I must attend an official dinner but then you would be in Philadelphia anyway. I have a meeting of the Council of Learned Societies in Washington from January 30 to February 1, but shall be through on Saturday morning and can arrange to be in Baltimore on time for lunch. This will give us lunch and the whole afternoon together and then the whole Sunday of February 2.

I cannot tell you how much I am looking forward to seeing you. I also have an endless list of things I want to discuss with you.

Thanks also for your reprint on the Intellectual Immigrant. It is very interesting and very timely. I wonder if the first generation ever does get assimilated?

Yours ever,
[Henry]

The Intellectual Immigrant (Zilboorg 1940).

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 4 February 1941

Dear Henry:

I look forward to our visit and want to make it as long as possible. That it will be enjoyable I am certain. As you know, I am scheduled to lead a seminar in Philadelphia Saturday, February 15. How does the following programme strike you ?

I shall arrive in Baltimore Friday at 7.30 p.m. (I shall arrive hungry - of course), and spend the evening with you; Stay till Saturday early afternoon (4.41 p.m.) when I shall leave for Philadelphia and shall return to Baltimore Sunday at 10.41 a.m.. I shall spend the day with you, leaving for New York either late in the afternoon or on the sleeper - depending upon your convenience.

Let me know what your pleasure is.

As ever,
Gregory

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 7 February 1941

Dear Gregory:

Thanks ever so much for your good letter which brings your visit much closer. Unfortunately I shall not be in town on Friday evening. I must give a lecture in Philadelphia to the Historical Section of the College of Physicians. I shall leave Baltimore Friday afternoon and return the same night after the lecture. It really is bad luck that my lecture is not on the same night as yours, otherwise we could have gone to Philadelphia together. Still it will leave us the most of Saturday and Sunday.

I assume that you will be staying at the Belvedere. Please do call me up Saturday morning (University 5785). I do not want to call you because you may wish to have a good rest. I shall be at home until I hear from you and will call for you at the hotel as soon as you phone.

Yours ever,
[Henry]

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 19 February 1941

Dear Gregory:

It was a great joy to have you here and I am only sorry that I was so damned tired all the time. When the machine stops working she [sic] just falls to pieces and I always need a few

days to get accustomed to a life of leisure. But it was great to see you and I am looking forward to the week-end on the farm.

I am afraid I got messed up with my dates. Unfortunately I have a two-day meeting of the Council of Learned Societies on April 19-20. The date had just been set and I had not entered it in my book yet. I very much hope that we may have another week-end. In April and May I shall be free on April 11 to 13 and May 16 to 18.

Thanks ever so much for the reference to statistics on suicide. They will be most useful.

With all good wishes, I am

Yours ever,

[Henry]

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 25 February 1941

Dear Henry:

There is nothing I look forward to so much as a week-end with you on the farm.

Do come on the 11th of April. That week-end is now set down as belonging to you, and there will be everything from food to photography.

Warmest regards,

Gregory

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 28 February 1941

Dear Gregory:

Splendid. April 11 suits me fine. I am keeping the date and I hope nothing will interfere.

I just began reading the dream book and find it extremely interesting.

Yours ever,

[Henry]

Dream book see S. to Z. of 20 March 1941.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 6 March 1941

Dear Gregory:

I am terribly sorry but there is a conflict again. I have been invited by the Chancellor of Washington University in St. Louis to be the principal speaker at the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the foundation of the School of Dentistry and this is the kind of respectable invitation that I cannot refuse. Unfortunately it is on April 10 so that much to my regret and deep disappointment I will not be able to spend that week-end with you.

Shall we keep the week-end of May 16-18 open ? I sincerely hope that nothing will interfere [sic]. I shall not leave town before the middle of June so that I could come in the early June but this seems so very far off that I should prefer to come in May.

With all good wishes,
Yours ever,
[Henry]

S.'s visit in St.Louis resulted in (Sigerist 1941c).

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 11 March 1941

Dear Henry:

Now, will you keep that week-end of May 16-18 one and indivisible ?

I understand very well how difficult it is to get out from under the avalanche of things to do - so I set aside this week-end - and wait !

In the meantime I shall see you in Atlantic City.

As ever,
Gregory

Atlantic City: Annual meeting of the American Association of the History of Medicine.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 20 March 1941

Dear Gregory:

Thanks for your note and let's hope that nothing will interfere [sic] this time.

In the meantime I have read the Treatise on Dreams and found it extremely interesting. It must be published and the question is how. For the Bulletin I am afraid it is too long. In the past I have published papers of that length but now I have so much material that I must reserve the space for shorter papers that have no other means of reaching the public. You will still find some rather long ones in the next few numbers of the Bulletin but these are manuscripts that I had accepted a long time ago and that I must get out. For the last few months, however, I have refused all long papers since I can no longer print more than 1,200 pages a year.

I think the Treatise on Dreams would make a very attractive book. The Institute is publishing a series of Texts and Documents. It is the series in which the Paracelsus volume will come out. I think this would be the most appropriate place for the Treatise. The only difficulty is that while we have money for the Bulletin, we have no special funds for the other publications and have to finance them specially from case to case. I have set aside some money for the Paracelsus volume but that about exhausts our resources for the year.

My rough estimate is that the Treatise on Dreams would cost about \$ 500.00 all in all and the money should come back through sales after a few years. If you think you could find the \$

500, we could go ahead without delay. It would be good, however, if you could write an introductory essay on the man and his book.

I am sure this would make a very attractive volume that would sell enough to cover the costs, particularly if the volume is part of a series. I also consider the possibility of adding the Italian text. If we lived in Germany, we could have an excellent facsimile made for little money but this kind of work is outrageously expensive here and besides I do not think that many people would read the book in the Italian original.

Let me know what you think in the matter.

Yours ever,
[Henry]

Treatise on Dreams (Trattato de sogni); there are several Italian titles from the 14th to the 19th century, however, neither the one S. is referring to nor its English translation are identified. “Bulletin“ of the History of Medicine.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 27 March 1941

Dear Henry:

I am on my way to Chicago and Topeka and upon my return I shall be able to give some thought to the *Treatise on Dreams*.

In the meantime, the following two items:

(1) Don't forget the weekend - I am looking forward to it as if to a great long holiday; (2) The Paracelsus manuscript (the text) is ready and it will be typed in its final form shortly. As I understand it, you wish me to write an introduction, a brief summary of which I am to present in the form of a paper at Atlantic City. Very good. Do you want a special title for the paper? Since I am not going to be back before April 7th, and if that date is too late to submit a title, choose any one you wish to your own liking.

My warmest regards,
As ever,
Gregory

Treatise on Dreams see S. to Z. of 20 March 1941. Paracelsus manuscript: Z.'s contribution to (Sigerist 1941a).

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 31 March 1941

Dear Henry:

You will remember our conversation about the Centenary of the American Psychiatric Association in 1944. A committee of three people has been appointed by the American Psychiatric Association, consisting of the incoming president, the president-elect and myself. The purpose of this committee is to get in touch with the American Association for the History of Medicine to investigate and discuss the matter of a commemorative volume.

I am writing all this to you in advance before leaving for a short trip to the Middle West, and I hope you will have time to think about the matter before I come back. The point is that our committee might discuss some details so that I might be ready to present them more concretely to you before or at the Atlantic City meeting. This will make it possible to have a similar committee appointed at Atlantic City and start the thing going.

I might tell you confidentially, because there is nothing official about it yet, that I have already discussed this question with a friend of mine who will probably put up a good part or all of the money necessary to produce the first edition, a point which pleases me no end, as you can imagine, and which will probably please you.

I shall get in touch with you as soon as I am back at my desk, and in the meantime write to me if you have any ideas.

As ever,

Yours,

Gregory

Commemorative volume (Hall 1944).

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 10 April 1941

Dear Henry:

Around ten days ago I wrote to you about the special committee which was appointed by the American Psychiatric Association, in connection with the Centenary of 1944. After writing you I left for a short lecture trip, and I am back now.

Since it isn't like you not to answer such letters almost at once, I am concerned. Perhaps the letter went astray. I am enclosing a copy of it and would like to hear from you. I am to start making practical plans and couldn't, of course, undertake anything without first obtaining your opinion as to what the procedure should be.

With warmest regards,

As ever,

Gregory

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 14 April 1941

Dear Gregory:

I was in the Middle West last week. I had to attend a meeting in St. Louis and to give a few lectures at the University and this is why I did not answer your letter sooner.

I think the best way to proceed would be if your Committee would send an official letter to Dr. Esmond R. Long, president of the American Association of the History of Medicine (Henry Phipps Institute, 7th & Lombard Streets, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania). The project will then come up at the Council Meeting on May 4 and will be discussed and, in all probability, will be turned over to our Committee on Research in the History of American Medicine of which Professor Shryock is chairman. The Committee will then appoint a sub-committee, of

which you should be chairman, to carry out the project. I think this would be the most logical procedure.

If I remember correctly, you will not be able to attend the Council Meeting on May 4 which is a great pity, but if you give me instruction I will speak in your name.

Do not miss Lillian Hellman's new play. It is simply superb. It was given here for a whole week before it came to New York and was a tremendous success. Lillian Hellman is growing from play to play and I have a great admiration for her.

Yours ever,

[Henry]

Esmond R. Long (1890-1979) pathologist and medical historian. Richard H. Shryock (1893-1972) medical historian, S.'s successor at Hopkins in 1949. Lillian Hellman (1905-1984 playwright; the 1941 play in question was *Watch on the Rhine* or *The Little Foxes*.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 15 April 1941

Dear Henry:

Thank you for your letter. I too was in the Middle West and am just back. It is warm already and I wish it were the middle of May when we will spend our weekend. I am very sorry that I will be unable to attend the meeting of the Council on Sunday, May 4th, because I am to be at the opening session of the American Psychoanalytic Association then, but I expect to be in Atlantic City Monday morning and to stay there until late in the evening at which time it will be necessary for me to return to Richmond.

Dr. Ruggles or Dr. J. K. Hall or myself will write to Dr. Long very soon and I will appreciate it if you drop him a note telling him what to expect. Needless to say you may speak in my name. You were the first with whom I discussed the plan in detail, and since you and I will have more to do with carrying it out than any one else it is natural that you present the matter to the Council.

Yes, Hellman's play is very good. I read it in manuscript and was very much impressed with it.

As ever,

Yours,

G

"Council" of the American Association of the History of Medicine (AAHM). Drs. Ruggles and Hall, president and president-elect of the American Psychiatric Association, see Z. to S. of 31 March 1941. Arthur H Ruggles (born 1881) psychiatrist. J. K. Hall, psychiatrist in Richmond, VA, editor of *100 Years of American Psychiatry* (Hall 1944). Long and Hellman see S. to Z. of 15 April 1941.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 24 April 1941

Dear Henry,

About that Committee - I am in full agreement with you. Albert Deutsch is a very good person and in addition he and I are good friends, which always makes it easier to work. Your suggestion about Shryock is also excellent, but as long as he is Chairman of the Committee on Research and in as much as our Committee will be a sort of subcommittee, Shryock will be a member of it ex-officio. The Committee should be kept small, and these two small committees (six or seven altogether) will naturally be a rather compact group. I visualize the Committee then to be appointed in Atlantic City as follows: you, Deutsch, myself and Shryock (ex-officio).

I shall arrive in Atlantic City Monday morning or Sunday night around 10 p.m.. I shall have to leave you Monday night to rejoin the meeting at Richmond.

Do not forget our weekend on the farm. I wonder whether you could make yourself free Friday so that we could spend an extra evening together.

As ever,

Gregory

“Committee“: Sub-committee (see S. to Z. of 14 April 1941) for the commemorative volume on 100 years American Psychiatric Association. Albert Deutsch (1905-1961) historian, contributor to (Hall 1944). Shryock see S. to Z. of 14 April 1941.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 4 June 1941

Dear Gregory:

I am back from Colorado and I just received your letter of June 3. Yes, I think we should come together soon to discuss the various plans and I would like to suggest that you and Miss Stone come this Saturday, June 7. Next Saturday, June 14 I will be in New Haven for the formal opening of the new Medical Library.

I had had some correspondence with Shryock and weeks ago he promised to appoint the Committee as I had suggested it but he is the slowest individual you can find. However, we can consider ourselves appointed since this is a mere formality.

I very much hope you both can come this week. The sooner we get together, the better.

Yours ever,

[Henry]

Z.'s letter is missing. Margeret Stone, Z.'s collaborator. Opening of the Historical Library of the Yale Medical Library (with building) which combined the libraries of Cushing and Fulton and was enlarged in 1946 by the library of Arnold C. Klebs. Shryock and Committee see S. to Z. of 14 April 1941.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 5 June 1941

My dear Henry:

Head over heels in my book it was impossible for me to make any arrangements to come to Baltimore this Saturday. Since you are busy the fourteenth the thing to do would be to postpone our meeting until June twenty-first. I do hope this date will prove convenient for you. Say yes. On the other hand should you prove busy on that day we might arrange to meet Friday the thirteenth (what a date !). We might spend the evening at the farm and next day you could take a train from Stamford to New Haven - a short run of a little less than one hour.

Warmest regards.

Yours as ever,
Gregory

“my book“ (Zilboorg 1941).

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 6 June 1941

Dear Gregory:

I am sorry you cannot come tomorrow but I, of course, understand it. Let's make it June 21, the date suits me perfectly and I am looking forward with greatest pleasure to seeing you both here.

Yours ever,
[Henry]

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 10 June 1941

Dear Henry:

Several weeks ago when we were discussing your book, the “Economics of Medicine“, I mentioned to you the name of Fort, but I was unable at that time to give you the more correct reference. Here it is: George F. Fort, “Medical Economy during the Middle Ages“, New York 1883. I hope you find it helpful.

With warmest regards.

As ever,
Gregory

“your book“: S. at that time planned a book *Economics of Medicine*; what materialized was a chapter *Disease and Economics* in (Sigerist 1943a). George F. Fort (1809-1872) physician and politician.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 19 June 1941

Dear Henry:

Arriving Pennsylvania Station from Washington at 10:42 Standard Time and shall proceed directly to the Institute unless you notify me of some other arrangements. We plan to take the 3:45 P.M. train back to New York.

Hurriedly, but as ever,

Yours,

G

“we“: Z. and Margaret Stone (see S. to Z. of 4 June 1941.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 24 June 1941

Dear Henry:

Need I tell you how very happy I was about our visit with you last Saturday. Little did we know that afternoon that before the night was over the counter-revolution would hurl itself on Russia. I hope that this is the end of Hitler. To me the invasion of Russia has the added weight of emotional memories of the past (I saw them there in 1918) and it makes me very sad.

I was much impressed with your catalogue of portraits which I forgot till last Saturday, and I wonder whether I might not call on your good offices if and when I need one or two portraits for the book. I have a number in my files but I might need a good one of Vives, for instance.

Is there going to be anybody there in July or August in case I want to look up a portrait ?

Warmest regards.

As ever yours,

Gregory

“counter-revolution“: German invasion of the Soviet Union June 1941. Hitler see Z. to S. of 31 March 1938. “the book“ (Zilboorg 1941). Juan Luis Vives (1493-1540) Spanish humanist and author on the mentally diseased.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 15 July 1941

Dear Henry:

I am working day and night in getting the manuscript of the History of Medical Psychology off to press. In another few days it will all be over and then I shall get in touch with you.

I can very well understand all the feelings which overcame you after Ingersoll’s visit. As a matter of fact I suspected that this would upset you considerably but thought of no one who

could be more useful in the matter than you, and therefore I insisted that before he left he have a talk with you.

No, my dear friend, you are not senile, you are not failing. Both you and I are splinters of a civilization - splinters which have not lost their receptivity. The cauldron of life is boiling too hard for us to stay unaware of it.

As soon as the manuscript is finished I will grab the Paracelsus, hop into an automobile, and arrive at your doorstep. I shall telegraph in advance, of course.

My warmest regards.

As ever,

Gregory

Going to Rio de Janeiro.

History of Medical Psychology (Zilboorg 1941). Ingersoll see Z. to S. of 11 June 1940. “Paracelsus“: Z.’s contribution to (Sigerist 1941a).

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Bolton Landing, NY, 19 July 1941

Dear Gregory.

Many thanks for your letter of July 15. Bring your manuscript as soon as you can because in about a weeks [sic] time I will have all material of the Paracelsus volume ready for the press.

I was delighted to hear that your other book, the real one, is progressing so beautifully and that you will be rid of it soon.

Looking forward to seeing you, I am

Yours ever,

[Henry]

“your manuscript“: Z.’s contribution to the Paracelsus volume (Sigerist 1941a). “your other book“ (Zilboorg 1941).

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Bolton Landing, NY, 4 August 1941

Dear Gregory,

I hate to bother you, but I must tell you that the Paracelsus manuscript is now ready for the press, to the last comma. The sole item missing is your contribution.

I sympathize with you because I have been in such jams myself more than once, but it would be a great help, if you could let me know, when I may expect your manuscript. I would hate to go to print without you.

With all good wishes from a harassed editor to his much esteemed author, I am

Yours ever
[Henry]

“Paracelsus manuscript (Sigerist 1941a). “your contribution“ to the Paracelsus manuscript.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 7 August 1941 (Telegram)

I DONT BLAME YOU FOR BEING HARRASSED [sic] THE MANUSCRIPT WILL LEAVE HERE COMPLETE AND EDITED THURSDAY MORNING AUGUST 14TH EXPECT TO VISIT YOU SATURDAY THE 16TH AS EVER
GREGORY

Sent to S.’s vacation place Bolton Landing, NY. “Manuscript“ of Z.’s contribution“ to the Paracelsus volume
(Sigerist 1941a).

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 8 August 1941

Dear Henry:

If it were not for the satisfaction I feel at having finished my book only about a week ago, I would feel even much worse than I do now because I delayed you with the Paracelsus. The point was that it was impossible to have it typed properly and gone over carefully until now because everybody in my office worked days and nights on the book. On several occasions the girls and I had to take benzedrine so as to be able to keep on going without plainly collapsing. The manuscript of Paracelsus is now being typed and as I wired you it will leave here Thursday. I shall follow it Friday evening or Saturday morning for a visit with you. If you have a chance, drop me a note giving me some hint as to how to get there and where I could sleep. If everything proves convenient I might not leave until Monday morning because the Sunday traffic will make the trip very difficult. Moreover, we have a number of things to talk of. There is the Committee on the History of Psychiatry. Both committees are fully organized now and we must start. There is the question of the Pan American Congress. Did I write you or did I tell you that I am sailing for Rio de Janeiro on September 13th. I am to see the Brazilian Minister of Foreign Affairs as well as the Minister of Education, and through them all those who are interested in the history of medicine and sciences and you would be helpful.

Again, please forgive me for having been so deficient. I hope I didn’t hold up the job too much.

As ever yours,

Gregory

Letter sent to Bolton Landing, NY. “my book“ (Zilboorg 1941). “the Paracelsus“: Z.’s contribution to (Sigerist 1941a). Benzedrine = amphetamine. “to get there“ to Bolton Landing. “the job“ of printing (Sigerist 1941a).

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 25 August 1941

Dear Henry:

It was good to see you and naturally I left saddened by the fact that you did not feel well. I wish so much that you and I could have gone off somewhere for a few days. I, for one, feel sufficiently weary to, as I am going to, “disappear“ for about a week, doing nothing but reading proofs for my history. I hope that before then I will have the proofs of the Paracelsus. And by the way, the more I think of my book the more disappointed and unhappy I feel. I think the reverse of your plan should have been adopted from the very beginning. I should have first written a six-volume history of medical psychology and then prepared a one-volume abridged edition for that part of posterity whose intellectual stomachs are delicate and need to be spoon-fed. As is I feel that I spent a lot of time and energy on something immature, for which it is difficult to feel anything more despite the fanfare of approbation.

The news from Russia, while it sounds ominous, does not really appear to me very bad. After all, this is war and wars cannot go on, particularly nowadays, without frightful destruction. I wonder whether you and I will live long enough to see the end of this war.

Now about lighter matters. I have investigated personally and here are my suggestions to Nora and Erica: They go to Glen Falls; from there to Hudson Falls; and from there to Houssic Falls; and this is the end of all falls. At Houssic Falls they pick up Route 22 and do not leave it until they reach Bedford, New York. I made it all in five hours. Upon arrival in Bedford they should telephone to Bedford Village 323 and within a few minutes they will be met by a pilot who will lead them to the farm. Now I suggest that Nora and Erica drop us a line to tell us exactly when they leave so that we will be on the lookout for them.

Please drop me a note and let me know how you are. I want to thank you again for your hospitality. Any chance of seeing you somewhere, somehow, before I sail on the thirteenth ?

As ever,

Gregory

You will reserve a package. I found an extra changing bag and a couple of old [...] which I am sure you could use.

G.

“my history“ (Zilboorg 1941). “the Paracelsus“: Z.’s contribution to (Sigerist 1941a). “news from Russia“ at the beginning of the German invasion. Nora and Erica: S.’s daughters; their itinerary from Bolton Landing in the Adirondacks to Z.’s farm.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Bolton Landing, NY, 27 August 1941

Dear Gregory,

Many thanks for your letter of August 25. I have been much better in the last few days, which I attribute chiefly to the improved weather, but in the meantime I have made my reservation in Saratoga Springs and an appointment with a physician and I am looking forward to having three weeks there in peace and retirement.

Don't be a fool with your book. You have done the best that could be done. If you had started with a six volume plan you would not have written anything. Now you have written a survey that will be extremely stimulating and useful to many people and which at the same time is an outline and program for your future work. But I was really serious with a suggestion of a six volume book, and I would advise you, when you are on the boat to outline the program for it. Such a book would be a regular monument and would be the standard work for a century or two. You will need 12 – 15 years for it. The beginning will be more difficult for it than the end, so that you must allow more time for the first few volumes.

If you were satisfied with what you have written now it would be a very bad symptom. I have never been satisfied with anything I have ever written. This is perfectly normal and the way it should be. When we have completed a piece of work then only are we fully aware of the difficulties, but the others are not, and what we give them is always more than they had before.

I very much hope to get your Paracelsus book in time. The difficulty is that before the printer can begin with the type I must have an estimate of costs to prevent any disagreeable surprise at the end. [I] have not received the estimate yet, but expect it at any time and I will see to it, that your section is set in type first. I have checked a number of passages in your translation and found it perfectly adequate, and very fluent. I am returning the book by Railway Express, since you may need it when you read the proofs. I am very pleased with the whole volume. I think it gives a splendid picture of Paracelsus.

The children are looking forward to their drive with great pleasure and they will write directly.

I am leaving here on September second, but I will be in touch with you before you sail. It was a great pleasure having you here the other day. Unfortunately the picture of our miracular catch turned out perfectly blank. The synchronization had not worked and I found out afterwards that the batteries were almost empty. I had forgotten that they were a year old.

With all good wishes I am,
yours ever,
[Henry]

“your book“ (Zilboorg 1941). S.’s advice for a multi-volume work anticipates his own experiences of 1947-1957. “your Paracelsus“: Z.’s contribution to (Sigerist 1941a). “their drive“ see Z. to S. of 25. August 1941. “before you sail“ to Rio de Janeiro.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Saratoga Springs, NY, between 4 and 7 September 1941

Dear Gregory,

At long last I got an estimate for the Paracelsus volume. The man who makes them at the Press was on his vacations; hence the delay. The whole book will cost less than 1000 dollars so that we can swing it, counting that about one half of the costs will come back. In the format of the Bulletin the book would have about 255 pages. I think however, that the book would not look attractive and I asked for a new estimate for a smaller format.

I am afraid that under the circumstances we will not have proofs ready before you sail and since I am anxious to make this book a good job, I cannot rush it. I therefore would like to suggest the following procedure: Instruct your secretaries to read the galley proofs carefully in your absence. When you return in October you will find page proofs waiting for you on which you still could make minor changes. Your manuscript is so good that there will not be major changes anyway. Thus we could issue the volume in November which after all, is early enough. Let me know whether you approve of this plan.

I started my treatment a few days ago and find it simply perfect. Every morning I have a one hour's massage, then a bath in Saratoga water, after which I rest for 45 minutes. After lunch I sleep for one to two hours, then I take a walk of one or two hours. At 10 I go to bed. I am on strict diet and have already lost several pounds. After the carbon dioxide baths my blood pressure goes down considerably. For the first time in many years I feel that I am actually relaxing.

I hope you will also have a good rest on the boat and I shall be anxious to hear of your experiences in Brazil.

With all good wishes I am

Yours ever

[Henry]

Paracelsus volume (Sigerist 1941a). "the Press": Johns Hopkins University Press. "Bulletin" of the History of Medicine. "your manuscript": Z.'s contribution to (Sigerist 1941a).

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 8 September 1941

Dear Henry:

Good. It is wonderful that you already feel relaxed and apparently out of the mire of draggy fatigue which in people like you and me produces not a desire to sleep but the need to go on and on. I must confess I envy you only for the results of your regime; the regime

itself - well, apparently I am not relaxed enough yet to appreciate it. The page proofs of my book have begun to come in. When and if I come back, the book will be ready for the usual ballyhoo.

Your plan for the Paracelsus is very good. I too feel that a smaller format would be more appropriate. Incidentally, could I get a set of page proofs so that I could have them bound separately from the rest of the book, together with other things of my own pen ?

I am sailing Saturday the thirteenth with rather a heavy heart. I would rather be on the outskirts of Leningrad. I know them well and I once fought there against the cossacks of General Chabilov [sic], the military governor of the City who finally gave up before the onslaught of the workers of the Obuchow and Putilov plants. As matters stand now, the American boat taking me to Brazil might be properly torpedoed by the time we are off Pernambuco and it would be a bit useless to go under the waters of the Western Hemisphere without my firing a shot. Should this happen, you and Miss Stone would be able to attend to the very few posthumous notes and my sense of uselessness would thus be corroborated by the little that will be left behind. The bloody vistas which reign over the horizon of our generation appear to me more as indictment than threat, and the smallness of all those who are content to remain vociferous onlookers is nauseating. I am taking a little work with me on my trip - sort of to satisfy myself that I shall be doing something - sort of a pale edition of remaining with one's boots on to the last.

The schedule calls for my return on October 20th. Please write me and tell me about your commitments for November. We shall have to meet as soon as possible to discuss the plans for the 100 years of American Psychiatry.

As ever,

Gregory

“my book“ (Zilboorg 1941). “the Paracelsus“:Z.’s contribution to (Sigerist 1941a). Leningrad (St. Petersburg) at the beginning of the German siege. General Khabalov 1917, under the Tsar’s orders. Pernambuco: Coastal state of Brazil. Margaret Stone see S, to Z. of 4 June 1941.

Zilboorg’s assistant to Sigerist, New York, 10 September 1941

Dear Dr. Sigerist:

Dr. Zilboorg is sending you this morning the two Lytton Strachey collections about which he spoke to you some time ago: Portraits in Miniature and Characters and Commentaries. He thought you would like to read them now while you are “resting“ - the Portraits in Miniature to be recommended particularly as it contains some historical material.

Dr. Zilboorg has just received an album put out by Columbia, The songs of the Red Army of the U.S.S.R., which he thought you would like to know about and hear.

I should like to add - all for myself - that I hope you are enjoying your respite.

Sincerely

Margaret Stone

Lytton Strachey (1880-1932) British writer and biographer; his collection at the University of Texas. Columbia: Record label.

Sigerist's assistant to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 24 October 1941

Dear Dr. Zilboorg:

I am sending enclosed the manuscript and two sets of galleys of your contribution to the Paracelsus volume.

Will you please return the manuscript and one set of corrected galleys at your earliest convenience ?

With best wishes, I am

[Genevieve Miller]

Research Secretary

Zilboorg's secretary to Sigerist's assistant, New York, 30 October 1941

Dear Miss Miller,

Dr. Zilboorg has asked me to send you the enclosed manuscript and corrected set of galleys of the Paracelsus treatise.

Yours sincerely

Suzette Watson

Secretary

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 17 November 1941

Dear Henry:

It is a pity I was unable to come to the meeting tonight at the Manhattan House. I have an important engagement at the Academy of Medicine.

The Committee on the History of Psychiatry of the American Psychiatric Association is going to have its first meeting on November 22nd. A report to the Council of the American Psychiatric Association is expected on December 20th. I am very eager to have our subcommittee meet as soon after November 22nd as possible. Should it be possible for you to come yourself to this meeting it would be really wonderful. We plan to meet Saturday morning on my farm, and "meet" the whole day. Could you make it ? Do let me know. There is a train leaving the Pennsylvania Station on the 22nd at 11:00 A.M., arriving Stamford at 11:49. I would meet that train.

In the meantime I shall be very grateful indeed if you do this for me: could you get a rough estimate of what a volume of 500 pages with , say, sixteen or thirty-two illustrations would cost ? I need the approximate figure. My plan as you know is to have the volume published and distributed by the Johns Hopkins Press; a certain number of copies may have to be printed on special paper or perhaps bound differently for the officers and past presidents.

I met Shryock the other day. I liked him very much.

Incidentally, could I get some stationary of the Association for the History of Medicine to use when writing in my capacity as Chairman of the Subcommittee ? Did you write George Sarton about our Pan-American plans ? Do you want me to do anything more about it ? I wrote to the Brazilian colleagues and to Oswaldo Aranha, and so did Miguel Ozorio [sic]. The latter is now in Havana. He will be back on December 2nd. We must get together. You ought to know that he is a very good man and that you, he and I have certain specific things in common.

As always, yours

Gregory

New York “Academy of Medicine“. “subcommittee“ of the two associations. Pennsylvania Station in New York. “the volume“ on 100 years of American Psychiatric Association. Shryock and Sarton see S. to Z. of 14 April 1941 and 20 December 1935, respectively. Pan-American plans see Z. to S. of 8 August 1941. Oswaldo Aranha (18894-1960) Brazilian politician. Miguel Osorio de Almeida (1890-1952) Brazilian physician and scientist.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 2 December 1941

Dear Henry:

I am enclosing a copy of the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee on the History of Psychiatry of the American Psychiatric Association. It was held on November 22. Our little committee must meet now as soon as possible because I must submit my report to the Council which meets on December 20 in New York. I wonder whether we could not get together in Philadelphia with Shryock any evening except Friday between now and the fifteenth of the month. Please communicate with Shryock and let me know and I shall bring Albert Deutsch with me. Sorry to press you, but time is rather short and the Council is eager to know of your decisions and recommendations on the afternoon of the twentieth.

As ever,

Gregory

“our little committee“: Subcommittee, see Z. to S. of 17 November 1941. Shryock see S. to Z. of 14 April 1941. Albert Deutsch see Z. to S. of 24 April 1941.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 8 December 1941

Dear Gregory:

Thanks for your letter of December 2 and the minutes of your Committee meeting. This week I have a terrific jam and could not possibly go to Philadelphia but I wrote Shryock that I could make it on Tuesday, December 16 if this is not too late for you. I could come in the late afternoon and we could have a good dinner plus a good dinner meeting all together.

Thanks for your two reprints which I read with great interest. I often wonder whether the present situation is so very different from events in the past. At the time of the Reformation you also had wars that were not only wars between nations but always included a civil war element with fifth columnists and Quislings, and it was similar to a certain extent in the

French Revolutionary wars and the Napoleonic wars when there were French émigrés in every country. In other words, whenever in history two social and economic systems were struggling with each other, they overshadowed the purely nationalistic or imperialistic issue and I think there are many parallels to the present situation.

I think I never thanked you officially for sending me a copy of your book. I have read large sections of it with great pleasure and we discussed it in one of our seminars. I wished I had read the first chapters on the ancient period. A few mistakes have crept in that spoil the picture somewhat and could have been avoided easily. Nobody will notice them, of course, except the few specialists and I am delighted to see that your book has such an excellent press.

Looking forward to seeing you soon, I am

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

Shryock see S. to Z. of 14 April 1941. “two reprints“ not identified. Fifth columnists = Quislings = traitors. “your book“ (Zilboorg 1941).

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 29 December 1941

Dear Henry:

I feel as if I had not seen you for many months. Our brief meeting in Philadelphia did not give us enough time for a good talk. You seemed a bit abstracted. You looked so much better than last summer, but I got the impression that you were not altogether present and I regretted it, for during these years you have become for me the source of inexhaustible enthusiasm and serenity. I must confess I was concerned and wondered whether you would have some time soon in New York or Baltimore for us to get together, chat, drink, eat, and chat again.

The Russian Relief here is taking shape and we are planning to have a big dinner and we hope to make it a real success, not only a big, usual dinner with fruit cups, jokes, and the formal boredom.

You will hear from Austin Davies, who is the executive secretary of the Psychiatric Association. Please steer him in the right direction. We want to buy paper for the book as soon as possible and Davies will be in charge of buying it.

I hope we shall hear from Erica when she returns from the holidays to New York.

My warmest wishes to you for the coming year.

As always,

Gregory

Russian (War) Relief: With the Russians fighting against the Germans, and particularly since the U.S. was drawn into WWII (Pearl Harbor, December 1941) the Soviet Union became America’s ally. “paper for the book“: Volume on the American Psychiatric Association. Erica Sigerist.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 6 January 1942

Dear Gregory:

Thanks for your letter of December 29. I am including [sic] the carbon of a letter I wrote to Mr. Davies. As you will see from it, we cannot purchase the paper bevor the Press has officially accepted the publication of the book. I have made a formal application and the matter will come up at the next board meeting of the Press. I have no doubt that the book will be accepted but we have to wait until the meeting has taken place. Our meeting in Philadelphia was very pleasant as far as food and atmosphere was concerned but I am afraid we did not get very far. The chief reason was that the meeting was not well enough prepared. You must work out a plan of the book in every detail and this plan of yours - of which every member should have a copy in advance - will serve as a basis for discussion. It has always been my experience with endless committees that you never get any result unless things have been well organized in advance.

I am afraid I will not be able to come to New York in the near future. I have been out of town a great deal and would like to catch up with my work. Why don't you come and spend a week-end in Baltimore? Marconi is still functioning and I am sure that the two of us together could settle the matter of the volume in no time. In the next few weeks I have every week-end free with exception of January 31 when I shall be in Philadelphia for the Council of Learned Societies.

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

Davies see S. to Z. of 8 December 1941. "the Press": Johns Hopkins University Press. "the book": Volume on the American Psychiatric Association. Marconi: Restaurant in Baltimore.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 13 January 1942

Dear Henry:

The Paracelsus volume looks very good indeed. It is fun to have it and despite what is commonly called "unsettled conditions" I think it will serve a very useful purpose.

As to our Philadelphia meeting, I looked upon it as an exploratory getting together, knowing all too well that it would be impossible to work out any definite plan at once.

A weekend in Baltimore sounds very attractive. There is the question of the volume, there is Marconi, and there are sundry matters which I would like to discuss with you. How about the last weekend in January. I could come Saturday morning, or even Friday night, and take a train back some time Sunday. Let me know.

As ever yours,

Gregory

Paracelsus volume (Sigerist 1941a). "the volume" on the American Psychiatric Association (Hall 1944). Marconi: Restaurant in Baltimore.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 16 January 1942

Dear Gregory:

I am very glad you liked the idea of a week-end in Baltimore. I am sure we could accomplish a lot of useful things. Unfortunately I just notice that there was a mistake in my last letter. The only week-end I have not free in the near future is the one at the end of January. The meeting of the Council of Learned Societies is in Philadelphia on January

30-31 and on the evening of January 31, I am talking at a meeting of Russian War Relief in Philadelphia. The week-ends I have free so far are:

January 23-25

February 6-8

February 13-15

I very much hope you can make it, the sooner the better.

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

Russian War Relief see Z. to S. of 29 December 1941.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 19 January 1942

Dear Henry:

I hasten to choose the first weekend I can come to Baltimore, February 6 – 8. All right ? I shall plan to come Saturday morning. However, if by chance you are free Friday night, I might suggest that you and I have later dinner and I would come to Baltimore Friday around nine p.m.

Let me know as soon as you can what you prefer.

As ever,

Gregory

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 20 January 1942

Dear Gregory:

February 6 – 8 suits me perfectly. I am free on Friday evening. Come then by all means. I have discovered a delightful Chinese restaurant that would be the right place for a late dinner.

Looking forward to seeing you soon, I am

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 22 January 1942

Dear Henry:

I shall leave New York at 5:30 on Friday, February 6th, arriving in Baltimore at 8:37. We shall have a late dinner and also spend Saturday together. I should leave Baltimore Sunday morning to visit an old friend near Philadelphia. He has been ailing of late and as he is nearly eighty years old, I may lose him soon and would like to see him again before the end comes.

As ever yours,

Gregory

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 26 January 1942

Dear Gregory:

Splendid. Unless I hear from you, you will find me Friday, February 6 at 8:37 p.m. at the Station.

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 2 February 1942

Dear Henry:

Shall arrive as planned at 8:37 p.m. Friday and we shall eat. Spend the night at the Lord Baltimore, spend Saturday and Saturday night in Baltimore and leave Sunday rather early in the morning.

As ever,

G

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 10 February 1942

Dear Henry:

Neither the rain, nor the snobbishness of the Baltimore taxi companies, was able to interfere with my great enjoyment of our visit. The tea kept me alive in more than one respect. I came back with a greater sense of security about the centenary volume, and I am very grateful to you.

There is a way of replenishing the DK 20 so that it lasts much longer and works more efficiently. The data sheets will reach me in a few days and I shall send you one of them as soon as I have it.

Warmest regards.

As ever,

Gregory

Memento March 20 !

“centenary volume“ on the American Psychiatric Association. DK 20: A photographic product.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 12 February 1942

Dear Gregory:

Thanks for your note. It was awfully good to have you here and I enjoyed the day very much indeed. I have made a note about March 20. My Paterson engagement seems to be off so that I would be free Friday already. March 19 I shall be in Connecticut at Connecticut College but will come to New York early Friday morning.

I am including [sic] the films and the tank is being mailed under separate cover.

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

Paterson, NJ ?

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 20 February 1942

Dear Henry:

I was very happy to hear that you will be free Friday morning, March 20th. Why don't you come directly to my office for a visit and luncheon, and I shall arrange my day in such a way that we might start out for the country as early in the afternoon as possible and make just a good long weekend of it. We might revise photography and perhaps everything else.

As ever,

Gregory

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 26 February 1942

Dear Henry:

You will remember that we spoke last time about book designers, and that you felt the need of knowing a good one. I have made inquiries and learned that the foremost authority and specialist on this is Bruce Rogers, R.F.D. # 3, Danbury, Connecticut, and I hasten to give you his name because you might want to keep him in mind for future references.

I am making further inquiries and am now moved by the ambition of having a real authority design the book for us.

Will you do me a favor ? Please send me that book that you and I liked so much. I want to look at it for a few days and then return it to you. I have in mind the Leland (?) book.

I am thinking of and looking forward to our weekend in March.

As ever,

G

Bruce Rogers (1870-1957) typographer and book designer. “design the book“ on the American Psychiatric Association. George Adams Leland (1850-1924) physician. Leland book (Farlow 1924).

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 27 February 1942

Dear Gregory:

Thanks for your letters of February 20 and 26. We had a meeting of the Committee of the Johns Hopkins Press yesterday and the question of the volume came up. The Press, of course, is perfectly willing to publish the book but before taking a final decision would like to have the table of contents of the book - that is, a list of the articles that will be submitted and of the authors who have accepted to contribute.

Between you and me, I can tell you that I was furious. I had expected that the Press would accept the book, sponsored by two national associations, unseen. President Bowman, the President of the University, is chairman of the Press Committee and it was he who insisted that in times of war the Press should not accept a book without knowing exactly who the authors were. I should think the fact that two national associations are endorsing the book should be sufficient guarantee to the Press and my first impulse was to tell them to go to hell.

I have not the slightest doubt that the Press will accept the book and will be glad to publish it once they see the list of the authors but I wonder if we should not teach them a lesson and approach the Banta Publishing Company that has produced the Leland Festschrift so beautifully. As far as typography is concerned, the Banta Company would probably make a better job particularly if the book is designed by Bruce Rogers. The fussy old maids of the Hopkins Press make me just wild.

Think the matter over and let me know what your opinion is. I am sending you the Leland Festschrift enclosed.

I am leaving for a short trip to Atlanta tonight where I have to address the Hopkins Alumni. Next week I shall be for two days in Ohio but I have not forgotten our week-end and you can count on me.

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

“the volume“ on the American Psychiatric Association. Isaiha Bowman (1878-1950) geographer. George Adams Leland (1850-1924) physician. Leland Festschrift and Rogers see Z. to S. of 26 February 1942.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 9 March 1942

Dear Henry:

I just received the enclosed note from Miguel Ozorio [sic] de Almeida. Would you be good enough to drop him a note and tell him what should be done next.

I am quite busy with the last stages of the final outline of the book and the lining up of writers. Another few days and I think we will be ready.

The attitude of the Johns Hopkins Press is rather disturbing. I suspect there is something more than patriotic formality behind this. What do you think? I wonder whether we might try Columbia, Yale, or Chicago University Press. Let me hear from you.

Incidentally, that dirty business is over. The Society voted almost four to one in my favor.

As ever,

Gregory

Osório see Z. to S. of 17 November 1941. “the book“on the American Psychiatric Association. “lining up of writers“ see S. to Z. of 27 February 1942. “dirty business“ not identified.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 11 March 1942

Dear Gregory:

I have not the address of Miguel Ozorio [sic] de Almeida and am therefore sending the letter enclosed. Please address it and mail it. I am adding a carbon of my letter for your information.

I do not think there is anything behind the attitude of the Hopkins Press. It is merely their high-hatted fusiness [sic]. Since I shall see you next week, I think the best is to wait and to discuss the whole matter.

I need not tell you how delighted I was to hear that what you called the “dirty business“ is over and that you have won. I had no doubt you would, but I know what a worry it was.

Looking forward to seeing you soon, I am

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

Osório see Z. to S. of 17 November 1941. Hopkins Press see S. to Z. of 27 February 1942. “dirty business“ see Z. to S. of 9 March 1942.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 16 March 1942

Dear Gregory:

I expect to arrive in New York coming from New London, Connecticut at 12:50 p.m. Friday the 20th. Unless I hear from you, I will come directly to your office. If there is time, I should like to drop in at the Academy of Medicine to look up a few items in the Library.

Looking forward to seeing you soon, I am

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

Zilboorg's assistant to Sigerist, New York, 23 March 1942

Dear Dr. Sigerist:

Dr. Zilboorg asked me to send you a package he forgot to give you this weekend - a jar of Protec and a jar of DK 20 Replenisher. I am about to put them in the mail for you now.

It was very good to see you again.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Stone

Protec and DK 20 Replenisher: Photographic aids.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 24 March 1942

Dear Gregory:

It was a perfect week-end and I enjoyed it very much. The weather was rotten but fortunately we do not depend on it. The fishing rod and kit are perfect beauties and my desire to use them is so great that I dreamed last night that I was fishing and, by the way, I caught a small sea lion in my dream - as I just remember now. So the fishing rod must be good and solid.

I remember that you were interested in teas. The Hu-Kwa of Mark T. Wendell is excellent; one of the best Chinese black teas you can have. The price must have increased. I also had some very good teas from the Schapira Company in New York, particularly the ones I have marked in blue.

I feel that the psychiatry book is getting into shape and it certainly promises to become a very handsome volume.

It was so nice that we had a green light Sunday evening and could make the Italian dinner. I felt rather sleepy on the way home but the trip was all the shorter.

Hoping to see you soon again, I am

Yours ever,

[Henry]

“psychiatry book“: Commemorative volume on the American Psychiatric Association.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 26 March 1942

Dear Gregory:

I just received the cans. Thanks ever so much. They are most welcome. I had completely forgotten about them.

You will be amused to hear for what purpose I am using the clock that you gave me - not for developing films, but for making tea. Tea must brew for a definite number of minutes which is different for every kind of tea. Since I am making tea usually while I am working, I am inclined to forget the time which gives very bad results. The clock serves the purpose beautifully and since I am making tea four times a day, the clock is used all the time.

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

“cans“ see Z. to S. of 23 March 1942.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 3 April 1942

Dear Henry:

The month of April turns out to have become one of the busiest months imaginable; it is very sad, but it will be impossible for me to come to your graduate week. It can't be helped. It also turns out that May second is the date for the final awards for the drawings submitted in our competition for the centenary emblem. The entries will be exhibited in the Museum at Providence, Rhode Island. From there I shall go directly to Atlantic City to attend the meeting and to present my report.

In the meantime, I recalled that you are coming to dinner at Dr. Roos' on April 12th; Dr. Liebman is to be there. Dr. Roos called me yesterday and asked me too to come. I gladly accepted. The twelfth being a Sunday, I wonder whether we could not arrange to get together earlier in the day and I shall drive you over to their place and also take you to the train afterwards. As we are expected early in the afternoon, we might play around there with a little photography.

Let me know your whereabouts on that day so that we could arrange to meet.

As ever,

Gregory

“graduate week“, third, see Z. to S. of 2 March 1938. “centenary“ of the American Psychiatric Association. Atlantic City: Meeting of the American Association of the History of Medicine. “report“ of the subcommittee, see S. to Z. of 14 April 1941. Drs. Roos and Liebman not identified.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 6 April 1942

Dear Gregory:

I am sorry that you cannot come to the Graduate Week.

Saturday, April 11 I am talking at the annual dinner of the Mount Sinai Alumni, and I intend to spend the night at the Hotel Pennsylvania. I do not know yet at what time we are expected for luncheon at the Roos'. Mrs. Roos wrote me that Dr. Libman would bring Castiglioni and me out. I am afraid there would hardly be time for me to get out to your farm.

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

“graduate week“, third, see Z. to S. of 2 March 1938. Mount Sinai Hospital Medical Center in New York. Drs. Roos and Libman see Z. to S. of 3 April 1942. Castiglioni see Z. to S. of 14 October 1936.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 15 April 1942

Dear Gregory:

Just a line to tell you how delighted I am with your photos. They are excellent and everybody who saw them agrees that it is the best picture that was ever taken of me. It is really true, I have been photographed so many times and in many countries but you are the only one who has ever made a decent picture of me.

I know how much work it takes to make such pictures and therefore can appreciate them more than anybody else.

But now I hardly dare to send you the photo I made of you. But I am sending it nevertheless.

It was good to see you last Sunday and I am looking forward now to the Atlantic City meeting.

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 21 April 1942

Dear Henry:

Thank you very much for sending me my portrait. My expression is certainly instructive from the standpoint of Mental Hygiene.

I am writing the Chalfonte about reservations. Peg Stone will go there earlier and I shall not arrive until Sunday morning.

As always,
Gregory

The Chalfonte Hotel, Cape May, NJ. Peg (Margaret) Stone, see S. to Z. of 4 June 1941.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 3 July 1942

Dear Henry:

How are you and where are you ? I am on the point of leaving for two weeks (to work and not to rest) and I should love to hear from you. I'll be back on the twentieth of July.

As ever,
Gregory

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore, 7 July 1942

Dear Gregory:

Thanks for your note. I had not heard from you for a long time. I am still in Baltimore and I intend to be here until the end of the month as I am finishing the manuscript of a book on Civilization and Disease for the Cornell University Press.

Around August 1, we intend to go to Bolton Landing again where we shall stay throughout the month of August in the same cottage that we had last year. I very much hope that you can visit us again and I hope to be in better shape than last year so that I will not need the services of a masseur.

This is as far as our plans go. We shall, of course, be travelling by train otherwise we would have dropped in at the farm on our way to Lake George but with the shortage of gasoline, I have to leave the car at home.

I very much hope to hear from you and to see you in a not too distant future.

Yours as ever,
[Henry]

Civilization and Disease (Sigerist 1943a). Bolton Landing see Z. to S. of 7 August 1941. "shortage of gasoline" as a result of WWII.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 21 July 1942

Dear Henry:

Since you are going to Bolton Landing by train, you will have to pass through New York. Let me know when it will be. It would be such fun to see you, even for a half hour. It seems ages since I talked with you.

Regards to all.

As ever, yours,

G

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 24 July 1942

Dear Gregory:

We shall be in New York on our way to Bolton Landing Saturday evening, August 1, a most inconvenient day and it certainly will not be pleasant to travel by train on a Saturday and Sunday but I cannot help it. I cannot get away sooner and yet would like to leave at the earliest possible date.

It will not be much of a vacation because I still have two chapters of my book to write and several papers, but Genevieve is coming with us so that I shall have help.

You probably will not be in town on a Saturday so I hope you will come and see us in Bolton Landing.

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

P.S. By the way, have you got a copy of Lévy-Bruhl: Les Fonctions [sic] Mentales dans les Sociétés Inférieures ? If so, could I have it for a few weeks ? I have not got it myself nor has the University.

“my book“ (Sigerist 1943a). Genevieve Miller see Z. to S. of 20 March 1940. Lucien Lévy-Bruhl (1857-1939) French philosopher and anthropologist; (Lévy-Bruhl 1910).

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 30 July 1942

Dear Henry:

I was very sorry indeed to learn that I would miss you Saturday when you were passing through New York on your way to Bolton Landing. It will be very good if you let me know in advance so that I could arrange to see you on your return. I want to see you. I want to talk over many things with you.

I was asked to take part in the Vesalius evening at the Academy of Medicine in January, and discuss yours and Castiglioni's papers. I do not know whether I have very much to contribute and would naturally want to talk over with you the program of the evening.

Have a good rest.

As ever yours,

Gregory

P.S. I regret very much to find that I do not own a copy of Lévy-Bruhl's book which you want to have. Since Genevieve is with you in Bolton Landing, would you wish me to get ahold of a copy in New York and send it on to you ?

Andreas Vesalius (1514-1564) anatomist. Academy of Medicine, New York. Castiglioni see Z. to S. of 14 October 1936. (Lévy-Bruhl 1910). Genevieve Miller see Z. to S. of 20 March 1940.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 31 July 1942

Dear Gregory:

I am returning the book that you very kindly lent me. I learned a good deal from it and have improved my lighting technique quite considerably.

Yours as ever

[Henry]

„the book“ on photography.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 14 September 1942

Dear Henry:

I am delighted to hear you will be able to spend an evening with me on your way home. There is a lot we would want to talk about. Do let us have a very good dinner.

Please telephone me upon your arrival. I am setting Thursday evening aside.

As always,

Gregory

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 16 September 1942

Dear Henry:

By the time you receive this note, we shall have seen one another and talked the matter over; this is just a reminder.

The title of your chapter, the second of the Volume, is "Psychiatry in Europe at the Middle of the Nineteenth Century." Length, 25 printed pages (approximately 11,250 words). Deadline, August 1, 1943.

As soon as the outline is ready please let me have it.

Unless we shall have discussed and decided upon the place and time of the meeting of the authors, please let me have any suggestions you may have.

As ever,

Gregory

Stationary: American Psychiatric Association - One Hundred Years of American Psychiatry.
Psychiatry in Europe (Sigerist 1944a).

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 24 September 1942a

Dear Henry:

Well, you are back in the saddle and I am full of regrets that our visit was so short.

About that meeting of the Editorial Board and the authors. Our President, Dr. Arthur H. Ruggles, wishes to come to the meeting and Philadelphia seems to be the center of gravity. He wishes no dinner or entertainments, just business. We shall then have to meet after dinner, which means around eight or eight fifteen. Conclusion: let us have a few, not more than half a dozen of us, for dinner before the meeting, and invite Ruggles. You and Shryock would wish to meet him - he is a very good fellow. We shall proceed to the meeting afterwards. How would October 31st suit you ? And do you know any place in Philadelphia where we could meet (to “meet“ and not to eat) ?

About Vesalius. I looked up a couple of sources, and while the versions differ, they agree on one point: Vesalius they claim was actually accused of having dissected a body whose heart proved to flutter. He would have been severely punished, if it had not been for the intercession of the King, or the Queen, or both. They ordered him to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. From what you told me, I gained the impression that Vesalius himself was worried and voluntarily abandoned everything and left for Jerusalem. Or is my impression of what you told me wrong ?

Warmest regards.

As ever,

[Gregory]

P.S. Robson’s book: *Civilization and the Growth of Law*. NYC, Macmillan Company, 1935. I am sending you the “Legal Aspects of Insanity“ under separate cover.

Editorial Board of (Hall 1944). Ruggles see Z. to S. of 15 April 1941. Shryock see S. to Z. of 14 April 1941. Vesalius see Z. to S. of 30 July 1942. William A. Robson (1895-1980); (Robson 1935). *Legal Aspects of Insanity* not identified.

Zilboorg’s assistant to Sigerist’s assistant, New York, 24 September 1942b

Dear Genevieve:

Dr. Zilboorg has asked if I would write you and get some information about a translation of the *Summa Theologica* of St. Thomas. He would be interested in a French translation but would prefer an English one. Do you know of a good one ? If you can help us at all, I wish

you would let me know what your thoughts are, and, in case you can give us the name of a definite translation, the date, place and so forth.

I hope we shall be able to meet again soon.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Stone

Genevieve Miller see Z. to S. of 20 March 1940. (St.) Thomas Aquinas (ca. 1225-1274) Italian theologian; (Aquinas 1912).

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 26 September 1942

Dear Gregory:

It was a most delightful evening and starved as I was for good food, I appreciated the dinner more than ever. It was also very nice to have a glimpse of Lilliam [sic] Hellman.

October 31 suits me very well for a meeting in Philadelphia. As to places, I think you should consult with Shryock. The best would probably be to meet in a hotel.

About Vesalius, all the reports about his having dissected a man whose heart was still fluttering go back to one passage in a letter of Hubertus Languetus who was physician to August, the Elector of Saxony. The letter was written in 1565 and what he wrote may be nothing but gossip. There are a number of other reports from the same period about Vesalius leaving on a pilgrimage that contain totally different stories so that it is actually difficult to know what happened. The documents are all discussed in the biography of M. Roth.

Thanks ever so much for your paper, "Misconceptions of Legal Insanity". It is very enlightening, and I am happy to have a copy of it.

With kind regards, I am

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

Lillian Hellman and Shryock see S. to Z. of 14 April 1941. Vesalius see Z. to S. of 30 July 1942. August Elector of Saxony (1526-1586). Moritz Roth (born 1839); (Roth 1892). *Misconceptions of Legal Insanity* (Zilboorg 1939).

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 30 September 1942

Dear Henry:

October 31st seems to be the most convenient and generally preferred date for the joint meeting of the Editorial Board and authors. Please set this date aside. We shall all meet informally and get acquainted and try to unify our respective individual tasks. The city chosen is Philadelphia. You will be notified as to the exact place. The time will probably be eight o'clock in the evening.

Dr. Ruggles and Dr. Strecker will also be with us.

Yours cordially,
Gregory

“Editorial Board and authors“ of Psychiatry Centenary volume. Ruggles see Z. to S. of 15 April 1941. Edward A. Strecker (1886-1959) professor of psychiatry in Philadelphia.

Zilboorg’s assistant to Sigerist’s assistant, New York, 2 October 1942

Dear Genevieve:

Must bother you again. Could you find out if the Welch Library has a copy of Kannabich’s History of Psychiatry, published in Russian in 1926 or 1928. Dr. Zilboorg is very anxious to see a copy for two or three days for a paper he is preparing. If the Library does have it, would it be possible to have it expressed to him for that period of time ?

I am making inquiries of the Congressional Library but Dr. Zilboorg wanted me to write you too, as he thought there might be a better chance of your having it than they.

Many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

Peg Stone

Genevieve Miller see Z. to S. of 20 March 1940. Welch Library: Medical library of the Johns Hopkins University. I. U. Kannabikh; (Kannabikh 1928).

Zilboorg’s assistant to Sigerist’s assistant, New York, 7 October 1942

Dear Genevieve:

It would seem that once this correspondence is started it is very hard to stop - not that I have tried to stop it or would wish to.

Thank you for your information on the Kannibich - Dr. Zilboorg has finally located a copy of it out on the West Coast and expects to receive it in a day or so for perusal. He appreciates your efforts.

One further problem: On March 20, 1941, Dr. Sigerist wrote a letter to Dr. Zilboorg about the Treatise on Dreams, of which there was then some question of publication in the Bulletin. Dr. Sigerist refers repeatedly in his letter to the English text except in the last paragraph, where he mentions the original Italian text. Dr. Zilboorg wonders if Dr. Sigerist has by any chance his, Dr. Z.’s, copy of the Italian text - we looked for it carefully yesterday and could find no trace of it. He hopes that you may have it, as he remembers discussing the Italian text with Dr. Sigerist.

Would it be bothersome to let me know when you can if you do find that it is somewhere on your shelves ? Thanks very much - in advance and in retrospect.

Sincerely

Peg Stone

Genevieve Miller see Z. to S. of 20 March 1940. Kannibich see Z. to S. of 2 October 1942. *Treatise on Dreams* see Z. to S. of 6 November 1933. Stone see S. to Z. of 4 June 1941.

Sigerist's assistant to Zilboorg's assistant, Baltimore, 12 October 1942

Dear Peg:

Yes, Dr. Sigerist has Dr. Zilboorg's copy of the Italian text of the Treatise on Dreams. And he also has the English translation. Do you want me to send these to you? I wasn't sure from your letter whether you wish them returned or not.

I'm glad that you found a copy of the Kannabich book. Such things are sometimes very difficult to locate.

With best regards to you and Dr. Zilboorg.

Sincerely,

Genevieve Miller

Research Secretary

Peg (Margaret) Stone. *Treatise on Dreams* see Z. to S. of 6 November 1933. (Kannabich 1928).

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 19 October 1942

Dear Henry

A meeting of the Editorial Board of the Committee on History of Psychiatry and the contributors to the Centenary Volume will be held on October 31st at 8:15 in Philadelphia at the Institute of the Pennsylvania Hospital, 111 North 49th Street, fourth floor, North Lounge.

Cordially yours,

G

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, ca. 20 October 1942

Dear Henry:

As you see, we are going to meet at 8:15 but I thought that you, Shryock and I, and Dr. Overholser, might have dinner earlier. Suppose we meet at six o'clock at the newsstand of the Bellevue-Stratford and have an early dinner. Would you mind giving Whitehorn a ring? I have not heard from him in some time and he should have sent me an outline of his article. I expect him to come to the meeting however.

Looking forward to seeing you -

As ever,

Gregory

Shryock see S. to Z. of 14 April 1941. Winfred Overholser, psychiatrist in Washington, DC. John C. Whitehorn (1894-1973) psychiatrist and collector at Johns Hopkins University.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 22 October 1942

Dear Henry:

You undoubtedly remember that you talked to me about “History of Epilepsy,” the manuscript of which you now have completed in your hands. I was talking the other day to some neurologists who are directly interested. The Committee on Epilepsy is practically non-existent, but one of the neurologists said that he might be able to do something about it and wanted to know more. Will you be good enough to send me a memorandum telling me something about the author, about the nature and quality of the manuscript, the length of time it took to prepare, the research involved, etc. I will then push the thing further as soon as I hear from you.

Yours sincerely,

Gregory

P.S. Some time ago Peg asked Genevieve to tell her whether the little Italian book on dreams is still in your hands, and she answered, “Yes.” Peg would write to her herself but she is head over heels working on the final copy of the manuscript of my book, which is to be completed this week. Hence I write. Please send the book back to me.

G.Z.

History of Epilepsy (Temkin 1945). “author“: Owsei Temkin (1902-2002) medical historian, S.’s pupil and associate. Peg Stone; Genevieve Miller. *Treatise on Dreams* see Z. to S. of 6 November 1933, (Segni 1591).. “my book“ (Hall 1944).

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 27 October 1942

Dear Gregory:

Thanks for your letters. I shall be Saturday at six o’clock at the newsstand of the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel where we once met last winter. I have reminded Whitehorn of the outline which reminds me that I have not sent in mine yet either. But you shall get it some day.

The Dream Book was sent back on Saturday by Railway Express and shall probably have reached you in the meantime.

Now to Dr. Temkin’s book. I was, of course, very glad to hear that you have taken up the matter and I am sending you enclosed a brief memorandum on the book. We have applied for a grant-in-aid to the Epilepsy Fund of Johns Hopkins University but it is very uncertain whether we shall get any money because the fund is destined primarily for clinical research.

Looking forward to seeing you soon, I am

Yours ever,

[Henry]

“Hotel“ in Philadelphia. Whitehorn see Z. to S. of 20 October 1942. *Treatise on Dreams* see Z. to S. of 6 November 1933 (Segni 1591). Temkin see Z. to S. of 22 October 1942 and (Temkin 1945).

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 3 November 1942 (Telegram)

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF MEDICINE WAS HELD IN MOSCOW AUG 19
TO 26 1897. REMEMBERING WITH PLEASURE DELIGHTFUL EVENING IN PHILA.
GREETINGS

H.E.SIGERIST

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 16 November 1942

Dear Henry:

I have been away in Richmond, Virginia and had no time to write you and thank you for your telegram about the XII International Congress of Medicine; it was very thoughtful of you. Our meeting in Philadelphia was very satisfactory and satisfying, but it is sad that you and I had no time for a good visit. It would be great fun to spend an evening - just visiting. How about making good your suggestion of coming over some evening soon, and we would cook a dinner in my office; let us have a Russian dinner using the Russian War Relief recent cook book. Make any suggestions you want and we shall get all the necessary supplies. If Miss Miller could join us that evening, it would be great fun.

As always,

Gregory

Does your Library collection have a portrait of Balinsky and Merjeyevski ? You may find that the spelling of the last name may have been polonized and be „Merzeevski.“ The Bulletin of the Academy of Medicine wishes to publish my paper and I thought of having some portraits to illustrate it. As ever G.

“telegram“ of 3 November 1942. “cook a dinner“: Both Z. and S. were hobby cooks. Genevieve Miller. I. M. Balinsky (1827-1902) and I. P. Merzhnevsky (1838-1908) Russian psychiatrists. Academy of Medicine, New York. “my paper“ (Zilboorg 1943a).

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 19 November 1942

Dear Henry:

What could you tell me about the Institute of Russian Soviet Relations [sic] ? I would wish to be a member of it - or otherwise to contribute something to its work.

As ever,

Gregory

Institute see S. to Z. of 24 November 1942.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 24 November 1942

Dear Gregory:

Thanks for your letter of November 19. I do not know exactly what you mean by Institute of Russian Soviet Relations. At present there are two organizations, one is the American-Russian Institute, the purpose of which is the development of cultural relations between the two countries. The Institute is located at: 56 West 45th Street, New York City, has quite a good library, makes exhibits and organizes lectures and also publishes a "Bulletin". Membership is \$ 5.00 and I am sure they would be delighted to have you join.

The other is the American Council on Soviet Relations (112 East 19th Street, New York City) of which Corliss Lamont is chairman. While the American-Russian Institute is non-political, the Council was established at the time of the trials with the purpose of improving relations between the two countries. There is a project at the moment to enlarge the Council into a bigger organization of American-Soviet friendship. You will probably hear about it in the next few weeks.

At the moment I am working on another project that I should very much like to discuss with you one of these days; namely, the foundation of an American-Russian Medical Society. The idea is to have in America a society open to all medical workers who are interested in any aspect of Soviet medicine. We would publish a bimonthly journal with survey articles, book reviews, abstracts from Soviet medical periodicals, etc. to inform the American profession on new developments of Soviet medicine. A corresponding society would be established in the Soviet Union with a journal informing the Soviet medical profession on developments in American medicine.

I had the plan for such a society already in 1938 but there was little response at the time, while now such a society would have great possibilities. If the journal is well done, the medical libraries would be forced to subscribe to it and even the most reactionary surgeons would have to consult it. I suppose some kind of a subsidy would be needed for the beginning but I think that after a few years, the journal could be self-supporting.

I would like to make the society a permanent organization which, after the war, could sponsor the exchange of students, physicians and scientists and organize study trips in the two countries. We could also build up a library of medical information that would serve the whole country.

In 1932, I published my book on AMERICAN MEDICINE. In 1937, I published the one on SOVIET MEDICINE and now I want to bring the two together and if I succeed, I will feel that I have done my share in this field.

I am sorry to say that we have no portraits of Balinsky nor of Merjejevski, and I would advise you to write to the Army Medical Library. They have quite a good portrait collection.

With kind regards, I am

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

Corliss Lamont (1902-1995) socialist philosopher. *American Medicine* (Sigerist 1934); The German original appeared in 1933, not 1932. *Soviet Medicine* (Sigerist 1937). Balinsky and Merjejevski see Z. to S. of 16 November 1942. Army Medical Library: Predecessor of the National Library of Medicine in Bethesda, MD.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 25 November 1942

Dear Henry:

It is good to know that we shall get together to cook and eat. I have a very good recipe for boeuf à la Stroganoff. As to Vodka, since there is no good one on the market anymore, the substitute will be (a good one !) Zubrovka. Any objection ? I shall also bring a good bottle of wine.

Thank you for the information about the American-Russian Institute. Your idea for an American-Russian Medical Society is extremely interesting and I would like to know more about your plans. It is an undertaking which would interest me very much.

As ever,

Gregory

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 27 November 1942

Dear Henry:

What is the date of the Vesalius meeting ? As you know, I am to be one of the discussants, and any suggestions you might wish to make in this connection will be highly appreciated.

As always,

Gregory

Vesalius see Z. to S. of 30 July 1942.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 30 November 1942

Dear Gregory:

The Vesalius meeting will be on Wednesday, January 13. In other words, keep if ever possible Thursday January 14 free for the dinner.

As to the subject, I have divided it with Castiglioni in such a way that he will present the biography of Vesalius and his connection with Padua while I shall discuss the position of Vesalius in the history of medicine. I intend to show what the attitude of Greek medicine toward anatomy was in comparison with the modern attitude and want to show that Vesalius marks a turning point in the history of medicine. I shall, of course, speak from notes so that I cannot send you a manuscript but I shall try to get a brief outline ready that I could send you early in January.

Have you found any substitute for rubber cement ? I have a supply but it is getting rather low and I hate the idea of going back to the old type glues.

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

Vesalius see Z. to S. of 30 July 1942. Castiglioni see Z. to S. of 14 October 1936. Rubber cement: Adhesive made from elastic polymers.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 3 December 1942

Dear Henry:

I wrote you a letter enthusiastically endorsing the plan for dinner on January 14th. After I signed it, I noticed that I have a commitment for that date - from which I cannot get out very gracefully. So I held up the letter and write to inquire: Would it be possible for us to arrange the dinner either the night before the Vesalius evening or on Friday, January 15th ?

As soon as I hear from you, I shall proceed with the necessary arrangements. I do hope you can plan for one of the dates suggested. We must spend an evening eating and talking.

As ever,

Gregory

I will make inquiries about rubber cement and substitutes

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 28 December 1942

Dear Gregory:

I am afraid we shall have to postpone our dinner again. I had hoped to be able to spend a few days in New York in connection with the Vesalius celebration but I am so terribly behind in my work that I shall have to return to Baltimore immediately. I very much hope, however, that we shall have a nice evening some time later.

Work is piling up in a terrific way. The Board of Economic Warfare in Washington wants me to serve with them as a consultant and very optimistically they state that they would not need me for more than 180 days a year. I cannot possibly do this as long as I am in charge of two departments of the University and so far I have refused to give up my research and writing entirely. I count with a very long war and think that nothing should be postponed.

With all good wishes for the New Year, I am

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

Vesalius celebration: 400th anniversary of the appearance of his major work *De humani corporis fabrica* (Vesalius 1543). Board of Economic Warfare: In 1943 and 1944 S. worked a day per week in this Washington office. Two departments: S.'s own and Welch Medical Library, due to Larkey's absence in the armed services.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 31 December 1942

Dear Henry:

It is disappointing to learn that you are unable to arrange for our dinner. We planned it with enthusiasm and looked forward to it eagerly. I can very well understand your situation and I agree with you - it is going to be a long war and nothing should be postponed. I seem to have responded to the crisis in a somewhat similar manner: a terrible amount of work has piled up and I find it impossible to sacrifice research and writing. Our civilization has already given up the bulk of its cultural values, and before the war is over a great many more will have to fall by the wayside. As mere social beings we might feel guilty because we are not in the fighting line, but as social beings who have a little historical perspective we cannot help but feel that ours is the duty to salvage and work at the few cultural values which we are fortunate enough to have in our hands. I don't know, perhaps it is a form of megalomania, but I cannot help but feel that we are realistic when we think that as direct or indirect canon fodder we are really of not much significance and that our job is the work which we are doing as best as we can.

I am glad that you are refusing the job with the Board of Economic Warfare, although I can very well understand your hesitations.

It is my eager hope that you and I can steal an evening despite all.

Best wishes for the new year. Let us make a vow, Henry - when the Russians retake Rostov, we will get together and celebrate, dropping anything we might happen to be doing.

As ever,

Gregory

Am glad to learn that Lennox [?] took an interest in having Temkin's book published

“job with the Board of Economic Warfare“ see S. to Z. of 28 December 1942. Rostov: Russian city on the Black Sea.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 8 January 1943

Dear Henry:

Will you have early dinner with me before the meeting Wednesday ? We will all be at Hartung's for a drink, of course, and Hartung tells me that unfortunately he can not plan to join us, since he is to be host and some people might linger on beyond 6:30 and it might then be too late for him to have dinner at all.

I look forward to seeing you, be it only for a short while.

As ever,

Gregory

Hartung see Z. to S. of 6 December 1938.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 9 January 1943

Dear Gregory:

I shall be delighted to have early dinner with you on Wednesday before the meeting and I am looking forward with greatest pleasure to seeing you soon.

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 22 January 1943

Dear Henry:

Your visit, brief as it was, brought in a bit of badly needed cheer. It was good, and I look forward to hearing from you soon and seeing you on the 30th.

Too bad about the death of Dr. Eliot [sic]. I did not know that he was almost seventy years old.

My paper on Vesalius will reach you in a week or ten days.

The major reason for my writing you now is to call your attention to a two volume book which appeared recently. It is "The [sic] History of Historical Writing," by James Westfall Thompson, who died recently. He was one of the greatest historical scholars, and they say the book is excellent. I am going to take a look into it and I thought you might want to do the same.

As ever,

Gregory

Jabez Henry Elliot (1873-1942) Canadian medical historian. Z.'s paper on Vesalius (Zilboorg 1943b). James Westfall Thompson (1869-1941) and (Thompson 1942).

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 5 February 1943

Dear Henry:

Here is the Vesalius paper. I hope you do find a moment's leisure very soon. It would be good to hear from you and to get together, be it even for a short visit somewhere. Are you coming to New York on the 22nd ?

Warmest regards.

As ever,

Gregory

Vesalius paper see Z. to S. of 22 January 1943.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 12 February 1943

Dear Gregory:

I just had a letter from John Fulton concerning the Vesalius celebration. The situation is briefly this:

You will remember that the American Association of the History of Medicine planned to hold a fall meeting devoted to Vesalius at New Haven. Since it seemed advisable, however, to call off national conventions, plans were changed and instead of a national celebration there will be local celebrations. The Historical Library at Yale will have a Vesalius meeting, probably on October 30; and the Johns Hopkins Medical History Club will hold one in Baltimore, probably on November 1.

Now, what we plan to do is to publish all Vesalius papers read at these meetings and whatever other papers I may get in the November number of the Bulletin, making it a special Vesalius Commemoration Number.

Let me know whether you would like me to publish your paper in the November number or whether you prefer to have it issued sooner. As I told you, I could bring it out in the March number. Personally, I believe that it would be better to collect all Vesalius papers and to bring out a really good and representative number, but I shall do whatever you prefer.

Mr. Ivins has sent me his paper too and I am also suggesting to him to have it published in the November number. If I can find time, I would like to write an answer to his paper.

With kind regards, I am

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

John Fulton (1899-1960) Yale professor of physiology, later of the History of Medicine, S.'s friend. "Bulletin" of the History of Medicine. Contributors to the Vesalius number: Sigerist, Edelstein, Zilboorg, W. M. Ivins Jr., O'Malley/Saunders, Straus/Temkin, Benjamin, Meyer/Wirt, Codellas, Miller. "your paper" (Zilboorg 1943b).

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 24 February 1943

Dear Henry:

Your letters, the one to me and the one to Peg, are both cheering. It is always good to hear from you - but there is so much to do that one feels even more keenly the need for a good visit. May does seem far off - though good - Peg and I will have to plan to come to Baltimore.

I agree with you most heartily about your plans in connection with the Vesalius papers. Hold mine till November. In the meantime, would you let me present the paper to the Johns Hopkins Medical History Club when you hold your meeting there ?

I have been away for over a week, trying to save a poor fourteen-year-old son of a working man from the gallows of the State of West Virginia. While we succeeded, it was a very disturbing experience.

As ever,

Gregory

Peg (Margaret) Stone. Vesalius papers see S. to Z. of 12 February 1943.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 26 February 1943

Dear Gregory:

Many thanks for your letter of February 25 [sic]. I will be in New York next week on Wednesday and Thursday for a couple of lectures under the auspices of the Ecole Libre des Hautes Etudes - a nuisance which, however, I could not refuse. I am anxious to see you and as soon as my program crystallizes more clearly, I will let you know.

I am glad you agree with my holding your Vesalius paper for the November number. It will attract much more attention in this way. I had not yet made the program for the Vesalius meeting of the Johns Hopkins Medical History Club on November 1 but back in my mind, I had been thinking of you and I am delighted to hear that you would be willing to come. So, let us make it a definite arrangement.

I read about you and the boy in West Virginia in PM. It must have been a very sad experience.

Hoping to see you soon, I am

Yours as ever,
[Henry]

Z.'s letter was dated 24 February. The Free School for Advanced Studies was a sort of university-in-exile for French academics in New York during WWII. Vesalius number see S. to Z. of 12 February 1943. "boy in West Virginia" see Z. to S. of 24 February 1943. PM: A New York newspaper.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 11 March 1943

Dear Gregory:

I am delighted to know that you will contribute to the Castiglioni number. Please feel absolutely free to make your paper as short or as long as you may wish. The number of words I indicated was merely to give a general idea.

It was very good to see you the other day and I enjoyed our Russian dinner very much indeed. But I was disturbed to find you so worn out and you should really do something about it. Do not forget that you promised to come to Baltimore for a few days soon.

With kind regards, I am

Yours ever,

[Henry]

Castiglioni see Z. to S. of 14 October 1936.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 22 March 1943

Dear Henry:

I am writing to all contributors to the Centenary Volume, so I write to you too. I need not tell you how pressed we all are, nor do I need to expatiate to you on how crowded and anxious we are nowadays about completing the jobs at hand. At any rate I am here to remind you that the deadline is July - I wish we all had more time.

As ever,

Gregory

“Centenary Volume“ of the American Psychiatric Association (Hall 1944).

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 25 March 1943

Dear Henry:

It is lots of fun to plan to come to Baltimore and still more fun to be there. April 8th and 9th - Thursday and Friday - are decided on. Please let me know when it will be convenient for you to have Peg and me come - morning, afternoon, or evening ?

We expect to stay Thursday and Friday and are planning to go to Washington Saturday morning.

Please remember that we don't want to interfere with your plans. During the hours when you are busy you will stick us into the library or we will stick ourselves into a movie - I have not seen one for almost a year.

You said you will ask Genevieve to arrange for us to stay somewhere. I don't know the Baltimore hotels and rely entirely on your choice of two rooms anywhere where it is convenient.

Did you see that Jacques Maritain resigned from the Pan-Europe organization ? The major two reasons he openly stated were: 1) He does not wish to be identified with the Catholics who follow a reactionary line; 2) No organization which does not include Soviet Russia as a full equal is really liberal. Pretty good.

Warmest regards.

As ever,

Gregory

Margeret (Peg) Stone. Genevieve Miller. Jacques Maritain (1882–1973), French Catholic philosopher.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 31 March 1943

Dear Gregory:

Pardon my writing you so late but I have been very busy these days. I am just writing the first article of a series From Bismarck to Beveridge, Developments and Trends in Social Security Legislation and at the moment I am deeply involved in the Bismarckian period and find working on it extremely fascinating. At the same time, I found some very interesting items in an early mediaeval manuscript.

It will be perfectly delightful to see you both here next week and we are looking forward to it with great pleasure. You are not interfering in any way with my plans. On Thursday I have a class from 4-5 p.m. and in the evening, I have to attend a meeting of the History of Ideas Club because I happen to be president of it this year but the program seems quite interesting and it would be very nice if you could come. It is in the evening from 8:30 to 10 which leaves us plenty of time before and after. The Friday I could keep entirely free. There are a lot of things I would like to discuss with you also concerning the new American Review of Soviet Medicine where I need your advice.

Genevieve got reservations for you both at the Belvedere Hotel where you have been before. Come as early as you can on Thursday. We expect you at any rate for lunch.

I was pleased to see that Maritain also refused to be identified with the Pan-European group. The reactionaries myst [sic] be left to themselves.

Well, au revoir and I am sure we are going to have a grand time.

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

From Bismarck to Beveridge (Sigerist 1943b). Leopold von Bismarck (1815-1898) Prussian/German statesman, introduced the Health Insurance Bill 1883. William Beveridge (1879-1963) British economist and social reformer, author of the Report on Social Insurance 1942. Genevieve Miller. Maritain see Z. to S. of 25 March 1943.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 2 April 1943

My dear Henry:

We are really excited about our forthcoming visit in Baltimore - and we shall arrive some time early in the afternoon.

It would be fun to come to luncheon but Thursday morning is the time my publishers want me to come to sign the books which they will send out to my friends. Immediately after that we shall take a train, go directly to the Hotel, and from there to the Institute unless you want to come downtown after the lecture and have a drink somewhere before going to dinner and to the meeting of the History of Ideas.

If you find it necessary to change this schedule, let me know and I will comply.

It is such a long time since I have taken a couple of days off that I feel as if I'm embarking on a long trip.

As ever,

Gregory

“sign the books“: Probably Z.'s *Mind, Medicine, and Man* (Zilboorg 1943c).

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 5 April 1943

Dear Gregory:

I was delighted to hear that your book has already reached the stage when autographed copies are being sent out and I am looking forward to seeing it.

As to Thursday, I think the simplest would be if Genevieve and I would call for you at the Hotel as soon as my lecture is over - that is, around 5:30 p.m.

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

“your book“: Probably (Zilboorg 1943b).

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 14 April 1943

Dear Henry:

It was so good to spend with you the two days in Baltimore. I needed the diversion and the refreshing comfort of just talking and laughing without pressure. In short, Peg and I had a very good time.

I am sending to you a few rolls of film. Don't pay much attention to the date of expiration, because the margin of safety in these films is very great; try them out anyway and let me know. I might then obtain fresher ones. As to the Kodachrome rolls, do make a note of which are for daylight and which for night photography and use them accordingly.

My warmest regards to you and greetings to Genevieve.

As ever,
Gregory

P.S. I asked for that Russian book and was told that it is now in the hands of a publisher in the South. As soon as it gets back I shall have it and write a summary of it.

Margaret (Peg) Stone. Genevieve Miller. “that Russian book“ not identified.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 21 April 1943

Dear Gregory:

Many thanks for your letter of April 14 and for the films. They arrived safely and I am, of course, delighted to have them and so is Genevieve. We are going to experiment with them soon and see how good they are. I should think that the safety margin must be pretty large.

It was a great pleasure to have you here the other day. I enjoyed every minute of it.

Have you seen the enclosed advertisement ? One of my duties as librarian is to read the Publishers' Weekly and the first thing I saw this morning was the announcement of your book. Ackerknecht has just read it with great interest and may write you about it directly. I am looking forward to reading it soon.

I do not know yet when I shall be in New York. It all depends on the lecture that I shall give at Vassar.

The document that Peg translated from the French is very interesting indeed and I think she did a beautiful job. Tell her to finish the manuscript and to let me have it in May so that I could publish the paper in the July number.

The pork shoulder was a great success. It was delicious and we shared it last Sunday with the French Navy.

With kind regards, I am

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

“your book“ (Zilboorg 1943b). Erwin H. Ackerknecht (1906-1988) medical historian, S.'s pupil in Germany and associate in Baltimore. Vassar: College in Poughkeepsie, NY. Margaret (Peg) Stone; her document (Stone 1943a).

Sigerist to Zilboorg's associate, Baltimore ?, 26 April 1943

Dear Peg:

Many thanks for your letter and manuscript. I like your introduction very much and I hope to be able to publish the paper in the July number of the Bulletin.

I shall probably make a few very minor changes and will let you know about them when the time comes.

It was a very great pleasure to have you here the other day and I hope we convinced you of the superiority of the Soviet system as well as of the beauties of Mexico and recent progress in dentistry. Honestly, it was great fun and we must continue our discussions soon. I may be in New York on the evening of May 6 between a lecture in Morgantown and one at Vassar and I shall let you know as soon as I have definite arrangements made.

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

“manuscript“ (document) see S. to Z. of 21 April 1943. “Bulletin“ of the History of Medicine. Morgantown, probably West Virginia.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 13 May 1943

Dear Gregory:

I hope you had an interesting time in Detroit. I saw some repercussions of the meeting in the Press.

The Chinese dinner was one of the best I ever had and I enjoyed very much having a glimpse of you. I saw “Mission to Moscow“ while I was in New York and found it extremely well done. Do not miss it.

I very much wish I could come for the preview of the Lillian Hellman film on June 22, but I am afraid it will be quite impossible. I have not only a lecture at the Nurses School which could be postponed, but I have at 5 o'clock the final lecture of my course, “The Historical Foundations of the Present World Conflict“ and this I, of course, cannot change.

You will be interested to know that the films that you gave us are still very good. Genevieve just developed one and the result was perfectly satisfactory.

With all good wishes, I am

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

Mission to Moscow, a 1943 movie. Hellman see S. to Z. of 14 April 1941. Genevieve Miller.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 18 May 1943

Dear Gregory:

We have received a review copy of Brickner's book, “Is Germany Incurable ?“ and I would greatly appreciate it if you would write me the article that we discussed the other day. I think it is extremely important that such a vicious book does not remain unanswered. Let me have the manuscript as soon as possible and do remind Peg that she has promised me a review of another stupid book.

Do you think that Marshall Field could be interested in the American-Soviet Medical Society or in the journal ? We urgently need a couple of thousand dollars to get properly started. Membership dues will come in slowly and receipts from advertisements are also an uncertain factor while in the beginning we need some money to appoint a secretary, purchase

files, stationary, etc. If you have any suggestion in the matter or if you know of any people who would be interested in such a project and willing to support it, it would be splendid.

With kind regards, I am
Yours as ever,
[Henry]

Richard M. Brickner (born 1896) and (Brickner 1943). Margaret (Peg) Stone; her review (Stone 1943b). Marshall Field III see Z. to S. of 19 May 1936. “journal“: American Review of Soviet Medicine.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 25 May 1943

Dear Henry:

I shall write an essay on Brickner’s book. You will have it soon. Peg too will be ready with her review.

Yes, Marshall Field might be interested in the American-Soviet Medical Society. I wonder whether Cannon or some one of his stature could approach him ? He is in Chicago now most of the time, and I wonder whether someone should not write him very soon. Write to his New York address, of course (250 Park Avenue).

As ever

Gregory

Brickner’s book (Brickner 1943). Margaret (Peg) Stone. M. Field see Z. to S. of 19 May 1936. Walter B. Cannon (1871-1945) physiologist at Harvard University, officer of the American-Soviet Medical Society.

Sigerist to Zilboorg’s assistant, Baltimore ?, 2 June 1943

Dear Peg:

Thanks very much for your note. Of course I would love to have dinner at your house when I go to Sarah Lawrence College but I do not know yet exactly how things are going to work out. What I am attending and participating in is a three-day conference on American and European post-war problems that will take place Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, June 25-27. I have not yet seen the program and only know that I am expected to speak on Friday the twenty-seventh but I do not know whether it will be in the morning, afternoon or evening. I shall, in all probability, spend a couple of days on the campus.

At any rate, I will let you know how things develop and I am looking forward with greatest pleasure to a dinner at your house.

With all good wishes, I am
Yours as ever,
[Henry]

Sarah Lawrence College at Bronxville, NY.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 3 June 1943

Dear Henry:

The review of Brickner's book is enclosed. I would like to order some reprints of it. Will you send me, or have the printer send me, an order blank ?

Should you wish to publish it as a separate article, I suppose it will have to be given a title. This is a difficult thing to do. Perhaps, you might call it "Neurology without History".

I look forward to seeing you in Philadelphia. I talked to Raymond de Saussure the other day and he called my attention to the fact that this is the centennial year of the Annales Médico-Psychologiques. He is writing a brief essay on the subject and is going to send it to you.

My warmest regards to you.

As ever,

Gregory

(Brickner 1943). Raymond de Saussure (1894-1971) psychoanalyst in Switzerland and the U.S.; his essay (Saussure 1943).

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 7 June 1943

Dear Gregory:

First of all, let me tell you that I am delighted to know that you will be able to attend our meeting in Philadelphia. I am sure the Council will be very interested to hear how the psychiatric volume is progressing.

Then, I wish to thank you very much for your review. It is very much up to the point and I am delighted to have it. I think I shall publish it in the Book Review section so that it will not need any special title. You will, of course, receive galley proofs and can have as many reprints as you wish.

Congratulations on your new typewriter. At long last we have a manuscript from you that can be read without a magnifying glass !

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

"psychiatric volume" (Hall 1944). "your review" (Zilboorg 1943d).

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 21 June 1943

Dear Gregory:

At long last my plans for the week-end have crystallized. I shall be on the campus of Sarah Lawrence College from Friday in the late afternoon until Sunday afternoon. I am scheduled to

speak on Friday evening. Saturday the conference will be held in the afternoon so that I shall be free in the evening and this would be the ideal time for a dinner with Peg.

Please let me have a message at Sarah Lawrence College to let me know where and when we shall meet.

I do not have Peg's home address and I am sending her a carbon of this letter to the office.

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

Conference at Sarah Lawrence College see S. to Z. of 2 June 1943. Margaret (Peg) Stone. "carbon" copy.

Sigerist to Zilboorg's assistant, Baltimore ?, 6 July 1943

Dear Peg:

Please tell Gregory that I am working on my paper for the psychiatry book. I have to finish the annual report of my Department this week but as soon as this is over, I shall not do anything but work on the psychiatry paper until I can deliver it safely into your hands.

I must have mislaid a letter because I do not remember exactly how long my contribution is supposed to be. I see from the prospectus that I have 25 pages assigned but I am not sure whether the number of words per page will be the same as on the prospectus.

I would also like to know whether my article should have an illustration or two; probably not since I assume that the illustrations will be reserved primarily for American subjects.

I cannot tell you how much I enjoyed the dinner at your home the other day and what a pleasure it was to meet your Mother and Aunt. These were the only soft-shelled crabs I had this season and they were simply delicious.

I was very much impressed by Sarah Lawrence College. I liked the liberal spirit that pervades it and I think they have an excellent faculty.

With kind regards, I am

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

"paper for the psychiatry book" (Sigerist 1944a). Sarah Lawrence College see S. to Z. of 2 June 1943.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 15 July 1943

Dear Henry:

I need your help. We need a complete set of signatures of all the past presidents of the American Psychiatric Association. We have those of the last twenty only. You will find the list of them from 1844 on in the booklet listing the members of the Association on p. 119.

John Whitehorn undoubtedly has the booklet, if you don't have one. Somewhere in the archives of Johns Hopkins there must be letters or documents bearing the signatures which we seek.

The Association was originally called the Association of Medical Superintendents of American Institutions for the Insane. From 1892 on it was called the American Medico-Psychological Association, and from 1921 on the American Psychiatric Association.

I will be very grateful to you for any help by act or advice which you may attend.

My warmest regards to you,

As ever,

Gregory

The “signatures“ of the original 13 members are reproduced in (Hall 1944). Whitehorn see Z. to S. of 20 October 1942.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 21 July 1943

Dear Gregory:

Thanks for your letter of July 15 concerning the signatures of the past presidents of the American Psychiatric Association.

I notice that you have already those of the last 20 presidents, i.e. from Thomas W. Salmon on. I wonder where the archives of the Medico-Psychological Association are. If they are still preserved, it should be easy to find letters of the presidents for the period 1892 to 1921.

If the archives are lost, I think the best would be to get in touch with one of the older psychiatrists like Adolf Meyer. They must have been in correspondence with presidents of the Society and could probably find letters in their files.

For the early period I think there is only one way left, and that is to write to the institutions with which these men were connected. Genevieve is compiling a list of the early presidents, indicating in which institutions letters are most likely to be found.

The only autograph of these men that we have here in the Institute is, of course, Henry M. Hurd, who was President from 1898 to 1899 and who was superintendent of our Hospital. I am sending the original enclosed.

By the way, we just found that we have a copy of John Curwen, The Original Thirteen Members of the Association of Medical Superintendents, Warren, Pa., 1885 which as you know contains original photos of the first 13 members. I assume that you have the book in New York. We also have a copy of the History of the Association compiled by John Curwen in 1885.

I do not see any other way of obtaining the signatures. When a man is connected with an institution for some length of time, it is very likely that he left some written record there.

Yours ever,

[Henry]

Thomas W. Salmon (1876-1927) psychiatrist. Adolf Meyer and Genevieve Miller see Z. to S. of 31 October 1932 and 20 March 1940, respectively. Henry M. Hurd (1843-1927) psychiatrist at Johns Hopkins University. John Curwen (1821-1901); (Curwen 1885).

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 26 July 1943

Dear Henry:

Many thanks for your letter about the signatures, and particularly for the picture with the autograph of Henry M. Hurd. This I am very glad to have. Please be sure to thank Genevieve for all her trouble too - I shall work along the lines suggested by you.

I needn't tell you how much I would like to see you and wonder when we will have a visit.

With warmest regards,

As ever,

G

The galley proofs are here. Will be corrected in a day or two.

Hurd see S. to Z. of 21 July 1943. Genevieve Miller.

Sigerist's assistant to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 30 July 1943

Dear Dr. Zilboorg:

Just a line to thank you for your letter of July 26 to Dr. Sigerist. He left last Sunday to participate in an intensive summer school course on contemporary Soviet civilization at Cornell in Ithaca. Then he will be at his Bolton Landing address (Bailey Cottage, Bolton Landing, N.Y.) from August 1 until September 1 when he will return to Baltimore. I wrote Dr. Sigerist recently and sent him the contents of your letter to him.

With best wishes for a pleasant summer, I am

[Genevieve Miller (?)]

Secretary to Dr. Sigerist

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 10 August 1943

Dear Henry:

I envy you your being away and I am very glad for you.

That you will be ready with your chapter not before September first I understand and sympathize with. If you could arrange to let me have the MSS by September 10 it will help me out a lot. The publishers are not as good-natured nowadays as they used to be.

The summer is passing and so apparently is Fascism. It is good to see it go, but the delight one feels about the news from Russia is mixed with forebodings. What will the double-barrelled Anglo-Saxon coalition do ?

Have a good rest and let us have dinner on your way back to Baltimore.

As always,
Gregory

“your chapter“ (Sigerist 1944a). “Fascism“, Mussolini’s brand of, after the collapse of his state during the advance of allied troops in southern Italy. “news from Russia“: The Russian military victories (Stalingrad). The following question may be about the expected “second front“ against Germany.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 5 October 1943

Dear Henry:

Will you give me whatever information you think I ought to have and whatever suggestions you care to make in connection with the Latin American problem ? For reasons that are both complex and valid, I believe that it might be rather awkward if we admit to our organization Latin American chapters, for then we would be de facto a Pan-American organization; some of the more reactionary governments in South America might get the idea of saying so, and they will say so through the State Department, of course, and then that lofty institution might cause us some discomfort. However, Latin American individuals can do as they please and they may join us as full or as corresponding members. I would be inclined to have a clause put into our by-laws, or wherever this point belongs, to the effect that those residing outside the USA are eligible to corresponding membership, which in their case entitles them to the same rights as full members. We shall then study up the question of exchange (I shall look into the matter in the meantime) and make the necessary adjustments in the payments of membership dues as far as possible and admissible by law. Latin American libraries should certainly be able to subscribe to the Review.

It was very good to see you, and I am sorry you had to rush so at the last moment.

By the time you receive this letter, Miss Halpern will have brought to you the bag of victuals which you forgot at the last moment.

As always,

Gregory

The Bulletin of the N.Y. Ac. just arrived with my Russian Psychiatry theme [?]

Stationary of The American-Soviet Medical Society. Dorothy A. Halpern: Russian-speaking secretary of the Society. “Russian Psychiatry theme“ (Zilboorg 1943a).

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 8 October 1943

Dear Gregory:

It was on the ferry that I discovered that I had forgotten the vegetables. I had to leave in such a rush that I did not remember the bag but all the way down, I felt that something was wrong. The family is delighted with your farm products and so am I.

Concerning the Latin American members of the American-Soviet Medical Society, I am sending you enclosed the correspondence I had with Dr. Sánchez in Havana. He is the most

urgent and I should appreciate it if you would get in touch with him. Sánchez has translated my Soviet book into Spanish and it seems that the book is already in the press. There was a terrible mix-up because a woman in Chile was translating it also and in all probability there will be two Spanish translations coming out at about the same time.

I think your suggestion to admit Latin Americans as individuals is good and if they want to form some sort of organization in their respective countries, that will be up to them.

I have written to Shryock and have asked him for a carbon of his contribution to your volume. It will be very helpful for me to see it.

It was good to see you in New York the other day. I enjoyed the meeting at the Academy but I found the Committee meeting at Stone's rather confusing. These Brooklyn Indians get under my skin, and I think it would be much easier if we had a small executive committee that could meet every month and transact some real business instead of having all this wishy-washy talking.

Three days in New York upset my program here for at least two weeks and I am struggling to catch up before I have to go out of town again.

With kind regards, I am

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

José López Sánchez (born 1911). A second translation in Chile seems not to have been published. Shryock see S. to Z. of 14 April 1941; his contribution (Shryock 1944) "to your volume" (Hall 1944). "Academy", New York, of Medicine. Margaret N. Stone. "Brooklyn Indians" not identified.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 18 October 1943

Dear Gregory:

Many thanks for your letter of October 15. I have written Lebedenko and have strongly advised him to get in touch with you since you might be able to show him a good many things that would be of particular interest to him. I think it would be good if you also wrote him and told him what institutions you are prepared to show him. (V. Lebedenko, 1610 Park Rd., N.W., Washington, D.C.)

I should very much like to have Lebedenko spend a day or two seeing the organization and work of the New York City Health Department. I think it would be very important for him to see the good work that the Department is doing as well as its limitations.

You will probably hear from Lebedenko the next time he comes to New York although I am not sure of it because people are working him to death.

We all admired your picture in LIFE. What publicity ! Your practice is going to soar and Iago is going to burst.

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

Z.'s letter is missing. Vladimir V. Lebedenko: "Medical ambassador" of the USSR to the U.S.. LIFE Magazine. Iago Galdston (1895-1989) medical historian at New York Academy of Medicine.

Sigerist's assistant to Zilboorg's assistant, Baltimore ?, 19 November 1943

Dear Peg:

Before H.E.S. left for Toronto last night he asked me to write you to explain the difficulties he has been having in his attempt to finish the psychiatry paper. For the past month his time has been so broken up by innumerable commitments and lectures which he had promised long before, that he has been unable to do any of his research. It is impossible to do any serious writing with continued interruptions.

After he returns from Canada next Tuesday he hopes that he will be able to continue his paper, since he can settle down and live a fairly normal routine. I assure you that he is anxious to finish the paper as you are to receive it, so if you will be patient a little longer you will receive it eventually.

Would you ask Dr. Zilboorg if he will review "The Psychiatric Novels of Oliver Wendell Holmes, Abridgment, Introduction, etc. by Clarence P. Oberndorf M.D., (Columbia University Press, 1943)" for the Bulletin ?

I'm very glad you came down for the Vesalius meeting. I hope we'll see you soon again.

Sincerely

[Genevieve (?)]

This letter is probably from Genevieve Miller. Margaret (Peg) Stone. "Psychiatry paper" (Sigerist 1944a). Oberndorf see Z. to S. of 30 January 1935 and (Oberndorf 1943); Z.'s review in the "Bulletin" of the History of Medicine has not materialized. Oliver Wendell Holmes (1809-1894) physician and author. Vesalius see Z. to S. of 30 July 1942.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 26 November 1943

Dear Henry:

The correspondence between Genevieve and Peg was a sad experience for me and must have been a sad one for you. I understand you so very well, for I too have reached the point of saturation and I know all too well from my personal physical and mental state how hard it is to keep on pulling and pulling.

When I was in Baltimore at the Vesalius evening I was deeply affected by the awareness that both you and I must cut down on a number of things, if we are to continue to do our work well - and yet here we are with the winter so young that it is disquieting. Every day I find more things which must be done, rather than fewer.

May I suggest something ? What do you think if you and I go officially on the sick list and get together on my farm Friday, December 3rd and stay there ? We will be alone. The family will be in town. We will walk a little, have the farmer kill a duck or a suckling pig, and cook it and eat it. We won't even talk about anything weighty. Please say yes - by Sunday evening (December 5th) we will return to New York.

I am sure it will all do you and me a lot of good.

As to the chapter for the Volume - I counted on it so much ! As a matter of fact, your name, and your contribution, was one of the things that gave me a wonderful lift with our Council, and I would hate to think of the Volume without you. You are tired and you are

pressed - this I know, and I don't think I have a right to urge you to do anything. But I am in a very difficult position. The only one who failed us is Hart of Toronto, who is lazy anyhow and not very bright either - but we have the anthropologist Kluckhohn of Harvard, which is an excellent compensation. You cannot be substituted. Moreover, there are many personal reasons why I would be heartbroken if you stepped out of the Volume.

I just telephoned to the Columbia University Press and argued them down to December 12th. If you could get the manuscript to me by the 10th, I will work on it over the weekend and have it at the Press on the 12th.

I am very eager to hear from you. I am still more eager that you decide to go into seclusion with me for the weekend of December 3rd. We will walk in the woods and cook our food and sleep.

My warmest regards to you.

Gregory

Genevieve Miller and Margaret (Peg) Stone. Vesalius see Z. to S. of 30 July 1942. "chapter" Sigerist 1944a) "for the Volume" (Hall 1944). "Council" of the American Psychiatric Association. C.W.M. Hart: Canadian anthropologist. Clyde Kluckhohn (1905-1960) anthropologist.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 28 November 1943

Dear Gregory:

Thanks ever so much for your letter and for your sympathy. The idea of spending a weekend on the farm is very tempting indeed but unfortunately I have to attend a conference of the Medical Advisory Council of the Automobile Workers Union in Washington on December 3 and 4.

I shall certainly let you have my manuscript by December 10. I cannot tell you exactly how much it will contain, and it will probably not be quite as long as I had planned but whatever I have by that time, I shall send you. I should hate the idea of leaving you in the lurch [sic]. On the evening of December 9, I shall send you my manuscript by special delivery and I only hope that it will be good enough and will not disgrace the volume.

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

"my manuscript" (Sigerist 1944a). "the volume" (Hall 1944).

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 13 December 1943 (Telegram)

PAPER FINISHED[.] MAILING REST OF MANUSCRIPT TODAY
H.E.SIGERIST

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 13 December 1943

Dear Gregory:

I am sending you enclosed the second part of the paper. It is not as long and not as good as I had hoped to make it, but this is all I could do. At any rate it will fill the gap.

Please feel free to make any changes you like. Have it set in page proofs directly, and if it saves time you need not send me proofs. I am perfectly satisfied if you and Peg read them.

I would like to put in an order for 500 reprints with cover, the bill to be addressed to the Institute in duplicate.

Cordially as ever,

Yours

[Henry]

“the paper“ (Sigerist 1944a). Margaret (Peg) Stone.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 14 December 1943 (Telegram)

HAPPY AND GRATEFUL[.] YOUR CHAPTER IS BRIEF BUT BETTER THAN MOST
OF THE LONGER ONES[.] IT GOES TO PRINT TODAY
GREGORY

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 29 January 1944

Dear Gregory:

Thanks for your circular letter of January 26th. I think the best would be if you listed me the following way:

Henry E. Sigerist, M.D., Professor of the
History of Medicine , The Johns Hopkins
University, Balto., Md.

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 31 January 1944

Dear Henry:

The Railway Express Company will bring you a suckling pig. This noble victual will have been fully frozen before being dispatched to you. When it arrives, put it in the regular ice-box; it will keep for quite a few days. It goes to you at the Institute.

Bon appétit.

As ever,

Gregory

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 2 February 1944

Dear Henry:

It was good to receive your wire and to know that the pig was there in good order.

I had an appointment [sic] tonight with Miss Halpern, and we planned to spend the evening going over the material at hand in order to pick out some neurological and psychiatric articles or data. She preferred to do it in my office, because she said that her office was too cold. When I arrived here tonight, I found a message saying that she was not coming because she discovered that there was not sufficient psychiatric material to go over. All this appeared to me a little puzzling, and I write to ask whether you have any recent Soviet publications which contain the stuff we are looking for.

My warmest regards to you.

As ever,

Gregory

Halpern see Z. to S. of 5 October 1943.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 3 February 1944

Dear Gregory:

Half an hour after I had wired you, the pig arrived and made a triumphal entrance [sic] into the Institute. All preparations have been made for its stuffing and roasting and the ceremony will take place on Sunday. I have invited some members of my Department to share the feast. Honestly, it was awfully good of you to send me such a beautiful animal and I shall let you know how it tasted. It came just in time because I am leaving for a ten day lecture tour in Canada Sunday night.

I also just received the report on the psychiatry book. I think you have done amazingly well. Printing is so complicated today that it is very unusual to have such a book brought out on time.

With cordial greetings, I am

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

“psychiatry book“ Hall 1944).

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 4 February 1944

Dear Henry:

We had an interesting program last night at the meeting of the New York Society for Medical History. It was devoted to an account of the Negro in medicine in the United States and to the Census of 1840 and its use for the purpose of pro-slavery propaganda.

The first paper was presented by Lt. Col. Bousfield of the Army Medical Corps - a negro and a good scholar. The second was done by Albert Deutsch.

I thought that Bousfield's contribution was both historically and sociologically very good indeed. It is also well written. I urged him to submit the manuscript to you for publication in the Bulletin. It certainly would be worth while to have it done. It covers the history of Negro physicians in practice in slavery days, in post-slavery days, their work in Negro medical education, in research, and their contribution to the work in public health to-date.

If you think you would want the Mss, let me know. Dr. Bousfield was somewhat diffident about writing you directly - apparently a shade of a sense of racial inferiority, despite the fact that he is a Lieutenant-Colonel and heads one of the largest military hospitals and medical replacement centers in the country (in Arizona now). I promised to communicate with him as soon as I hear from you, and in the meantime he will clear the Mss through the War Department.

My warmest regards to you.

As ever,

Gregory

Midian O. Bousfield (1885-1948). Deutsch see Z. to S. of 24 April 1941. "Bulletin" of the History of Medicine.

Sigerist's secretary to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 8 February 1944

Dear Dr. Zilboorg:

Thank you so much for both your letters to Dr. Sigerist. He left on Sunday evening for his ten-day trip to Canada and asked me to give you a report on the feast. On Sunday he cooked the pig ! He invited Dr. and Mrs. Temkin and their daughter, Ann; Dr. and Mrs. Edelstein, Genevieve and me to share this rare treat. And it was one too. Dr. Sigerist did a noble cooking of the pig and he kept repeating throughout the entire dinner how much he wished you could have been there and everyone kept heaping blessings on your head for your generosity that made the usual banquet-for-kings available to us in these days. Dr. Sigerist was in good form and the entire dinner and afterwards went exceedingly well.

He said that I was to give you a report of the event because he had to leave that evening. As a matter of fact, he left at 6 p.m. and the last guest left his home at 4:30 so it was a close margin. He enjoyed each minute of it and got such pleasure from planning days ahead. I only hope you can realize how much real, solid good-for-the-soul treatment you provided by sending him such a gift. He was so enthusiastic and pleased that his fatigue simply faded away from him for the time being. So, I have not only given you a report but something else

besides. We all have you to thank for your kindness and none of us will forget you or that dinner for a very long time to come.

Dr. Sigerist will be at the office on February 15th and he will see your letters then. In the meantime, my best regards to Miss Stone and to you.

Cordially,

[Hope Trebing]

Trebing, Lilian Temkin, and Stone see S. to Z. of 24 May 1939, 9 April 1940, and 4 June 1941, respectively. Owsei Temkin and Genevieve Miller see Z. to S. of 18 January 1934 and 20 March 1940, respectively.

New names:

Edelstein-Levy, Emma (born 1904) German classical scholar

Ludwig Edelstein (1902-1965) German classical scholar and medical historian, member of S.'s staff

Temkin, Ann J., daughter (born 1937)

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 17 February 1944

Dear Gregory:

I just came back from a ten-day's tour to Canada where I gave 18 lectures. It was pretty strenuous and I therefore never had the chance to tell you that the suckling pig was a tremendous success. I stuffed it with barley, two pounds of sausage meat, the liver of a pig, etc. and served it with sauerkraut and potatoes. It was really excellent and we drank the health of the donor.

I am most interested in the papers of Lt.-Col. Bousfield and Albert Deutsch and wish I could publish them both. Please tell them to send me their manuscripts. The May number of the Bulletin will, in all probability, be entirely devoted to the history of American medicine so that the papers would fit in beautifully.

As to your letter of February 2, I am sorry to say that we are actually extremely short on Soviet psychiatric literature. Lebedenko had some material but Karl Menninger got hold of it. He consulted me about it and I, of course, could not refuse.

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

Bousfield and Deutsch see Z. to S. of 4 February 1944 and 24 April 1941, respectively; Bousfield's manuscript has not appeared in the Bulletin of the History of Medicine, in contrast to (Deutsch 1944). Lebedenko see S. to Z. of 18 October 1943. Karl Menninger (1893-1990) psychiatrist and author.

Zilboorg to Sigerist's secretary, New York, 18 February 1944

Dear Miss Trebing:

Thank you so much for the good note you sent me. It gave me a very good picture of the whole "rare treat," and I'm very glad to know it was a success.

Your letter was very much appreciated.

Yours cordially,

Gregory Zilboorg

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 25 February 1944

Dear Gregory:

I just had a letter from Dr. José López Sánchez in Havana in which he informs me that the Sociedad Cubano-Soviético de Ciencias Médicas is going to be launched in the next few days. The enclosed clipping will tell you more about it. Dr. Sánchez says that he had hoped to hear from you, since you are chairman of our Committee on Relations with Latin America. I think we should develop some kind of cooperation with these Latin American groups. They are extremely eager and anxious to do a good job. The Cuban group, for instance, is issuing a special edition of 200 numbered copies of my Soviet book, especially printed for the members of the new society.

With kind regards, I am

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

Sánchez see S. to Z. of 8 October 1943. “my Soviet book“ (Sigerist 1937).

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 23 March 1944

Dear Henry:

Many, many thanks for the two books; I am delighted to receive them.

We are in the throes of trying to make the benefit performance of the American Soviet Medical Society a big success. Things seem to be going pretty well.

I am so rushed of late that I find it a bit too much even for me.

Yours ever,

Gregory

“the two books“, possibly (Zilboorg 1943c) and (Hall 1944).

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 25 March 1944

Dear Gregory:

Would you tell me how the meeting of the Medical History Society was at which Meyer and Whitehorn spoke ?

Whitehorn suggested that the Johns Hopkins Medical History Club should commemorate the centenary and Meyer came to see me about it yesterday. He was rather confused as usual

but I understand that he and Whitehorn did not agree on some basic questions. I could, however, not quite make out what he meant.

If we have such a meeting, we must, of course, have Meyer on the program since he embodies a half century of American psychiatry but at any rate, I would like to know how the New York meeting was. Meyer is getting very old and it is sad to see a man slowly going to pieces like that.

Next Monday, I am seeing Emil Ludwig who intends to write something against Freud. I shall suggest to him that he talk with you first.

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

“Medical History Society“ of New York. Adolf Meyer see Z. to S. of 31 October 1932. Whitehorn and Freud see Z. to S. of 20 October 1942 and 10 April 1936, respectively. Emil Ludwig (1881-1948) German author of biographies romancées.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 28 March 1944

Dear Henry:

You have a difficult job on your hands with Adolf Meyer’s proposition.

The meeting here in New York was extremely well attended, and John Whitehorn was really excellent. Knowing that Meyer was never going to stop - I arranged at the last moment to have Whitehorn speak first - and then Meyer spoke for almost an hour and a half. We had to omit all the others - which was a little embarrassing because they came especially by invitation and from out of town.

At any rate, it would be very nice indeed if you had some meeting marking the centenary of the American Psychiatric Association and of Butler Hospital. I don’t know whether you would wish only Baltimoreans to take part in the Meeting - but Meyer is paraphrasic, rambling, and so confused and lost in not well-articulated words that no one follows him and it is painful. His progressive senescence becomes very prominent when he speaks from the platform.

Perhaps you could make him Chairman of the evening. I rather suspect he would be satisfied with this assignment - he is aware in a way of his growing troubles.

Incidentally, don’t make that meeting after May 10th - as the latter is the day when Butler Hospital will celebrate its centenary at Providence, and then the Philadelphia Meeting comes.

As ever,

Gregory

Don’t forget that breakfast to which you must have received the invitation

Adolf Meyer and Whitehorn see Z. to S. of 31 October 1932 and 20 October 1942, respectively. Butler Psychiatric Hospital in Providence, RI.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 28 March 1944

Dear Gregory:

What a crazy idea to have a breakfast at the godless hour of 8. a.m. Why not have a late supper at 2 a.m. which would be much more preferable !

I shall make an effort to come but cannot promise yet because I do not know what my plans will be. I would have to go to Philadelphia on Sunday already to be there in time for the breakfast.

Yours very cordially,
[Henry]

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 3 April 1944a

Dear Gregory:

I do not remember if I placed an order for reprints of my article in the psychiatry volume. If reprints can be bought and if there is no limitation, I should like to have 500 with the bill addressed in duplicate to the Institute of the History of Medicine. I am enclosing a requisition blank for the Press.

I shall be in New York next week from April 12 to 14th. On the 12th, I shall be attending the Castiglioni dinner. On the 13th, we shall have a meeting of the Executive Committee of the American-Soviet Medical Society. I am writing a memorandum for the occasion and I think that we will have to make some quite important decisions. Perhaps there may be an opportunity to talk the matter over with you before the meeting.

On the evening of the 14th , I am talking to the Physicians Forum.

With kind regards, I am
Yours as ever,
[Henry]

“my article“ (Sigerist 1944a). “psychiatry volume“ (Hall 1944). “the Press“: Columbia University Press. Castiglioni see Z. to S. of 14 October 1936; dinner for his 70th birthday. Physicians Forum: A medical discussion platform.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore, 3 April 1944b

Dear Dr. Zilboorg:

Dr. John F. Fulton would very much like to have a set of reprints of all the Vesalius papers published in the December number of the Bulletin of the History of Medicine for the Historical Library of the Yale Medical Library, 333 Cedar Street, New Haven, Connecticut. I should greatly appreciate it if you would send him a reprint directly.

Yours very sincerely,
Henry E. Sigerist

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 5 April 1944

Dear Henry:

The reason for the crazy hour of 8 A.M. for breakfast is that the meetings are so tightly scheduled. There is no other time for the contributors and editors to get together and get a few special reprints and view the book for the first time, and for the Association officially to express its gratitude etc., etc. I do hope you will be there - I am rather counting on you.

Incidentally, the Editor of the Oxford University Press in this country, Harry Hatcher, is very eager to have a copy of the Vesalius number of the Bulletin. I wonder whether you could send him one at my expense, or send one to me and I would give it to him.

I hope to see you very soon.

As ever,
Gregory

“the book“ (Hall 1944). “the Association“, American, Psychiatric. Vesalius see Z. to S. of 30 July 1942. Bulletin of the History of Medicine.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 19 April 1944

Dear Henry:

While putting together the Soviet psychiatric material, I suddenly came upon a considerable amount of data dealing with war psychiatry, for which everybody was clamoring. I took it upon myself to change my plans and I do hope you will approve the change. I am now writing a survey of the problems of military psychiatry as the Soviet psychiatrists see them. There are even a few statistical data and a few clinical descriptions and therapeutic suggestions. This survey will of course not be as long as the one originally planned - the latter will come later. I thought the military problems would be a better vehicle on which to introduce Soviet psychiatry to the reader of the Review - and it will be ready early next week.

A copy of this note is being sent to Miss Halpern.

Yours ever,
Gregory

It was so good to see you and I look forward to seeing you at Philadelphia.

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Stationary of The American-Soviet Medical Society. Review, American, of Soviet Medicine. Halpern see Z. to S. of 5 October 1943.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 20 April 1944

Dear Gregory:

Thanks for your letter of April 19. Please feel absolutely free to handle the Soviet psychiatric material in any way you like. You are our expert in the field and you must tell us what we shall publish. There is no doubt that the military problems are the most acute at the moment and any information you can give us will interest our readers greatly.

Cannon just left my room. He is a grand old man but the poor devil is suffering a lot. He just had a [xxxx]. But he carries on beautifully.

You can count on me for the breakfast in Philadelphia and if the Society makes hotel reservations, I should appreciate it if a single room could be reserved for me for Sunday evening.

Cordially as ever,

[Henry]

Cannon see Z. to S. of 25 May 1943. “Society“: Probably American Psychiatric Association. [xxxx] Protected Health Information of the Alan Mason Chesney Archives of the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 26 April 1944

Dear Henry:

There will be a room for you for Sunday night, May fourteenth, at the Ritz in Philadelphia. The Ritz is just across the street from the Bellevue-Stratford, where we shall have breakfast the next morning. Even if it rains, it will be easy for you to get there. We shall pay for the room, of course.

I shall be in touch with you before then.

Am working on Russian psychiatry. It goes all right, and I expect to finish it in two more days.

As ever,

Gregory

Why don't you come to Phila and you and Peg have dinner and I would join you later in the evening ?

“We shall pay“: Probably the American Psychiatric Association. Margaret (Peg) Stone.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 1 May 1944

Dear Gregory:

First of all, let me thank you most cordially for the very impressive group of reprints that you sent me. Some of the papers I, of course, know but others I had not seen before. They all concern subjects in which I am greatly interested and I am looking forward to reading them.

I was glad to hear that a room has been reserved for me in Philadelphia. I expect to arrive Sunday at 6:18 p.m. and very much hope that Peg will have dinner with me and that we shall see you later in the evening. I will go directly to the hotel and will get in touch with Peg as soon as I am there.

Cordially as ever,
[Henry]

“reprints“: Possibly articles out of (Hall 1944). Margaret (Peg) Stone.

Zilboorg’s assistant to Sigerist, New York, 9 May 1944

Dear Henry:

I understand - which should have been put in quotes - that we are to have supper together this Sunday evening, and speaking from my strictly unbiased point of view, it does seem like a wonderful idea. In your letter to Gregory you say that you will arrive in Philadelphia at 6:18 and get in touch with me after you reach your hotel. I shall be at the Bellevue-Stratford, but I shall not reach Philadelphia until 7:10, as that connection is the first I can make from New York Sunday afternoon. Will it be all right if I give you a ring when I reach my room ?

Looking forward so much to seeing you -
Affectionately,
Peg

This won’t make your eating hour [?] too late ? I hope not.

Margaret (Peg) Stone.

Sigerist to Zilboorg’s assistant, Baltimore ?, 11 May 1944

Dear Peg:

I was delighted to receive your note. It is never too late for having dinner in good company. I shall be in my hotel room at the Ritz-Carlton awaiting your telephone call and will be delighted to come over whenever you give me the signal.

Yours as ever,
[Henry]

Sigerist to Zilboorg's assistant, Baltimore ?, 5 June 1944

Dear Peg:

I take great pleasure in sending you enclosed three reprints of my recent editorial, “The University at the Crossroads“, and I very much appreciated your very kind comments.

The reception that this article is finding is astonishingly gratifying. I had expected to be insulted by some university presidents but instead, I am receiving appreciative letters from all over the country and several universities have ordered reprints in batches of 25 and 100 so that the supply will be exhausted in a few days and the article will have to be set in type again for a new edition of the reprints.

I remember the day in Philadelphia with much pleasure and I was particularly happy to be able to share Rodin with you.

Very cordially as ever,
[Henry]

The University at the Crossroads (Sigerist 1944b). Auguste Rodin (1840-1917) French sculptor; Rodin Museum in Philadelphia.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 6 June 1944a

Dear Henry:

Am finishing the survey article and just received a mss. by Yudin on war-neuroses - a rather general (very much so) statement, but it will prove interesting to many psychiatrists. I suggest that it appear in the same issue as the survey article.

About our meeting in the fall ? I am about to start working on the program and would appreciate it if you drop me a note with any suggestions you may have.

Sorry not to have had the opportunity to have a talk with you. When will we talk ?

Yours ever,
Gregory

“survey article“ on Soviet psychiatry. Yudin not identified. “our meeting in the fall“: First annual meeting of the American-Soviet Medical Society.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 6 June 1944b

Dear Henry:

The Columbia University Press informs me that the prices for the reprints of your article are as follows:

for 100 reprints	\$ 62.--
„ 250 „	„ 70.—
„ 500 „	„ 81.—
„ additional 100's	„ 6.—

No illustrations, of course, and no cover.

Yours sincerely,

Gregory

“Your article“ (Sigerist 1944a).

Sigerist's assistant to Zilborg's assistant, Baltimore ?, 9 June 1944

Dear Peg:

Our letters about the reprints crossed. Therefore when we received your letter quoting prices we decided not to get any. I have never seen such outrageous prices.

Thanks anyway for all your trouble.

Sincerely

[Genevieve (?)]

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 21 June 1944

Dear Gregory:

Many thanks for your letter of June 6. I am sure the Yudin article on war-neuroses will be interesting to many of our readers and it certainly should appear in the same number as the survey article.

I was delighted to hear that you started working on the Fall Meeting. You are the only man I know who can make such a meeting a real success and I wish we had an opportunity to talk the matter over. This reminds me that you have not been in Baltimore for a very long time while I was in New York very often. Why not come down with Peg one of these days as you did last year ? I found a new place where the food is very good and the Chesapeake crabs are just about right.

It is very hard for me to get away just now. A group of 30 medical students will enter School at the end of the month as a result of a mistake of the War Department. We have to keep them busy for five weeks and the faculty very kindly turned them over to me to take care of every afternoon.

With kind regards and hoping to see you soon, I am
Yours as ever,
[Henry]

Yudin, survey article, and Fall Meeting see Z. to S. of 6 June 1944.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 29 June 1944

Dear Henry:

I am in a state of very acute conflict. I do want to accept your invitation and come to Baltimore, and so does Peg. Of course, there are a great many things that we would want to talk over, and those Chesapeake crabs are a point of major importance. That territory must be invaded, with mortars, tanks, by land, by air and by sea. Well, how could we do it? My answer is, right away, and this for two reasons. The program for the fall meeting will not be a program unless you and I go over some practical and tactical details. Then too, I am sick and tired of working without fun, and recently I took such a nosedive (after Philadelphia) that for a moment there was no fun in working either. To make the trip to Baltimore a particular success, I thought of the B. & O., because that would give Peg and me the opportunity to have a ride, both going and returning, on a ferryboat.

Suppose we arrive on the B.& O. Saturday morning, July 15th, and leave Baltimore either the same night or Sunday night for New York. It all depends on the amount of time you have at your disposal. I hope it won't be necessary to postpone this for any later date, because I don't think the program can wait very much longer.

As always yours,
Gregory

“fall meeting“see Z. to S. of 6 June 1944. B.& O.: Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, serving New York at the New Jersey side of the Hudson River via a ferryboat.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 5 July 1944

Dear Gregory:

I was delighted with your letter and at the prospect of having you and Peg here on the 15th. I am free and hope you can stay over to Sunday. Let me know if we shall make hotel reservations. Genevieve unfortunately will not be here. She left last Saturday for Vermont where she is attending a summer course at Middlebury College. She found that her German was not good enough for her work and Middlebury gives a very good vacation course that is conducted by one of our professors.

There is a lot I want to discuss with you. Let me know on what train you arrive and at what station. If you come on the B&O, get off at Mount Royal Station which is more convenient than Camden.

Looking forward to seeing you soon, I am

Yours as ever,
[Henry]

“one of our professors“: German-speaking Ludwig Edelstein or Owsei Temkin. B&O: Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 7 July 1944 (Telegram)

WE ARRIVED [sic] FRIDAY 14TH 840 PM PENNSYLVANIA LEAVING SUNDAY EVENING NINE. PLEASE ADVISE HOTEL RESERVATIONS.
GREGORY

Zilboorg's assistant to Sigerist's secretary, New York, 12 July 1944

Dear Miss Trebing:

Thank you so much for taking care of our reservations for this weekend. I would have written you two whole days ago except for what is (most indirectly) Dr. Sigerist's fault - Dr. Zilboorg spent last weekend finishing his article for the Review, and Monday and Tuesday of this week were spent in getting it ready for the printer. It was a rather busy time, but it's over now and breath comes a little more easily.

Shall hope to see you in Baltimore.

Yours sincerely,
Margaret Stone

Trebing see S. to Z. of 24 May 1939. Review: American, of Soviet Medicine.

Sigerist to Zilboorg's assistant, Baltimore ?, 22 July 1944

Dear Peg:

I know that “Margaret's Joy“ will very soon and for a number of weeks be “Henry's Joy!“ I am saving it for August when we go to the seashore.

It was awfully good of you to send me this tea. It looks most promising and tea that is sealed in such a way will last almost endlessly.

Cordially as ever,
[Henry]

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 21 October 1944

Dear Gregory:

The enclosed manuscripts were received from the Science Committee of the National Council of American-Soviet friendship. Since I am leaving in two days, I will not be able to read them and should appreciate it if you would have a look at them. If you think that they are not suitable for the Review, please return them to Mr. Smith.

Cordially as ever,

[Henry]

“leaving in two days“: For India. “Review“, American, of Soviet Medicine. Mr. Smith not identified.

Sigerist’s secretary to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 25 October 1944

Dear Dr. Zilboorg:

Dr. Sigerist was terribly upset that he could not send you a letter as report of the editor but he simply could not manage it. He had intended to have the letter for you but last minute developments changed his plans totally.

It was learned at the last night before departure from Baltimore that he himself had to go to the State Department and sign for his passport the following morning at 9 o’clock. And therefore instead of finishing up his work, he spent the time in packing, doing the most urgent affairs and preparing himself for any eventuality. He worked until 4:30 a.m. and appeared in Washington at 9 o’clock. None of us knew whether or not he would be finished with the business at hand to allow him to make his train connections, but fortunately he got back to Baltimore and made his schedule on time.

He wondered whether you or perhaps Dr. Heiman or Dr. Leslie could do something about the report.

With warm greetings,

Cordially as ever,

[Hope Trebing]

Secretary

“report of the editor“ of the American Review of Soviet Medicine. “night before departure“ to India. Jacob Heiman (born 1892) physician and associate editor of the American Review of Soviet Medicine. Robert Leslie (born 1885) printer and member of the American-Soviet Medical Society. Trebing see S. to Z. of 24 May 1939.

Zilboorg to Sigerist’s secretary, New York, 15 November 1944

Dear Miss Trebing:

This is a belated thank you for your letter of October 25th.

I heard from Dr. Sigerist from Montréal.

We had a very good annual meeting and all missed Dr. Sigerist very, very much.

Yours cordially,
Gregory Zilboorg

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 11 January 1945

Dear Gregory:

I am back home and just managed to get in for Christmas but it took me some time to re-adjust myself to office life after almost five months spent in field work. The Indian tour was most exciting and I will have to tell you a great deal about it. I expect to be in New York next week from Tuesday, January 16 to Thursday evening or Friday morning and hope very much to see you and have a long talk.

My wife is coming along because she has some shopping to do and wants to see some of her Swiss friends.

I think you and Heiman did a superb job on the last two numbers of the Review and I was delighted to find the account of the November meeting and to see that it had been such a great success. I knew that it would be one with you in charge of the program.

Well, au revoir very soon. My love to you and Peg.

Yours as ever,
[Henry]

“five months spent in field work“: Saskatchewan and India. Heiman see S. to Z. of 25 October 1944. Review, American, of Soviet Medicine. November meeting of the American-Soviet Medical Society.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 13 February 1945

Dear Father Gregory:

I do not know yet which Order you are going to join but I better get accustomed now to calling you “Father“ Gregory. By the way, why don’t you join the Greek Orthodox

Church ? It looks as if they are going to be the church that stands for socialism while the Catholic Church will remain the bastion of monopoly capitalism.

Bob asked me to ask you when we may expect the Negovsky sections for publication. He thought that a letter from me would carry more weight. I am not sure that this is correct but you know, of course, that the material would be most welcome.

Do not forget that you promised to come to Baltimore soon.

Yours as ever,
[Henry]

“Father Gregory“: Z. had converted to Catholicism. Bob: Possibly Robert Leslie. Negovsky, possibly Vladimir A., Russian physiologist, (died 2005).

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 14 February 1945

Dear Henry:

Since due to War conditions it is impossible to have any national meetings, I thought that the New York Society for Medical History might arrange the last meeting of the year on a somewhat broader basis. I write you in order to have your reaction to our plans before we make our final decision. I am leaving for Montréal this Friday to give a few lectures, and will be back within a week.

Our plan is this. The May meeting to be held some time in the middle of the month and to be devoted to “Medical History in the Making.” We visualize a brief morning business session to be followed by three papers:

- (1) “The Changing Trends in Surgery“
- (2) “The Changing Trends in Medicine
- (3) “Health as a Public Issue in the Wake of the War.“

The first and second paper could be entrusted to Army and Navy people, the last to you.

Then there will be a luncheon. We may ask Alan Gregg to preside over the luncheon and speak to us on the problems of medical education and research in the wake of the War.

Then an afternoon session - two or three short papers, preferably two:

(1) By some prominent French medical man who would tell us about what French medicine has lost during the War.

(2) By someone (probably a Swiss who will come here for the meeting) who will tell us how medicine and medical education deteriorated in Germany and other countries during the War.

(3) Someone on the medical response to the issues created by the War in U.S.S.R. (this to be delivered by a Soviet scientist, of course).

No evening session.

Some of the members from Philadelphia and Baltimore could easily attend this meeting.

I miss you.

As ever,

Gregory

Alan Gregg (1890-1957) Rockefeller Foundation officer.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 15 February 1945

Dear Henry:

Now look - I never suspected you of being impractical, and suddenly you come and write me a letter which just demonstrates beyond any doubt that India did affect you and made you quite impractical. Your letter is as soft as Cashmere but its impact as strong as the tusk of a Maharaja's elephant. Why, do tell me, should I join the Eastern Church when it is already safe for USSR ? Isn't my place in the spot where they are not yet that way ?

This brings me to the problems of Agony and Death, alias Negovski.

The last part I received from the translator only last week. I have been pressed for it for the past six weeks - i.e. ever since I discovered the booklet lost somewhere in our “archives“ and explained how important it was to “do it“. Five different people translated five different parts. Five styles, five modes of inaccuracies, five ways of misunderstanding the original.

That they wrote you asking you to write me was rather childish. The situation is this. As soon as we decide or suggest that something should be done - an atmosphere of urgency is created; within twenty-four hours the telephone begins to ring to inquire how much sooner than a week a certain job that takes four weeks to complete will be ready. Very soon there is an atmosphere of reproachful friendliness and friendly reproachfulness for something you have not neglected at all - work is dropped in your lap which you did not undertake to do. All this is disquieting and discomfiting and to this waste of energy and time is added the wasteful sense of silently controlling one’s irritation and warding off an uncalled for pressure.

I am absolutely certain that there is not a person concerned who is even aware of how they pollute the atmosphere with a sense of disorderly pressure and uncalled for urgency. They all mean extremely well and they are all most loyal and devoted workers and friends. But even without claiming any indulgence because of some very severe weeks in my personal life, I must say in full fairness that they are all doers of things and at times I think they don’t have time to read a book or think over a general problem. As to myself, when I have no time to study or to think, I feel wilted and unable to do any work at all.

I was not consulted as to how much work I would be able to do for the Review, I was just given work to do. As a result, I was unable to deliver the manuscript of my report on suicide (a five-year study of two thousand cases) at the time specified, nor at a later date to which the delivery date was postponed, nor now. Not a line of the report was written. Yet to write it is not a purely personal ambition. Over one hundred thousand dollars were entrusted to me and spent for this research - I am responsible to those who put up the money, if not morally and scientifically to myself, and I just can’t carry more of a load than I do. If this proves disappointing to my friends, I am sorry but I can’t help it.

I have no desire to withdraw from the work, but if I am pressed too hard I might be pushed out.

Let us get together in Baltimore soon. When ? Write.

As ever,

Gregory

An unusual letter of complaint and exhaustion. S.’s letter is missing. Negovski see S. to Z. of 13 February 1945. *Agony and Death* (Negovski 1959); the Russian original has been translated into German, however, an English translation was not identified. “some very severe weeks in my personal life“ may be the key sentence and allude to Z.’s religious conversion. “Review“, American, of Soviet Medicine.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 16 February 1945

Dear Gregory:

Many thanks for your letter of February 14. I am most enthusiastic about your plan of having a whole day conference in New York in May, and the program is very good indeed. It should attract a good group from as far as Boston to the North and Washington to the South. Now that our national society is rather inactive, such local meetings are the more important.

Practically, I should advise you to get in touch with Krumbhaar who is president of the national Association. At last year's meeting of the Council in Philadelphia, we decided to hold an annual conference this year but Krumbhaar has not called it off yet although I have no doubt that he will do so. Atlantic City would not be a good place to meet this year anyway. First I thought that he might wish to call a local conference in Philadelphia but he probably does not intend it because he would have had to arrange for a program. Our Philadelphia officers are pretty slow, I am sorry to say, but I let them do and do not interfere. The more delighted I am, however, that New York is taking the initiative.

Under the circumstances, we could consider having a meeting of the national Council in New York instead of Philadelphia on the evening preceding the conference. I would also like to publish all the papers in the July number of the Bulletin.

Go ahead and I will support you as much as I can.

Yours as ever,
[Henry]

“national society”: American Association of the History of Medicine (AAHM). Krumbhaar see S. to Z. of 27 April 1938. Philadelphia officers: Members of AAHM Council. “Bulletin“ of the History of Medicine.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 19 February 1945

Dear Gregory:

Thanks for your letter of February 15. I can, of course, understand the situation very well and it has always been a mystery to me how anybody can live and work in New York particularly if he is afflicted with a telephone.

There is, however, one more letter that you must write, namely, to Dr. Sánchez in Cuba. I just received the enclosed letter and all you have to do is to tell him that you have received the Constitution of the Cuban-Soviet Medical Society and that the whole problem is being studied or something similar. He is worried because he never heard from us. I would be glad to write him myself in the matter but it might be confusing since our Committee on Relations with Central and South America is in New York.

I have an engagement for this coming week-end but otherwise I have no plans and any date that you suggest for a visit will suit me perfectly.

Yours as ever,
[Henry]

Sánchez see S. to Z. of 8 October 1943.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 1 March 1945

Dear Henry:

I just heard about Stuart Mud's [sic] correspondence with you. As I understand it, some articles were cut and revamped in a manner rather regrettable. In a way I am glad this matter

finally came up. Our friend Dr. Davies [sic], who is now not here, has been rather insistent - and rather aggressively - that the Soviet articles contain too much “propaganda.” I was opposed to the articles’ being “doctored,” and on several occasions he and I had some harsh exchanges. It appears that Heiman is now blamed for some of the things that have been done. To some extent it is Heiman’s responsibility, of course - but one should bear in mind that the poor guy was really outmaneuvered by Davies, whose sympathies with our cause are transitory and tenuous. He used to go to the Rockefeller Institute people and talk it over with them, and then would confront Heiman with all this. Heiman naturally was overawed by this authority, and the result was of course regrettable.

On the other hand, Heiman made very serious sacrifices. Here is one instance. Years of research work were now finally to be recompensed by an appointment as Associate Professor in Columbia. I learned today (confidentially) that he was told yesterday that he cannot be promoted because he “spends too much time with the Russians and their medicine.”

It would be good if you, Heiman, Bob and I got together very soon and thrashed out some problems of policy and general trends.

L. H. is back. She landed Tuesday.

Affectionately,
Gregory

Stuart Mudd (1893-1975) microbiologist and co-editor of the American Review of Soviet Medicine. Michael M. Davis (1879-1971) pioneer in medical care and its reform. Heiman see S. to Z. of 25 October 1944. “Columbia” University. Bob = Robert Leslie see S. to Z. of 25 October 1944. L. H. = Lillian Hellman, see S. to Z. of 14 April 1941.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 3 March 1945

Dear Gregory:

I am sorry for poor Heiman who is doing such excellent work for us but I am not astonished. Whoever has anything to do with the Russians must expect to be persecuted sooner or later. This is only logical because the real conflict is one between the forces of the past and those of the future. I have no doubt that the struggle will become very acute as soon as the war is won.

An associate professorship at Columbia really does not mean much and Heiman is such a fine scientist that if he wished to drop his practice and to go into research entirely, he could find a much better academic appointment at any time.

We simply must find a full-time editor who could also act as secretary of the Society, a man who could spend his whole day at the office. Otherwise, it will be very difficult to continue. The job has grown so rapidly that it is increasingly difficult to carry it out as a side-line.

Cordially as ever,
[Henry]

Heiman see S. to Z. of 25 October 1944.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 15 May 1945

Dear Henry:

Not a word from you for a long time. I did not write you either - partly because I know how driven you are, and partly because I have been driven - terribly so.

Now, I learn that you will be here Saturday the 19th, and I need not tell you how much I look forward to seeing you, and how much I regret that I might have to miss you that day. It is Nancy's birthday. Considering the situation I am in, I am particularly eager to spend the greater part of the day with Nancy. It has been literally months since I saw her or Gregory for any length of time.

However, it is quite possible that I will be free a little later in the evening.

Peg joins me in sending you our love.

As ever,

Gregory

It looks quite probable that I will see you on the 19th

Nancy and Gregory Jr.: Z.'s children from Ray Liebow.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 23 May 1945

Dear Henry:

I cannot tell you how good it was to see you. Peg and I have not given up the hope of your coming to help us cook and consume a dinner in my office. Any chance that you might come the day before the Schuman affair or the day after ?

Do let me know.

As ever,

G

Henry Schuman (1899-1962) New York publisher.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 30 May 1945

Dear Gregory:

Thanks for your note. I also enjoyed seeing you both more than I can tell. It had been such a long time that we had not been together.

Unfortunately I am afraid that I will not be able to plan for a cooking party this time. I will be in New York only for one evening on June 11 en route to Saratoga Springs and will have to attend Schuman's cocktail party and a dinner that he is giving thereafter. I wish I could

come the day before but I am struggling to get a few papers finished before I leave Baltimore for the whole summer.

I wish you would stop here for a meal on your way to or from Washington.

My love to you both.

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

Schuman see Z. to S. of 23 May 1945. S. spent the summer at Ithaca, NY, beginning work on his multi-volume History of Medicine he had planned for years.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 16 October 1945

Dear Henry:

I have been silent all these months trying to be satisfied with bits of indirect news from you. I thought it advisable not to add to your correspondence while you were taking a rest and trying to cut down on paper work and a number of non-essentials, but I was and am eager to know how you are and to see you.

It was gratifying to hear that you will come to New York to preside over the Cannon Meeting. Would you let me know when you are coming, and would you drop in at 75th

Street ? We will be most happy to give you a cup of tea and provide you with any other comforts you may wish.

Always yours,

Gregory

Walter Cannon, see Z. to S. of 25 May 1943, died in 1945. 75th Street: Z.'s address.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 2 January 1946

Dear Henry:

Weeks and months pass and we don't seem to find time (or whatever it is) to keep in touch with each other.

The enclosed is a welcome pretext to say hello. Dr. Ullman, who just returned from the Army, was at the meeting and I asked him to prepare the brief article which I looked over and pass on to you for publication in the Bulletin.

In the meantime I found some tea which I believe is still genuine, and I am sending it on to you as a Christmas and New Year reminder that we still think of you often - nay, all the time, and would not object to running over to Baltimore, if necessary, to say hello and have a chat.

Yours ever,
Gregory

Ullman, probably Montague of New York; his article did not appear in the Bulletin of the History of Medicine.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 7 January 1946

Dear Gregory:

Thanks ever so much for your letter of January 2 and your note on the meeting of the New York Society that I will be glad to publish in the next number of the Bulletin.

I meant to write you long ago but somehow it seems that I can only write either books or letters, but not both. My correspondence is in terrible condition and I have neglected almost everybody. Volume I of the History takes me 8 solid hours every day in research and writing. I am still not through with the Soviet book and in addition, I had proofs to read and an index to make of the Addresses and Essays that Schuman is publishing - this all naturally on top of the Institute routine, teaching, seeing students, etc. I begin to understand Osler who escaped by going to England or Welch who saved himself by not opening his mail.

Well, this may explain my silence but does not help matters. It does not tell you for instance that I blessed your soul for a long time each time I had some of that delicious Courvoisier [?].

I am particularly delighted to hear that you and Peg may come to Baltimore one of these days. Why not make it a date right away ? I suggest Saturday, January 19 and I hope that enclosed menu will help you to make up your mind. One of my graduate students whose husband is trying Goering and Ribbentrop at the moment has an excellent kitchen and from time to time I cook a dinner there. So please do come, plan to arrive Saturday afternoon. Genevieve will pick you up at the hotel and will bring you to the place which is somewhat on the outskirts of town, and I can promise you a first-rate dinner with good wines. I even have a bottle of liberated Rhine wine that a friend sent me from Germany.

Let me know as soon as possible that we may expect you so that we could make a hotel reservation. The hotels are still frightfully crowded, as you can imagine.

My love to you both and I hope au revoir soon,
[Henry]

“New York Society“ for the History of Medicine. Note on the meeting in the Bulletin of the History of Medicine 19, 118-119, 1946. “Volume I of the History“ of Medicine. Soviet book (Sigerist 1947), a modified version of (Sigerist 1937). “Addresses and Essays“ (Sigerist 1946). Schuman see Z. to S. of 23 May 1945. William Osler (1849-1919) professor of medicine at McGill University, Johns Hopkins, and Oxford, England. Welch see S. to Z. of 26 December 1931. Courvoisier: A cognac or a tea. Goering and Ribbentrop: Top Nazi criminals, facing trial at Nuremberg.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 8 January 1946

Dear Henry:

So glad to hear your voice and finally arrange to come to Baltimore. Peg will arrive from New York, I from Washington. She will arrive at 4:50, I at 4:41 or 4:57. Let us, she and I, meet at the Information Booth (window ?) at that time, and let us meet Genevieve there together at the same time.

It is very good to know that you are working hard - it is sad to know how little time one has left for one's friends.

Best regards.

As ever,

Gregory

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 14 January 1946

Dear Gregory:

Thanks for your note of January 8. As I told Peg on the phone, February 2 suits me perfectly and I think I can safely promise you a very good dinner with all that goes with it.

As you heard, we have hotel reservations for you. I myself will be busy in the kitchen the whole day but Genevieve will meet you and will bring you out. I am looking forward to the event with the greatest pleasure.

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 19 March 1946

Dear Henry:

Peg and I have been wondering about your whereabouts and doings.

It was our impression that you were coming to New York in March and we hoped to be able to plan a dinner and a good evening.

I have been looking over my files and was rather amazed to discover that I have not written you since our evening in Baltimore. In my mind I have written you so many times and in actuality not a line - the usual fate when too much fantasy takes the place of reality.

The real trouble is that outside my immediate work with patients my time is rather crowded with a number of difficult and painful problems. Lawyers in human relations are not pleasant people to deal with. It is hard to do a thing without them - it is disgusting at times to do certain things with them.

How are you ? Are you coming here in March, or when ?

As ever,
Gregory

Z.'s trouble with lawyers may be in connection with his divorce from his first wife Ray Liebow.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 14 May 1946

Dear Gregory:

I just received a circular letter from Schuman announcing my book and wish to tell you without delay how deeply touched I am by all you say about the essays. I highly value your judgement and deeply appreciate the warm tone of your statements. I could not think of a better send-off for the book than the letter you wrote. I have no idea how the book will be received. Some, I am sure, will not like it but I feel that it has a message to carry and I am glad that it will be out soon.

In the meantime, I am deeply buried in my History of Medicine and I just tried to find out whether health conditions have improved or deteriorated in Egypt during the last 3000 years. It looks to me very much as if conditions were worse now than they were at the time of the pharaohs which is not very complimentary for our modern civilization.

I was only one night in New York the other day for the meeting of the American-Russian Institute but I hope to be there again in June and very much hope that we may have an evening together.

My love to you both.

Yours as ever,
[Henry]

Schuman see Z. to S. of 23 May 1945. "my book" (Sigerist 1946). Z.'s letter is missing. "my History of Medicine" (Sigerist 1951); its first volume contains Egyptian Medicine.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 20 May 1946

Dear Henry:

Your letter moved me deeply. We have corresponded only too rarely during the last couple of years, and we have not seen one another any oftener.

This is rather a difficult time - very - and one feels the need of contact with friends, and yet there is so little time and there are so many urgent things to do.

Your excursion to Egypt is good and instructive. You know that I would not hesitate to agree with you about the sorry picture our civilization presents.

I am on my way to Chicago, to the meeting of the American Psychiatric Association. Everybody is full of so-called post-war problems, no one understands them, and what is really sad is that so many keep on fighting "socialized medicine" without even the faintest understanding of the issues involved.

Let us get together in June. Let us set a date. When are you coming ? Let me know and we will get prepared and ready.

You are always the most welcome friend.

Yours ever,

Gregory

“difficult time“ see Z. to S. of 19 March 1946. Egypt see S. to Z. of 14 May 1946.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 15 July 1946

Dear Henry:

I returned from a two-weeks “vacation“ this morning to find your book on top of all the material on my desk. You know what I think of the job you have done already. And it is good to have a copy, especially inscribed to Peg and me. Many thanks.

Things in my personal life came to a climax the last week in June. The lady suddenly became amicable, and reasonable. She is now out West and will return the middle of August. It is so good at last to be able to plan ahead again.

Peg and I would want so much to see you and talk for as long a time as you can spare us, before you go. Do you plan to leave from New York ? Would there be any chance for a good meal with you ? Do let me know - we shall fit our time to yours. There is much to talk about.

Yours cordially,

Gregory

Henry - thanks for my share of your book - I treasure it. Do let us see you !

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“your book“ (Sigerist 1946). “The lady“: Probably Z.’s first wife Ray Liebow. “before you go“ to Europe (on 23 July).

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 17 July 1946

Dear Gregory:

I was so happy to learn that your personal affairs have taken a good turn at long last so that there is an end and a beginning in sight.

I had always hoped to be able to spend an evening with you before I leave but I am afraid that it will not be possible. We are flying from Washington on the 23rd and I have the usual amount of work to finish before I leave. I have about a 100,000 words of text of the History with the corresponding footnotes which is about two-thirds of the volume. The new edition of my Soviet book will be ready for the press when I leave, thanks to the help of Julia Older who did a splendid job on the book. I still have to finish Festschrift articles for Victor Robinson and Charles Singer, the annual report of the Institute and a few other smaller items. I am

anxious to leave with a clean table so that I can devote all my time to the book when I come back in the fall. I have refused all lecture invitations and practically everything else because I wish to concentrate entirely on the book. I think I wrote you before that the Oxford University Press will publish it.

My wife has been in Switzerland since early May. The two girls are coming with me. Nora is marrying a Canadian doctor in the fall, a very nice boy who has just spent three years in the Army. She will, however, continue her studies in some way or other. Genevieve is on a motor tour to the West Coast and writes very happy letters from New Mexico.

We really have not seen one another for a very long time and we must have an evening together in September as soon as I am back.

My love to you both.

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

“personal affairs“: Divorce. “the History“ (Sigerist 1951). Soviet book, second edition (Sigerist 1947). Julia Older: Research assistant. Victor Robinson (1886-1947) medical historian in Philadelphia. Charles Singer (1876-1960) English historian of medicine. S.’s articles for Robinson and Singer (Sigerist 1948 and 1953a). Two girls: Daughters Erica and Nora. Nora’s marriage to the Canadian doctor did not materialize.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 28 October 1946

Dear Henry:

We heard that you are back. We wondered how you are. Peg and I talk a great deal about you and miss you.

We are leaving for Brazil on Saturday, November 2, and will be back on Thanksgiving Day.

We are both so very eager to see you and talk with you.

As ever,

Gregory

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 30 October 1946

Dear Gregory:

Once again our thoughts have crossed. I wrote you yesterday evening and this morning I found your letter from which I gather that you are not going to Buenos Aires as somebody had told me but to Brazil. Under the circumstances I wonder if you would do me a great favor.

Among the letters that I found on my return from Europe was a very kind letter written by Dr. Ivolino de Vasconcellos, president of the Instituto Brasileiro de História de Medicina. Unfortunately I was not yet in Baltimore when Fernando Osório brought the letter. I was delighted to hear of the foundation of the new Institute and of the many very sound plans that they have in Brazil for developing studies in the history of medicine.

Would you be good enough to deliver the enclosed letter to Dr. de Vasconcellos and would you please give the members of the Institute my warmest regards and wishes. Tell them also that we shall always be delighted to cooperate with them.

Since you are leaving so soon, I am afraid that I will not have a chance to see you but I will be very anxious to hear about your impressions in Brazil. I would also very much appreciate it if you could write me an article for the Bulletin about the new Institute and whatever is done in Brazil in the field of medical history. I am sure that this would be of great interest to our readers.

My love to you both and Bon Voyage.

Yours as ever,
[Henry]

P.S. The July number of the Bulletin containing the Transactions of the 19th annual meeting of the American Association of the History of Medicine has just come and I am sending you a copy first class, special delivery. I thought that you might wish to take it along and to present it to the Brazilian Institute on behalf of the Association.

Fernando Osório not identified. An article by Z. on Brazil did not appear in the Bulletin of the History of Medicine. Transactions of the AAHM meeting see S. to Z. of 7 January 1946.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 31 October 1946a

My dear Henry:

Your prompt answer to my note is greatly appreciated. I shall take the letter to Vasconcellos and convey your best wishes to them.

Peg and I have been thinking of you a great deal and I must confess we were not a little puzzled at times. The last time we were together in Baltimore we seemed to be all happy and our friendship was as it has always been, a source of great satisfaction to us. We felt, however, that something was somehow wrong, something was missing or something “went out.”

While I was going through the stormy difficulties in connection with my, then, impending, divorce, and for the many months when I was unable to do any work to speak of, we, naturally were unable to feel so keenly the lack of contact with you, but we were aware of the lack. We missed seeing you before you went to Europe; we missed hearing from you when we heard you were back. A lovely letter from Genevieve told us some time ago when your return was expected.

Although I did feel (perhaps wrongly) that for some reasons known only to you, you preferred to break or loosen or to let go of our relationship, I did not quite believe it, nor did Peg.

We did not want to go away to South America without at least saying hello to you and finally I wrote to you a few days ago.

Your reply which arrived this morning puzzled and distressed us. It is correct and business-like in all respects; you are your gracious self as you always have been, but unlike the past, you are totally impersonal and remote. The fact that Peg and I were married did not seem to provoke any reaction.

You always were the object of our particular affection; you were the first with whom we shared our problem, and for a long time the only one to know of our hopes and plans.

Peg and I feel, therefore, very saddened about this apparent estrangement “without words” and we are experiencing a sense of loss which is keen and painful. We preferred to tell you this before going away, rather than (perhaps wrongly) to follow the apparent lead into cool business-like casual contact. If we are mistaken, we will be most happy, Henry; if we are not, we just want you to know how saddened we feel, how much we do love and miss you, but please do not construe all this as an unwarranted request for an explanation. You certainly owe us no explanation whatsoever.

In the meantime, rest assured that I shall carry out your instructions in Brazil and I shall also be able to write you the article on Brazil. I shall be able to do it easily now because my life is no longer hectic and disturbed, but primarily because I don’t teach at the Catholic University any more and thus have much more free time. The fact that I am divorced and remarried makes me persona non grata under the roof of any Catholic institution.

Our warmest regards and best wishes to you.

As ever,

Gregory

Vasconcellos, “your reply“, “your instructions“, “article on Brazil“ see S. to Z. of 30 October 1946. Peg: Margaret Stone Zilboorg. Catholic University of America, Washington, DC.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York ?, 31 October 1946b

Dear Henry:

This letter was written several hours before your first, hand-written letter arrived. The letter was a great relief and moved us very deeply. We do have our good friend, Henry, after all. However, I thought I would not hold back the first, melancholy letter and I am sending it on for you to read and luckily disregard.

As ever,

Gregory

S.’s hand-written letter unfortunately is missing. “first, melancholy letter“ Z. to S. of 31 October 1946a.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 1 November 1946

Dear Henry:

Just received the enclosed letter. Sounds queer and rather pathetic. I thought Diepgen was a Nazi, or almost. What do you think ? Should I rejoin the Society ? What are they ? There is something suspicious about Herrn Gumowsky and his Amerikanische Heimat. He was born here, has an American passport and does not speak a word of English and just came back to America.

In haste (am off today to Brazil),

As ever yours,
Gregory

P.S. Please return the Diepgen letter.

Paul Diepgen (1878-1966) director of the Institute of the History of Medicine in Berlin. “the Society“: German Society of the History of Medicine. Gumowsky not identified.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 21 November 1946

Dear Gregory:

I hear that you will be back soon and I would like to answer your letter of November 1. The question on what attitude we should take toward German colleagues is a rather difficult one. I have received many letters from Germany and so far, I have not answered a single one. German scholars who were anti-fascists have been liquidated or are living abroad.

I am glad that the question of rejoining the German Society of the History of Medicine does not come up as far as I am concerned. I was expelled formally, I think it was in 1937, for having publicly expressed anti-Nazi views and I shall obviously never accept any kind of invitation to rejoin.

I do not know if Diepgen was ever a member of the Nazi party. He is a militant Catholic and certainly had no sympathies for the Nazi regime but he went along with them and never missed an opportunity to pay tribute to “our great Fuhrer [sic]“. He is an opportunist who will always try to be on the winning side. If I were you, I would not answer the letter at the moment but would wait and see how things develop in the next couple of years.

Lillian Hellman’s play was a tremendous success and I really think that it is one of the finest plays she has ever written. The characters are pictured superbly and the play is developed in a breath-taking way. I am sure that the play will be a great success in New York also and I hope Lillian will complete the trilogy by telling us where the Hubbards stood after the first World War.

I plan to be in New York for the annual meeting of the American Soviet Medical Society and have a reservation at the Commodore. If you are free on Friday, December 20, let’s have the evening together.

I am sure you have had a very interesting trip and I will be anxious to hear what you have to tell.

My love to you both,

As ever,

[Henry]

P.S. I am returning Diepgen’s letter enclosed.

Diepgen see Z. to S. of 1 November 1946. “great Fuhrer“ Hitler. Hellman see S. to Z. of 14 April 1941. Hubbards: Characters of Hellman’s *The Little Foxes* (1939).

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 16 December 1946

Dear Henry:

Shortly upon our return home I found that my manner of “adjusting“ myself to the northern climate was acquiring a good cold and being laid up for a few days. Hence the delay in answering your letter.

Both Peg and I are more sorry than we can tell that we are both busy on the twentieth - a commitment made before we left for South America. Any chance of visiting with you even briefly during Saturday or Sunday ? Do say, yes.

Our telephone is the same as before. Our address is 885 Park Avenue.

Yours ever,

Gregory

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 18 December 1946

Dear Gregory:

Thanks for your letter of December 16. I was sorry to hear that you had a cold and regret that you are not free on the 20th.

I do not know yet exactly what the program of the American-Soviet Medical Society is going to be but I will certainly get in touch with you some time during the week-end.

With all good wishes, I am

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 28 January 1947

Dear Gregory:

I have to thank you for two very kind letters and once more I wish to tell you how grateful I am for all your efforts on my behalf. In the meantime I have resigned formally from the University, the resignation has been accepted and I will be leaving in June. I am confident that a good solution will be found for the continuation of the Institute and I have an appointment with our President to discuss the matter with him.

Have you by any chance heard something about a new Instituto Sul-Riograndense de História da Medicina ? They wrote me a rather pompous letter that sounded grandiose but was probably primarily intended to get [?] the publications of our Institute free of charge. We are always willing to exchange publications but we obviously cannot send 20 volumes of the Bulletin and 15 other volumes of publications to every local medical history club.

I hope you will write me an article about medical history in Brazil. We really should be informed about institutions serving medical history in Latin America.

I hope that you are both well and with all good wishes, I am

Yours cordially as ever,
[Henry]

Z.'s two letters are missing. S. resigned his position at Johns Hopkins in order to write his *History of Medicine* in retreat. "leaving in June" for Pura, Switzerland. "Our President" Isaiah Bowman. Instituto Sul-Riograndense in Pelotas, Brazil. Z.'s article see S. to Z. of 30 October 1946.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 3 March 1947

Dear Henry:

How are you ? I should want very much to have a visit with you. There are several things we want to talk over. Moreover, Lillian Hellman would want you very much to come for a week end [sic] or a single day to her place in Pleasantville and put you in charge of the kitchen, with me as your kitchen maid, and have a dinner with several of us - we could eat and drink and sort of have a good time. When could you do it ? It could be made on a Saturday and a Sunday or a Saturday only or a Sunday only. Lillian asked me to inquire when you could arrange this. We want to make it soon, within the next two or three weeks.

Peg joins me in sending you our affectionate regards.

Yours cordially,
Gregory

Hellman see S. to Z. of 14 April 1941. Pleasantville, NJ.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 4 March 1947

Dear Gregory:

When you called me up some time ago, you mentioned the possibility of our cooking a dinner at Lillian Hellman's place.

I just find that I am attending one of the centennial conferences of the New York Academy of Medicine on March 19-21 and if Saturday, March 22 were convenient to you and Lillian, I would be delighted to stay on. It certainly would be loads of fun.

What about a suckling pig stuffed with kasha and sausage meat ? I do not know whether this is the right season but it certainly would be good.

My love to you both.
Yours as ever,
[Henry]

Hellman see S. to Z. of 14 April 1941. Kasha: An Eastern European cereal.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 14 March 1947

Dear Gregory:

Thanks for your letter of March 12. I think the arrangements are just perfect and I am sure that Nora will be thrilled. I have just written her and she will come to your apartment Friday evening, the 21st, between 9 and 10 p.m. I hope to be able to escape from the Academy soon after 9. The dinner is at 7 and I do not think that I will have to stay until the very end.

I am writing Lillian directly to tell her how much I am looking forward to this week-end and you can be sure that I am not going to forget my chef's cap. I have not cooked for a long time and the joy will therefore be the greater.

My warm [?] love to you both. I will get in touch with you as soon as I am in New York.

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

Z.'s letter is missing. Nora Sigerist. "Academy", New York, of Medicine. Lillian Hellman see S. to Z. of 14 April 1941.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 2 April 1947

Dear Greg and Peg:

What a splendid week-end we had and the food was simply superlative. I had many borsch in my life all over the USSR and in many other countries but I never tasted one that was so perfectly delicious, rich and tasty, just perfect. I suppose the success was that it contained much of everything, meat, tomatoes, beets and all that went into it. A soup after all is just a soul of meat and vegetables and this certainly was a noble soul. The blini were perfect also and so was the beef but the soup I shall never forget.

I was so happy that Nora could be with us. She also enjoyed the week-end tremendously and as a student of Russian language and literature, she should become an expert on Russian food also. She is with us now for a week's vacation.

Of course, I meant to write you much sooner but you know how it goes. I was swamped with work and visitors and now that it is known that I am leaving, everybody wants me to do something for him as long as I am here. I have two courses on sociology and economics of medicine instead of one because so many students wanted to attend my last classes.

Well, I hope to see you soon again and in the meantime, I am sending you my love.

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

Nora Sigerist.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 14 May 1947

Dear Henry:

We cannot begin to tell you how sorry we are that we are scheduled to be out of town on May 23, too far to return to New York in time for the reception to be given to you by the American Soviet Medical Society.

I do hope we shall see you and have a chance to visit with you for a little while before you leave. Time is short. The meetings of the American Psychoanalytic and American Psychiatric Associations are crowding out the little time that is left.

Have you received the Soviet records through Bill Morris ? We made up as good a collection of records as are available now. I tested some of them.

Please let us know when we might get together and have a good meal and a good talk.

As ever,

Gregory

On 9 May in New York the Farewell Dinner for S. took place with Z. as one of the main speakers. Bill Morris not identified.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 23 May 1947

Dear Henry:

Peg and I were very happy to receive your letter. We are thrilled at the thought that we may be able to spend a little while together.

You suggested the dates of the 15th to the 19th of June. I notice that the 15th is a Sunday and I wonder whether the 14th of June, Saturday, would be just as convenient for you. We could then be able to make up for the festivities Sunday night before returning to work Monday morning.

Please let me know at once.

As ever yours,

Gregory

S.'s letter is missing.

Sigerist's assistant to Zilboorg, Baltimore ?, 30 May 1947

Dear Gregory:

I was going to write you in reply to your letter about coming to New York, when Henry told me that you and Peg are planning to come down here before he leaves. That is simply splendid.

The 14th of June which you suggested to him is the last day that the Sigerists will be in their house, and there are many complications about the final moving, etc. which make this date impossible. The next day, Sunday the 15th, would be perfect, as far as we are concerned. We thought that we could have an early dinner, say around 6 p.m., and then a leisurly evening afterwards. You and Peg could come out to my apartment at 5, or even earlier in the afternoon if you wish, as we will in all probability be cooking from noon on. My address is 5922 Bellona Avenue and the telephone number is Hopkins 2884. If it is very hot that day, be sure to come early, as you will find my somewhat rural apartment and its porch much pleasanter than downtown Baltimore.

We are certainly looking forward to your coming.

With love to you both,

[Genevieve Miller]

“final moving“: To Pura, Switzerland.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, Switzerland, 11 August 1947

Dear Greg and Peg,

I meant to write you long ago, but moving from one continent to another is really quite a job, and it takes much more time to get settled than I had expected. Today my library is still in chaotic condition, and I do not know yet where I am going to put all the books. The garage is filled from top to bottom with 33 huge wooden boxes of books that I have not touched yet. The house is very nice indeed, beautifully located on the slope of a hill with a superb view on the lake and the mountains, but it is a little small for the many books.

Still, I have no doubt that a solution will be found, and at any rate, I have been at work for the last three weeks, writing 500 words a day, not THE BOOK yet, but reviews, articles and papers most of which you will find in the Bulletin. My chief task now is to establish a routine. From August 15 on I will “increase production“ to 1000 words a day and will at the same time prepare the next few chapters of the book. By September 1 I should be ready to resume work on THE BOOK, and I hope that by then my library will be more or less in working order. If all goes well, Volume I should be finished by the end of the year, and I will begin volume II without a day’s interruption.

We are entirely in the country, quite off the tourist lane. The house is in midst of vineyards and can be reached only by a narrow dirt road. It was quite a job to get the furniture and books to the house. The vans had to be unloaded on the highway, and everything was brought to the house by jeep. We have a nice garden, full of flowers and fruit trees, and we are going to have a lot of grapes in the fall, but since my knowledge of winemaking does not go beyond Arnald of Villanova, I think it will be safer to make plain grapejuice this year.

Switzerland is an island of peace, and conditions are as good as you could expect them. Food is still rationed, but the rations are ample, and the fuel situation seems to improve also. There is no hysteria of any kind, no talk of war, no fuss about East and West. Nobody in Europe even considers the possibility of war. There is a boom and a shortage of labor here just as in the States, but the government is preparing huge projects of public works that will automatically be undertaken if business conditions should deteriorate.

I remember with much pleasure the evening when you came to Baltimore, and I heard from Genevieve that the film she made came out very well. The coq au vin I am sorry to say was not what it should be, and this is due to the fact that it was made in a casserole that I had never used before. The sauce should be thick and creamy. I just found that I have mint in my garden here, so that I will be able to welcome you with a mint julep in Pura as I did in Baltimore.

How is Lillian Hellman ? Give her my warmest regards, and tell her that I hope she will let me know if and when she comes to Europe. We have no guestroom yet, but hope to have one although a rather primitive one later in the fall.

I miss you and I very much hope that you will make a trip to Europe next year.

With all good wishes I am yours as ever

[Henry]

S. had a private library of some 10,000 titles. THE BOOK: *A History of Medicine*. "Bulletin" of the History of Medicine. Volume I appeared in 1951 only, volume II in 1961 posthumously. Arnald of Villanova (died 1311) Spanish physician, wrote on wine. Genevieve Miller. Hellman see S. to Z. of 14 April 1941.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 20 January 1948

Dear Henry:

Dozens of times I started writing you, many more times I planned to do so - always postponing for "a short time" till this or that was done or accomplished. You have known this state of mind and affairs for years and I know you will understand and forgive.

Civilized man overeats and overworks and never catches up with himself. We took one month off to spend at the University of California, giving the Gimbel lectures, and I have never caught up with myself.

My personal life ? Very happy, Henry, and very gratifying. The baby is expected May 11th. Gregory is progressing in school quite well; he is big, husky (six feet and weighs 195 pounds) and is learning to work. Nancy is developing beautifully. She is an excellent student and shows signs of becoming a good research student. Her average at school is 93.

Peg is happy and well and active. She continues to be the excellent companion and scientific assistant which she has always been, and is a source of many joys. Although I am rather weary under the burden of a lot of work, I am serenely happy. The only thing I object to in the setting of my personal life is the fact that I am a little overweight and try as I may I find it difficult to lose the necessary few pounds.

Yet at times, most of the time, one is aware of an uneasiness around us, as if one is a little ashamed of being happy, or at least feels awkward about one's own serenity because of the great disturbance which is in the world today. Here we see it reflected in the crassest forms of social rapacity and avariciousness. How much of it reaches your Italo-Swiss

village ? What do the little people walking in the sun think of "the situation" - what and how do they see ?

Here we have the presidential campaigns taking shape as usual, with the usual and deliberate shifting of the emphasis to insignificant issues designated by misleading catchwords. The appeals made by Wallace to the various true issues are lost in the shuffle and hurly-burly of political avidity.

The atmosphere as you see, is not a very pleasant one and hardly encouraging. The state of inflation is severe and the state of the nation confusing.

There is little encouraging news that reaches my ears from Europe. I wonder whether you would enlighten me a little ?

How is your history progressing ? Have you done much ? And have you time to do much reading ? Are there many friends coming to see you ? I heard that Castiglioni paid you a visit. How is he ? He sent me a clipping from an Italian newspaper in which a New York correspondent tells a confusing story of my having converted Marshall Field to Catholicism, and Monsignor Sheen having converted me before or after, I do not know which - what is Castiglioni doing now ?

We had a small group of people for Sunday breakfast about a month ago, and Nora and her husband came. She looked well and happy and radiant. She is so much like you at times.

Well, I want again to ask you to forgive my very long silence, and please write soon.

Peg joins me in sending our affectionate greetings.

As ever,

Gregory

Gregory Jr. and Nancy: Children of Z. and his first wife Ray Liebow, see Z. to S. of 15 May 1945. Margaret (Peg) Stone: Z.'s second wife. "presidential campaign" resulting in Harry Truman's reelection 1948. Wallace, Henry A. (1888-1965), Roosevelt's Vice President 1941-45, Wallace's Progressive Party's campaign of 1948. "your history" (Sigerist 1951). Castiglioni and Marshall Field see Z. to S. of 14 October and 19 May 1936, respectively. Fulton J. Sheen (1895-1979) Archbishop of New York. Nora Sigerist and her husband Jack Beeson (born 1921) composer.

Margaret Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York ?, 13 February 1948 ?

Dearest Henry:

As perhaps you know, it has been much, much too long since your very sweet letter of last December - but no excuses will be offered, no apologies. We love you very much, and have been busier than at any time I can remember since the "History of Medical Psychology."

I'm glad you have spies who give you such an accurate picture of what is going on. The California trip was wonderful - looking back on it from now, it appears as nothing but lectures and eating - plenty of both. The lectures themselves went very well and were well received. Now, four months later, the job of writing them up can no longer be delayed, and Gregory plans to take off the week of the 23rd, retire to the country where he will be all alone during the day in the house of a friend of ours, and write the necessary ten hours a day until a book has been completed. He is full of the material and, still lacking a house of our own where it could perhaps be done on several weekends, this seems the ideal solution. "The Problem of the Sexual Problem" is the present title - but there is no telling what will develop in the actual writing of the book itself.

The baby (temporarily - also - called "Rhadames") is expected on the 11th of May (so precise obstetricians consider themselves nowadays !) and so far, with the exception of a rather bleak six weeks at the beginning, has been nothing but pleasure. Somehow my efficiency has increased tenfold since his presence on the scene - though we are not really sure whether it is his fault or that of our new secretary, who is one of those miraculous people who can actually keep onestep ahead of Gregory. I think probably that the just knowing she is

in the next room producing all manner of order and clarity out of his day has inspired me to keep up my end, in spite of the baby. At any rate, lots is being accomplished, her eyes shine at the thought of a whole book to be typed, and we are very pleased.

Our record snow is in the process today of being melted and washed away, for the first time since its arrival on the 26th of December. God gave us about seven weeks to see what we could do with it; in spite of Mayor O'Dwyer's superhuman efforts the results were nothing but makeshift, and today evidently God decided enough was enough - perhaps we had learned something from the ordeal as far as our own smallness and powerlessness was concerned - and rain has come, rain with temperatures in the forties. It looks now as if in one twenty-four hour spell God will show man how the job should have been done in the first place. We're personally delighted for our own reasons - when the snow goes, or at least begins to disappear, the work on our house in Bedford can at last begin. We bought last summer a funny old house, not at all pretty, on a beautiful piece of land - seven and a half acres bounded on two sides by a rambling brook six to eight feet wide. After struggling with the house for several months, we have finally achieved a perfect plan for it - which involves removing the top story and remodeling and extending the ground floor to make up for the lost space. It absorbs a great deal of thinking time which we never begrudge it. The plans are at last truly complete, will go out to a contractor in a week or so, and with the disappearance of the snow the actual work can now begin. We have been told we can move in on the first of August - this we do not believe because it would be nothing short of a miracle, but it is fun to think about. The house will be modern - clean in line and very simple - no plaster in the whole building, but plywood on the walls and a kind of cellotex for the ceilings. Cork for the floors. Huge windows, very few rugs, absolutely simple furniture. The whole thing not very big, and our own. Gregory already has his workshop downstairs in the cellar. And Henry - we have a wine cellar that would make you envious. When we bought the land there was an old house next to the main one which had to come down, being made literally of beaverboard and glue. But underneath it was a 16 by 20 cellar built many years ago, with good thick walls, wonderfully cool even in summer. We put a top on it, and a good strong door on the bulkhead - built shelves and a few bins - and its equal just does not exist for a wine cellar. For the first time in five years Gregory can begin to collect his wines from the houses and cellars of various friends who have been good enough to keep them all this time, and put them together in one place. The only drawback is that for the last six months I, the indiscriminate but passionate wine-lover, have completely lost my taste (which never was much) but also my desire for it. Further than that - it actually makes me sick. Can you imagine anything worse? It's the only one of all my tastes that has changed, and it is sad. Sometimes I wonder if ever again I shall like it - I am assured that of course I shall, but the present feeling is so complete that I do wonder.

But in the midst of all this we do think of you so much, Henry. We want to know how well it is going, and what else you do but write, if you have time left over. We did so enjoy seeing Nora and Jack again - they are really nice people. They both spoke of the possibility of their going over this summer, and Nora said you were really enjoying it all and working hard. But we would love to hear from you if ever you carve a day out of your schedule for just letter-writing. You seem so far away, but your letter got here so quickly that I realize you are truly very close, and that is comforting. And you are lucky to be out of the pre-campaign hocus-pocus (there is a better and more descriptive word for it) which has just begun. Life Magazine is writing up each Republican possibility from a properly prejudiced point of view. The Democrats are stymied - what can they do with what they've got and have done? Wallace stands out as speaking some of the truth and is indeed a refreshing element - but the

prejudice against him is really staggering in some of its aspects. These are indeed times to be living in.

Let us hear from you when you can - in the meantime our very best wishes and a great deal of love. We miss you.

Always

Peg

S.'s letter is missing. *History of Medical Psychology* (Zilboorg/Henry 1941). *The Problem of the Sexual Problem*: A book of this title is unlikely to have been published. Rhadames: Part in Verdi's Aida. William O'Dwyer (1890-1964) Mayor of New York. Bedford, NY ? Nora, her husband, and Wallace see Z. to S. of 20 January 1948.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 15 May 1948

My very dear friends,

I meant to write you May eleven because I remembered that this was to be the day when Rhadames would come out of his vault, but then just that day we had American visitors and no letters were written. And now I hope to hear soon that the baby has been born and that all is as it should be.

I have to thank you for two good long letters full of news. The California trip must have been very pleasant and the lectures, I am sure, will compete with the Kinsey report, which I have not read yet, but which from all I have heard must sound awfully naive to a psychiatrist.

The new house at Bedford sounds marvellous and I do envy you your winecellar. I have the wine, but not the cellar, and I have to store my wine a mile from here in somebody else's cellar, which is a great nuisance and particularly stupid as my house was built around an old cellar, but the new structure ruined the ventilation and wine spoils in a few month's time as I soon found out. I am sure that Peg's taste for wine will come back very soon. I can very well imagine what a joy it must be for you, Gregory, to have a workshop again and probably also a photographic laboratory.

Things here are going their normal and uneventful way. I write in the morning, attend to my correspondence and do all the accessory work for the book in the afternoon, prepare the next day's writing in the evening. The program, of course, is not rigid in any way. Volume I is not quite finished yet, but will be in the near future and I enjoy the work tremendously. It is a great pleasure indeed to be able to study the history of human civilization once again, and here I have the time and leisure that such work requires.

We have visitors from all over the world and very interesting ones. The Minister of Education of the Eastern Zone of Germany was here last winter and gave me reports that you will never find in any newspaper. Without minimizing the enormous difficulties they were facing, he told me of the tremendous piece of constructive work that was going on in the Soviet Zone.- Another visitor was an Austrian physician and his Chinese wife who had just spent 8 years in Communist China and who told me about the land reform program carried out in all provinces occupied by the Communist forces with details that I had never heard before. – Two weeks ago an old Yugoslav friend of mine was here, Dr. Stampar, who is chairman of the Interim Commission of World Health Organization, President of the Academy of Sciences of Yugoslavia, Director of the School of Hygiene in Zagreb, etc. He

spoke very freely, was critical of some aspects of his government, but as a whole most enthusiastic about developments in his country.

You get a totally different picture of the world situation when you see it from the European angle and are not exposed to the daily barrage of propaganda on the part of the American press. We read Time magazine regularly and half a dozen other American journals and what we read sounds like stories from the moon. I wish the elections were over, but there is still a long time to go. Wallace is doing a super job and certainly has guts. I read the New Republic, and I am full of admiration for the way he is carrying on. It is so important to have a man of his integrity and enthusiasm to serve as crystallization point for all liberal and progressive forces of the country.

The family is well. We expect Nora and Jack at the end of the month. You may have heard that he was awarded the American Prix de Rome, which will give them two years at the American Academy in Rome. I need not tell you how happy we are to have them in the neighborhood. From here to Rome is just an overnight trip with through sleepers. There he will have the time and leisure to write his opera and Nora who is fed up with the Russian Department at Columbia will continue her studies in some form or other.

In January I gave a few lectures at the University of Zurich, but thanked heaven when I came back to my village, and I have turned down all other invitations to lecture, as I have turned down the offers of the chair of the history of medicine and science in Berlin and of the chair of the history of medicine in Jena. I enjoy my freedom here, and since I am removed from the academic and political game people come to see me and talk to me much more freely than they would do otherwise, so that I feel better informed about world affairs than I had ever been before.

If you are a little overweight, Gregory, follow my example: 6 days of fasting (not over 1200 calories) and 1 day of feasting. It works very well and I keep under 150 lbs in this way.

I of course was very pleased to find your very warm article in the autumn number of the Journal. In the meantime you probably also have seen the Valedictory number of the Bulletin. I sincerely hope that a solution will be found for the Institute in the near future because it would be criminal to let it go to pieces. Edelstein has just accepted a very good chair in the Classics Department of the U of California. You of course know that Genevieve is going to Cornell to continue her studies of history. In this way the old gang will be scattered all over the country, but the bibliography of the Institute shows that we have accomplished something and each one of us will now be a little focus of his own.

I hope to have good news from you soon and in the meantime I am sending my love to you both.

As ever,

[Henry]

Kinsey Report 1948 on sexual behavior in the human male. Volume I (Sigerist 1951). Andrija Stampar (1888-1958) expert on social medicine and public health in former Yugoslavia. Wallace, Nora, and Jack Beeson see Z. to S. of 20 January 1948. "warm article in autumn number of the Journal" (Zilboorg 1947). Valedictory number in the Bulletin of the History of Medicine 22, 3-64, 1948. "Institute" of the History of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University. Edelstein see S. to Z. of 8 February 1944.

Zilboorg Sigerist, New York, 18 June 1948

Dear Henry:

Caroline Crawford Zilboorg arrived on May 17th in New York, just as I opened the joint session of the American Psychiatric and Psychoanalytic Association in Washington, D.C. She is blue eyed, blonde, weighs now over nine pounds, has a good voice, attempts to smile with increasing frequency.

Peg is well, cheerful, robust and serene. She nurses the baby, who accepts this maternal offering with monotonous avidity.

We are very happy, Henry, and a little tired. We move to the country this weekend and I hope to take off a couple of weeks within a month. We rented a house not far from our house, which is still being fixed up.

We are already thinking of our next year's trip to Europe. The International Psychoanalytic Association will meet for the first time since the war. We will probably meet in Zürich. We plan to visit you, but do not know yet which month it will be - June or July.

We talk about you often, very - and we truly miss you. I thought of you when we planned our new kitchen. I have arranged, in addition to the regular gas range, to have a nice charcoal broiling stove installed. I shall then be broiling all the meats right and look forward to the day when you and I can cook a meal in our kitchen.

During the last month our time was claimed by so many immediate things; the baby's arrival, the psychiatric meetings, Greg's preparation for the examinations, etc., that little writing or reading was done. I expect to be again in my stride in another fortnight.

Peg sends her love - so do I. None of the conventions, Republican or Democratic send their love to anyone except themselves. The Republicans are starting tomorrow, or after tomorrow, in Philadelphia. Wallace is doing well, but the country is inert and labor is fragmented in several political cliques, with little insight - sociological or even pragmatic.

Affectionately,

Gregory

Henry - I love you and think about you so often. Wish you could see Mlle.- She's a charmer. We enjoyed your letter so much. Gregory brought it to me in the hospital. Shall write you ! Peg

“Greg“ Jr.. Wallace see Z. to S. of 20 January 1948. “Mlle“ = Mademoiselle Caroline.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 24 June 1948

Dear friends,

This was good news indeed and the whole family joins in sending warm wishes to mother and child. Just after your letter had arrived, I was in Lugano and saw in a window a little dress with embroidered edelweiss, and I thought that this was just the kind of dress that Caroline Crawford should have when she goes to the country. So do not be astonished when it arrives one of these days.

I was also delighted to know that you have plans for coming to Europe next summer. Of course, we count on your visit and hope it will be a very long one. Our region is enchanting at this time of the year, never too hot as there is always a cool breeze from the mountains. Right now at the end of June I have 68° in my room.

During the last few weeks I have been working hard, and the manuscript is growing steadily. I am already preparing the outline of volume 2.

Jack and Nora are here, and it is a great pleasure to have the whole family together.

I am sure you will have a few good weeks in Bedford. When you see Lillian Hellman, remember me to her.

With warm love to all of you, I am

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

Caroline Crawford: The Z.s' baby. "Volume 2" of *A History of Medicine*. Nora, and Jack Beeson see Z. to S. of 20 January 1948. Hellman see S. to Z. of 14 April 1941.

Margaret Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York ?, 24 July 1948

Dearest Henry –

Caroline's dress is here - we love it - she is doing her best to grow big enough as fast as possible to wear it - and we love you. Many thanks to you, dear - I should send you a picture of her the first time she wears it, and give her a special kiss as I [...] it down.

She is an adorable small lady. She smiles now when she sees people she knows, and it's a lovely thing to see. Gregory is crazy about her - There's no cry so loud that she won't stop it and smile at him when he asks her what it's all about. She looks wonderfully like him except that she's as blonde as blonde can be, and has very blue eyes - and, of course, no moustache ! She has, I guess, both our hearts in her pocket.

Gregory is "on vacation" - his first in five years (meaning there will be no lecturing connected with it). As you can imagine, it's not easy - in fact it's almost impossible - for him to rest, and for the first week he was away from the office he was busy all day long just getting used to the idea. And then there is always the house, ever ready to absorb every ounce of extra energy either of us feels in persuasion [?] of. We have rented a place for the summer only a mile from it, and it's fascinating to watch it grow. Supposedly we can move in six weeks from today, but that seems most improbable right now. Gregory goes over every day to spend his [...] accumulating energy and emotion on hurrying things on. Fortunately he began to plan last winter on going to Canada with Nancy, and when the time came (yesterday) - he went, having all house-building [...] behind and surely beginning his vacation. They flew up to Toronto - going on to Montreal and Quebec - [...] be gone ten days. All telephone calls so far seem to indicate a lovely time. Greg Jr. is out in Montana again this summer - he was expelled from [...] for smoking, bringing home with him, at Easter vacation, that [...] an extremely frail academic record. And now today, only an hour ago, I received word that he has passed the entrance exams into Lenox School, in Lenox, Massachusetts, not for the junior form (for which he should have been ready) but the senior form ! To be expelled, and then skip a grade in two months - I do not understand. He is a funny boy - I've [...] decided he's

got some of his father's unpredictableness [?] and slight touch of genius in him. It seems hard, in the teens, but it does make life interesting, no denying it.

Nancy is persuing a more normal approach to learning, and a gratifying one. Her average for the year is 94, and with it all she is wonderfully natural and unspoiled, with many friends and plenty of plans.

[...], Henry, life goes very well as far as the personal is concerned. As for the [...], I guess no one's too happy about there. The "Progressive Party" - the old "New Party" - is holding its convention in Philadelphia, and somehow it's sad. Their ideas are so good - and the execution so bad. Wallace gave a press conference yesterday that was far [...] of a [...] or conclusive - and yet he is trying so hard. At least though he and his party go off in the right direction, as contrasted with practically every group in the country. I wonder what picture of it all you get where you are.

We think of you so often, Henry - and before so much we [...] be in Europe and in Switzerland next summer. We look forward to it so much, and if the Gods are with us (economical, parental, medical, et al) - we shall be putting our arms around you and telling you how wonderful it is to see you again.

Thanks for your present and your thoughtfulness - and our love to you -

Always,

Peg

This longhand letter has illegible words. Caroline, the Z.s' baby. Z.'s new house in Bedford, NY. Greg Jr. and Nancy of Z.'s first marriage. Wallace see Z. to S. of 20 January 1948.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 19 January 1949

Dear Henry:

A happy New Year to you from Peg, Caroline and myself.

Your recent letter moved us deeply and it aroused considerable nostalgia. Then we had a nice visit with Genevieve and, naturally talked a lot about you.

I would like to write you about many, many things but instead I will spring the following surprise on you: I will come to see you !

I am sailing for Europe on April 2nd and plan to be in Zürich on April 19th or 20th to the 23rd; I must meet an engagement in Paris on the 24th.

Please enlighten me as to how one should proceed to your place. I understand it is easier to get there from Milan than from Zürich. Write me at once and let me know and I shall route myself accordingly. I cannot tell you how much I look forward to our visit. Unfortunately, Peg and Caroline will not accompany me.

I want to plan a whole day or most of it with you. It is quite possible (if you have roads) that I could drive from Milan and fly to and from the latter.

We are busy here. We are disgusted with a lot of things in this world, but personally we are very happy. As one looks around the map of the world one has little opportunity or reason to feel cheerful.

A bientôt,
Gregory

Caroline Zilboorg. S.'s letter is missing. Genevieve Miller.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 25 January 1949

Dear Gregory:

Thanks ever so much for your good letter of January 19. This was a pleasant surprise indeed. Of course, I knew that you were due in Europe sometime during the year but I did not know that it would be so soon, and I am simply delighted. You must come to Pura because I am very anxious for you to see where and how I live and work quite apart from the fact that Ticino in April is perfectly beautiful.

Now as to geography: Pura is 8 miles from Lugano. The highway that connects us with Lugano gets as close as about ½ mile to the house from there we have a narrow dirt road. My wife has a small car about as large as a Crosley, but it serves the purpose and we could meet you in Lugano at anytime. I, myself have given up driving all together [sic]. Lugano is 4 hours from Zürich by train; it is 3 hours from Milano by train and by car it takes about the same time. Borderlines are still formidable barriers in Europe, and they keep you at the border for almost an hour without any necessity.

You cannot fly from Zürich to Lugano, nor is there a regular line from Zürich to Milano. There is, however, a flight from Paris to Milano 3 times a week Tues., Thurs., Sat. Paris to Milano non-stop flight leaves Paris at 9:55 A.M. and arrives in Milano at 1:20 P.M. so that you might consider coming on your way from Paris to Zürich. There are daily flights from Paris to Zürich that take only 2 hours leaving Paris 1:35 P.M. and arriving in Zürich at 3:35 P.M. so that it may be just as short to fly to Zürich and then take the train to Lugano. We have a guest room and we would be delighted to have you spend the night here. I would advise you to keep in touch with a traveling agency because Air Schedules may change. Figure out on how to reach Lugano and from there on you will be in our hands.

Of course, I am very sorry that you cannot bring Peg and Caroline along but I hope that they will come on some later occasion. At any rate I count on your visit and I am looking forward to it.

I am much more optimistic about the world situation than you are, not so much about the future of Europe or America, but about that of Asia. I think that the awakening of Asia is the greatest historical event of our century. They are having their Renaissance 500 years after us, but they are at the beginning of one which in my opinion will be as important for the future of the world as ours once was, if not more so because they have a better sense of values than we have. In the second volume of my History, I plan to devote almost as much space to Indian as to Greek medicine because I think we should get away from our onesided occidental standpoint.

We had a heavy snowfall on New Years day but yesterday I cut the first Camellia in the garden and spring is in the air.

Hoping to see you very soon, I am with warm wishes to the three of you

Yours as ever,
[Henry]

“second volume“ (Sigerist 1961).

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 22 March 1949

Dear Gregory,

Just a line to wish you good sailing and to tell you that I am expecting your visit impatiently.

I have to attend a meeting in Aarau on April 24, but I notice that you are due to be in Paris the same day so that there would not be any conflict. Should you, however, still be in Switzerland, I am sure that my colleagues would be delighted to meet you in Aarau, which is only a half hour by train from Zürich. The few men who are teaching medical history in the Swiss universities - there used to be four but one died recently - meet twice a year in Aarau for the discussion of various problems and usually bring some of their advanced students along. They consider me as their ancestor so that I usually attend their meetings, and on April 24th I am going to give them a talk on Hindu medicine.

My love to all of you and bon voyage.

Yours as ever,
[Henry]

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 29 March 1949

Dear Henry:

It is now rather late. My plans are to stay up all night in order to finish my last minute writing and clear up my desk; I am sailing in about thirty-six hours.

That you are going to be in Aarau on April 24th is a most welcome bit of news. My address, as all addresses, presents great difficulties. I am not expected in Paris until Monday night, April 25th. I am scheduled to be in Zürich on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, April 20, 21, 22.

In all my peregrinations I have never been in Geneva, and I would like very much to spend a day there, let us say Monday, and fly that afternoon to Paris. Is your talk on Hindu Medicine to be given in the evening or the afternoon? Should it be in the afternoon how I would love it if we could meet that evening in Zürich. Please say yes. You can reach me at the Hotel Savoy in London until Monday, the 11th of April. You can also reach me in Zürich through Professor Manfred Bleuler at Burghölzli.

Right now I am preoccupied with the problem of how to fit in an automobile trip to Florence. I am expected to be in Rome from Thursday the 14th to Sunday the 17th. I would so much like to sit down with you and sip a drink and talk. At any rate, let me hear from you in London and then we will figure out what to do. There is, of course, a possibility that I shall fly from Rome to Milano, then go to Ticino to visit you before going to Zürich, but I would like so much to go to Florence on those days.

Warmest regards - I shall see you very soon.

Gregory

Manfred Bleuler, Professor of psychiatry in Zurich, son of his predecessor Eugen Bleuler. Burghölzli: Psychiatric Clinic of Zurich University.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 21 April 1949

Dear Gregory,

I quite forgot to tell you that the enclosed envelope came while you were in Italy, and I must apologize that it was opened by mistake. My secretary who sorts the mail was in Italy also, and I opened everything without looking at the addresses.

I am looking forward to seeing you Saturday with impatience. I have a room at the Hotel Glockenhof, where I usually stay when I am in Zurich, and will probably be there around 2 o'clock. I will call up your hotel as soon as I am in Zurich, and if you are busy at that time just leave a message with the porter. At any rate I hope to have you for a quiet and good dinner and long evening.

As ever yours,

[Henry]

S.'s American secretary Claire Bacher.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, Zurich, 23 April 1949 (Postcard)

Dear Henry –

Impatient to see you - will come here shortly after 2 P.M. and hope you can spend with me the rest of the day - evening in [...].

I am going to Paris tomorrow at 8 AM

As ever

Gregory

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 13 May 1949

Dear Gregory,

You must be at home by now, and I hope you had a pleasant passage. I just wish to tell you how very much I enjoyed the day in Zurich, but it was too short, and you must plan to have a couple of quiet days in Pura in August.

I had a letter from Pagel the other day, who told me how much he enjoyed your lecture in London.

Things are going there [sic] normal way here. I am very busy with volume II and the plan for volume III is also gradually crystallizing.

My love to you both, and I wish you would bring Peg along in the summer.

As ever yours,

[Henry]

Walter Pagel (1898-1983) German medical historian in England, son of medical historian Julius L. Pagel.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 7 June 1949

Dear Henry::

Nothing could be more disappointing than not having had time to write you until now. The meeting of the American Psychiatric Association took all my time since my return from Europe. As soon as I got back I had to start writing my papers and then had to proceed to Montreal where the meeting was held.

I found that the baby had started walking while I was in Europe and she met me in a “upstanding“ way.

Peg was so happy to hear my report about our day in Zürich. She is very fond of you and wished she had been with us in Zürich. When the chocolates [sic] arrived the other day we had another good talk about you (you remember we bought them that afternoon).

Peg went with me to Montreal and we had a very nice week. We have moved to the country now (I commute) and I am getting ready for my trip to Zürich in August. My schedule is as follows:

I shall arrive in Zürich on Sunday, August 14th, and leave on Thursday, the 18th. I shall be accompanied by Edward M. M. Warburg whom you may know - a nice and cheerful person. Sometime between Sunday and Thursday we would like to steal out of the doldrum of the Congress and spend a little while with you - talking, cooking, eating and talking. I am to read a paper in Zürich (I think it will be on Tuesday), so please write me and tell me what your program is for that week and whether and when Warburg and I might come to Pura in the quickest possible way.

Shryock accepted the appointment at Johns Hopkins. He says it was a very difficult decision to make. It must have been. I hope he does succeed.

Is there anything you want me to do for you here or bring from here ?

The many friends whom I told of our visit in Zürich send their warmest regards. Albert Deutsch was much interested. Henry Schuman. I had a note from Bob Leslie on the occasion of his having read Deutsch’s column about my paper in Montreal.

Warmest regards. Write soon.

Affectionately,

Gregory

“baby“ Caroline Zilboorg. “to the country“: Bedford, NY. Shryock was deeply rooted in Philadelphia.

Names mentioned before:

Deutsch Z. to S. of 24 April 1941

Leslie S. to Z. of 25 October 1944

Schuman Z. to S. of 23 May 1945

Shryock S. to Z. of 14 April 1941

Warburg S. to Z. of 12 May 1938

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 14 June 1949

Dear Gregory,

Thanks for your good letter. I can well imagine how busy you must have been coming home from the trip and the Montreal meeting. How nice that the baby is walking.

I expect to be here the whole month of August, and as a matter of fact, the entire summer and I am looking forward to your visit with impatience. Mr. Warburg, of course, will be most welcome too. The quickest way to get here from Zürich is by taking the train to Lugano. There is no air service and by car it takes more time because there is a huge mountain between us, I mean the St. Gotthard. It takes four hours by train. I think the very best would be - if you escaped the Convention in the evening, taking the train of 6:34 P.M. You could have dinner on the train, and I would make reservations for you and Mr. Warburg in Lugano. The following morning early I would come and take you to Pura, where we could have a whole day's time and in the evening you could return to Zürich and the Convention. I think this would be a good solution because if you would take a train in the morning half of the day would be gone. I wish you could stay at the house but Nora and Jack, will in all probability, still be here, and our guest room is very small and primitive so that you would be much more comfortable in Lugano where there are very good hotels. Do call me from Zürich when you arrive - telephone number (Exchange 091) 3-61-52 - so that we can keep in touch.

By all means let us do some cooking. I suggest for lunch Fondue Neuchaloise [sic] with the corresponding wine, followed by brook trout. We have excellent trout right in the neighborhood.

I think the appointment of Shryock to my old chair was about the best possible solution under the present conditions and considering prejudices rampant in American universities. Shryock is a good historian, a good teacher and administrator, and has a pleasant personality. Not being a medical man, he obviously has limitations but he is aware of them and can make up for them through his staff. The Rockefeller Foundation appropriated

\$ 30,000 a year for three years to the Institute. This in addition to interests from endowments provides a much larger budget than I ever had so that Shryock will not be hampered by financial considerations as I have been for so many years - at least not in the immediate future. Well, we will talk the matter over when you are here.

My warm love to Peg and yourself and a kiss to the baby, I am

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

Warburg and Shryock see S. to Z. of 12 May 1938 and 14 April 1941, respectively. Nora Sigerist and husband Jack Beeson. Fondue Neuchâteloise: A Swiss cheese dish.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 23 June 1949

Dear Henry:

I cannot tell you how very much I look forward to our visit in your Casa Serena.

Do you need much time in advance to secure a couple of rooms for us in Lugano for one night? I doubt whether it will be possible for Mr. Warburg and me to know definitely on which day I could safely escape from the Congress –

Peg, Caroline, Nancy and I send our affectionate regards.

As ever,

Gregory

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 28 June 1949

Dear Gregory,

Two days ago we talked a great deal of you because I had a very pleasant visit of Helen Hilles and her two daughters, one of whom was a classmate of Nancy. They all spoke very warmly of you.

And now your letter of June 23 just arrived. I am quite sure that there will be no difficulty at all to get a couple of good rooms for you and Mr. Warburg at very short notice. Just call me up when you are in Zurich and I will have the rooms for you within a couple of hours.

I greatly enjoy writing my second volume for which I have a really original plan. It will be totally different from anything written on the subject before. I will tell you more about it when you come.

In the meantime, I am sending my warm love to all of you.

As ever,

[Henry]

Helen T. Hilles, author. Nancy, daughter of Z.'s first marriage. Warburg see S. to Z. of 12 May 1938. "second volume" (Sigerist 1961).

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 7 July 1949

Dear Gregory,

The enclosed letter is self-explanatory. I am glad to hear that you admire me and I am flattered at the idea that I may have some influence upon you. However, I thoroughly dislike this round about way that seems to be a specialty of liberal and left wing groups, and I would certainly never attempt to influence you in any matter as you know best what should or should not be done.

Cordially as ever,
[Henry]

Comment on a letter of an unidentified author.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, (Rome ?), August 1949 (Postcard)

Dear Henry and everybody

It was wonderful to see you. It was wonderful to spend the day with you. I regret that it was but one short day and I do hope somehow that I will see you again very soon –

Talked to Peg on the phone and she asked me to give you her love. She and the baby are well and everything is good at home –

Rome is cool and empty; although there are still [?] many tourists around.

Warmest regards.

As ever

GZ

Sigerist to Margaret Zilboorg, Pura, 31 August 1949

Dear Peg,

That is the way he looked ! Is it not shocking ? We had a grand time but missed you very much.

It was a great joy to hear from Gregory that you are expecting another baby, and I hope that you will have a good winter and that you will be as comfortable as you were with the first.

We sent you five boccalini, and Gregory will explain to you that these are little jars from which we drink our local wine. Two are for you and the others for the three gentlemen, who gave us the pleasure of their visit.

My warm love to you both

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

“the three gentlemen“ not identified.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 21 January 1950

Dear Gregory,

It is said that no news is good news. I hope this is true with you for all I heard, directly or indirectly, was that you moved your office and that you read a paper before the Academy.

I have been thinking of Peg and you a great deal and miss you. Soon it will be time for the baby, and I am afraid that with a second child there is not much chance of seeing Peg in Europe this year. Will you come? Genevieve is organizing a medico-historical conference in Pura in August in the week preceding the Amsterdam Convention. A good many American colleagues will be in Europe this summer, a few English friends will join us, and we may have a very enjoyable informal gathering with good papers, no rush, mint julips [sic] and fun. The central theme of the Conference, I understand, will be the social history of medicine, a subject to which you have a great deal to contribute.

Life has been uneventful here externally but rich in spiritual experience. I worked a great deal, read much - books that I had intended to read for many years but for which I never had the time. I have been brushing up my Oriental languages, Sanskrit, Chinese, Arabic, as I need them for Volumes II and III of the book. I am deeply in Volume II and find Greece very refreshing after Egypt and Babylonia.

Volume I is scheduled for publication in the spring and I expect proofs at any moment. I think I have a good plan for Volume III which deals with the Middle Ages and in which the Arabs will play a central part.

Last autumn I attended a very pleasant convention of the Italian medical historians in Milan. Castiglioni was president and was in excellent shape. You will find a report of this meeting in the Bulletin. This year I accepted to give a few lectures in London and Copenhagen, and may spend a week in Rome while Nora and Jack are still there. The chief purpose of these trips will be to see museums and get good illustrations for the second volume.

We often talk of your visit of last year and very much hope you will come soon again.

My warmest wishes to Peg, yourself and the children, I am

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

“Academy“, New York, of Medicine. Genevieve Miller. Amsterdam Convention, of the International Society of the History of Medicine. Volume II (Sigerist 1961), Volume III was only outlined. Castiglioni see Z. to S. of 14 October 1936. Report of Milan meeting (Sigerist 1950). Nora and Jack Beeson-Sigerist.

Zilboorg's secretary to Sigerist, New York, 24 January 1950

My dear Dr. Sigerist:

Your letter arrived just after Dr. Zilboorg left to take a short, much-needed rest in Puerto Rico. He will undoubtedly write you shortly after his return next week.

May I call your attention to the fact that Dr. Zilboorg moved home and office to 33 East 70th Street?

Sincerely yours,

Eleanore de Terra

Secretary to Dr. Zilboorg

Zilboorg to Sigerist, Bedford, NY, 14 February 1950

My dear Henry,

This is being written to you in Bedford, on a Saturday night - the first night in more than a month that I find myself free enough to be able to write you. Despite my lack of time, I have been thinking of you very often and Peg and I frequently wonder where and how you are. There is little chance for us to meet before 1951 - unless you come here.

I am all alone right now. Peg is in New York. The baby is expected in another fortnight or so and it is a little difficult for Peg to leave the city under the circumstances.

To come to Europe this summer is very tempting indeed. The International Congress of Criminology in Paris. The one on Psychiatry also in Paris; the one on the History of Medicine and of Sciences in Amsterdam, and your conference in Pura. It would require being away at least three months and I cannot leave for so long. All this makes me rather sad because I don't know what I would do with greater pleasure, - next to my own writing, but the latter is lagging behind and I must catch up - just must, my friend.

When I think that London is now only nine and a half hours from New York, I want to ask you when you are going to be there and say: I'll meet you there - just double the train time (or almost) from Pura to Zürich - that's all.

The news about the Volumes I and II is really thrilling and I am more than happy when I think that you are working with such joy and tempo.

Peg is well, the baby (twenty-one months old) is well and both are delightful companions. I frequently recall our last visit and every now and then I recall another detail to tell Peg about. And here, Henry, is a recipe which is new to me, might not be new to you - but you will like it.

Take a veal cutlet about ¼ inch thick. Beat it with a wooden hammer; beat it to death. Cover with flour and fry in an iron pan in chicken fat till it is good and brown. Put the cutlet on a piece of paper which will absorb the fat. Then put it in a roasting pan and cover.

Pour off the chicken fat but leave the bottom of the frying pan unscraped.

Pour some soup stock into that pan and stir and scrape the bottom till quite brown. Pour this into the roasting pan where the cutlet has been waiting and season with salt and pepper. Cover and roast till almost all the liquid is gone.

Serve and report how it tasted.

Warmest regards.

As ever,

Gregory

P.S. I heard the other day from William Stahl - you remember, the N.Y. University professor of classical languages. He is now interested in the History of Astronomy.

This coming Friday (February seventeenth) I am going to New Haven to hear Sarton's lecture on Boyle to be given before the Beaumont Club.

Peg and Caroline send their love

Bedford, NY: Z.'s country house. Volumes I and II (Sigerist 1951, 1961). Sarton see S. to Z. of 20 December 1935. "Beaumont Club" of medical history.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 7 March 1950

Dear Henry,

Life has been rather hectic these weeks; so much to do and less and less time to do it in.

This is written on Tuesday. On Saturday morning at 8:04 a.m., Peg gave birth to a nice big little boy who weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz., and who was named John Talcott.

We are happy and look forward to a wonderful, cheerful and happy summer. Peg, despite a rather long labor (about twenty hours of continuous pounding) feels well. She has already walked the length of the corridor in the hospital and she is cheerful, strong, serene.

My plans for the summer are still uncertain. Yet I am frightfully tempted to arrange somehow to go over to Europe and attend the meetings of the History of Science and the International Congress of Criminology.

The enclosed clipping from the New York Times baffles me and I wonder what it is all about. At any rate, I thought you might want to see it.

Affectionate regards from us all.

As ever,

Gregory

New York Times clippings see S. to Z. of 15 March 1950.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 15 March 1950

Dear Gregory,

I have two letters of yours and am delighted to have news, particularly such excellent news. My love to Peg and warmest wishes for the boy. I shall write her myself one of these days. How delightful that you have two children from Peg now ; they will, I am sure, be a great source of joy to both of you. But, it must be a rather strange feeling to know that you are fifty-nine years older than your child. I know your age, as we were born the same year.

Do come to Europe ! It would be such a pleasure to see you, and plan to be in Pura in the week preceding the Amsterdam meeting. Genevieve is arranging a program for a Pura conference on the social history of medicine, to which you would have much to contribute. I do not plan to go to Amsterdam, because I dislike these large meetings and because I do not like to interrupt my work too often, but I hope to see my friends and colleagues here, in this most peaceful corner of the world.

The mention of Bob Leslie in connection with the Coplon papers is very strange indeed. The story was published in the New York Times once before, in June last year, and Bob himself sent me the clipping. These Coplon papers seem to contain mostly silly gossip, and

you and I could be mentioned in them just as well. What a sad world we are living in, where the neighbor cannot trust his neighbor and no country feels safe, although I must say conditions are much more pleasant here than in the States. The hydrogen bomb is hardly ever mentioned and if it is, then as an American curiosity. Most important is that there is no hysteria here of any kind, and I do not think that people here worry about the future. Should it come to the worst, there would still be time for fear. A small country like Switzerland cannot possibly engage in any armament race, and this also relieves it of a great worry.

Thanks for the recipe. The veal cutlets that you describe I know very well. Let me give you another one, which I am sure you will enjoy namely:

Escalopes Cordon bleu

Take very thin veal cutlets, beat them with a wooden hammer. Put between two cutlets a thin slice of cooked ham and a thin slice of Swiss cheese. Trim so that the four layers have the same size. Then: dip in flour, in a beaten egg and in bread crumbs. Fry in butter about ten minutes on each side, and serve with a little chopped parsley and a slice of lemon.

P.S. I make my bread crumbs from cornflakes, adding a little grated Parmesan cheese which binds the crumbs very nicely. The seasoning, salt and pepper I mix with the crumbs.

Another recipe of a dish that I made twice recently and found very satisfactory is:

Wild rice Spanish

Fry wild rice in plenty of butter with one chopped onion, chopped parsley, green pepper, celery or whatever you happen to have in the house, until the rice is well browned. Sauté in butter about half a pound fresh sliced mushrooms. Then: put in a greased pyrex dish the browned rice with ingredients, the mushrooms, half a pound of cooked leftover meat (or chicken or tuna fish) two pounds of tomatoes (fresh or canned), put into the oven for one hour. After one half hour sprinkle with a little grated cheese. If it gets too dry, moisten with broth, but very sparingly, because fried rice should not be wet.

P.S. Against the advice of all textbooks, do not wash rice that you intend to fry. Once it has been moist, you cannot get it dry again.

My wife is in Geneva at the moment, visiting with Erica, and Claire and I are taking advantage of the opportunity to experiment with some cooking. Tomorrow we are going to make a real Indian curry, as I ate it in Madras.

The camellias are in full bloom, the tulips are just beginning to bloom and we have the garden full of crocuses, snowdrops and other spring flowers.

My love to you both

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

“wishes for the boy“ see Z. to S. of 7 March 1950. “born the same year“: Incorrect, since Z. was born in 1890, S. in 1891. Genevieve Miller. Amsterdam see S, to Z. of 21 January 1950. Leslie see S. to Z. of 25 October 1944. Coplon papers: In connection with an early espionage trial of the McCarthy era. Erica, S.’s elder daughter, see Z. to S. of 25 August 1941. Claire Bacher: S.’s American secretary. Madras, India: In fall 1944.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 31 March 1950

Dear Henry,

We had a scare a few days ago when we discovered an acutely developed, strangulated hernia at the great age of twenty-one days. He was rushed “back where he came from” - i.e., to the Lenox Hill Hospital, was operated on, recovered, returned and proceeded to regain his weight and eat, eat. Thus far he is a strict specialist - gastronomically speaking - he partakes only of the cuisine which Peg provides from her own biological laboratory.

We are happy and busy - more busy than is good for one - but there seems to be no way out of it. One just goes on going on and at times one is a little weary. The state of the world as seen from here and through the political atmosphere of America is not encouraging. In one way or another, one wishes to turn away from this all - not by way of escape but by way of not wanting to spend too much energy on the futility of sadistic verbiage.

My mind’s eye looks with considerable pleasure to the months of June, July and August during which I plan to do a great deal of writing: 1) my lectures given in the University of California two years ago must be put in book form now; and 2) a short book on Freud which is part of the Twentieth Century Series issued by Scribners. So far Einstein, Darwin and James Joyce were issued. These are not biographies but rather historico-sociological or historico-philosophical appraisals.

I shall therefore not be able to get to leave for Europe till September 1st and I must get back by September 21st. I shall come to attend the meetings of the Mental Health Federation and the Criminological Congress - both in Paris. Oddly enough, I share with you the abhorrence of all these large, crowded meetings - but these I must attend.

Thank you so much for the recipes. It will be fun to try them out this summer and speaking of summer, our paradoxical weather remains paradoxical. We have hardly had a few days of really freezing weather in New York throughout the winter and no snow. We still have no snow, but here it is March 31st and the temperature at 7.00 a.m. was 29° F.I

Peg and both babies are well and happy and they join me in sending you our most affectionate regards.

I do hope that I may still see you this year, although I shall have to miss the gathering in August - to my extreme regret, of course.

Give my regards to Claire and accept my warmest wishes for continued creative work. It is thrilling to hear of the progress of your history.

As ever,

Gregory

“He was rushed“: Newborn John Talcott Zilboorg. Lectures at the University of California see Z. to S. of 13 February 1948. Freud (Zilboorg 1951). Scribner, a New York publisher. Albert Einstein (1879-1955) physicist active in Switzerland, Germany and the U.S. Charles Darwin (1809-1882) British naturalist. James Joyce (1882-1941) Irish writer. Both babies: Caroline and John. Claire Bacher, see S. to Z. of 15 March 1950.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 2 May 1950

Dear Gregory,

Many thanks for your letter of March 31. It must have been a great shock, indeed, when the baby suddenly had a strangulated hernia, but I am glad to know that it is all over and that the young man is developing so well. Speaking of babies, I am going to have one too, that is - a grandchild. Nora expects to have a baby in New York on November 22. She and her husband will spend the summer with us and will return to New York early in September.

I am delighted to know that you will be in Europe in September, and we must meet by all means. My plans for the fall are somewhat vague; I may have to give a few lectures in Denmark in September, but this is not certain yet. I shall be in England for two weeks at the end of May and early June, in Oxford and London where I have to give a few lectures that I could not refuse. The Wellcome Historical Medical Museum has been extremely generous in supplying me with photographs for the illustration of my first volume, so that I could not refuse them anything, and in Oxford my old friend Janet Vaughan, who is Principal of Somerville College, asked me every year for several years to give the Bryce Lecture. So finally I accepted and I am going to talk on the Latin medical literature of the early Middle Ages, a lecture in which I will sum up the results of my studies in the field and outline a program for further research.

Your literary plans for the summer sound most exciting, I am sure that a short book on Freud will find a wide audience, and your California lectures will undoubtedly make a very good book too.

At the end of March we had a very pleasant two-day conference of Swiss medical historians in Pura with seven good papers and much discussion. The Anglo-American August conference is gradually taking shape, and I am only sorry that you will not be able to attend it. It is more important, however, that you write your books, and you need not come to Europe to see your American colleagues.

We had a cold spell here also and a frost that destroyed a great deal in my garden. Now that it is nice and warm, we have an invasion of June bugs but in spite of all, the garden is very beautiful and full of flowers.

My warm love to all of you

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

“her husband“ Jack Beeson see Z. to S. of 20 January 1948. Janet Vaughan (1899-1993) British physiologist. “literature of the early Middle Ages (Sigerist 1958). Freud (Zilboorg 1951). “California lectures see Z. to S. of 13 February 1948. Conference of Swiss medical historians: The first of the annual Pura Conferences, organized by Bernhard Milt and S.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 7 July 1950

Dear Henry,

A most difficult few months. First of all, what can be more difficult than having an inefficient, noisey [sic], and mannerless secretary who was (she still is, but elsewhere) worse

than a bunch of medieval shrews in modern dress. Then the shock of Johnny's illness; he is perfectly well now. Then the anxiety about Nancy who just graduated cum laude, the second in her class of Westtown School, and who was refused admission to Radcliffe College (she set her heart on it) because her attitude was so negative about Westtown that she "might develop the same attitude toward Radcliffe". Nancy is a very good soul and a good student, and much loved by her schoolmates and faculty, but not by her Dean of Girls on to whom she evidently displaced the distrust she has in relation to her mother. So we are college hunting, and it is rather tough. We are hopeful, but anxious - a wearing combination. Then (to complete the list of my woes) I had to undergo an operation on my maxillary bone (a good curetting from one end to the other) - I am just recovering from this now and use the time to clear my desk.

Such good news about Nora. Perhaps I will still be able to see her and her husband at the end of August or the very first few days in September. I feel I really must see you, and I wonder whether I could not just fly over to Zurich, and then we ought to arrange Zurich, Pura or Cartellano (is this the name of the little village in the valley ?) - anywhere.

We talked about you a fortnight ago when I gave a lecture in Chicago and had the fun of having a short visit with Ilse [sic]. She is very happy about her work and is a very nice person.

Yes, I plan to complete my scheduled writing by August 20th and leave for Paris on August 25th. There will be a few days free before the meeting of the World Federation of Mental Health, and between the latter and the International Criminological Congress. I want to roam around among the booksellers in London and visit with you.

Peg is serene; her happiness has an inspiring dignity and gives me confidence in people. It is difficult to maintain confidence in many nowadays.

I do not believe there is going to be a war, but I am naturally very anxious nevertheless.

Affectionately,

Gregory

Johnny's illness see Z. to S. of 31 March 1950. Westtown School near Philadelphia. Radcliffe, Woman's College in Cambridge, MA. "her (Nancy's) mother": Ray Liebow Zilboorg. Nora Sigerist and her husband Jack Beeson. Cartellano village not identified. Ilse: Probably Ilza Veith (born 1915) medical historian, pupil of S.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 27 July 1950

My dear Gregory:

Thanks for your letter. You certainly had plenty of trouble during the past few months. I am sorry for Nancy; she is such a nice and brilliant girl and it seems unbelievable that she should not get into the college of her choice; of course, I know only too well how things go and I only hope that by now she has found the college she wants. There are so many good ones after all, Sarah Lawrence, Bennington, Swarthmore, Bryn Mawr, quite apart from such institutions as the University of Chicago which presents the greatest opportunities. - And what tough luck with your maxillary bone. At least you had not a Leipzig professor come that same night to bother you with primitive medicine.

We must come together in the late summer. So far my only engagements are the following:

August 9-11: Symposium on the social history of medicine in Pura - it promises to be quite good, with interesting papers on the program.

August 26: Milton Roemer who is conducting a travel seminar on social medicine in Europe

will be in Pura and on the 27th I promised to go with him to Geneva to meet his group.

Thus I may be in Geneva for a few days Aug. 28-30. We might possibly meet there.

Erica has a small apartment with a good kitchen where we could try out a few things.

October 1-10th (about): I shall be in Copenhagen where I have four lectures. This is also an old commitment that I could not refuse and they pay my expenses.

Otherwise I plan to be in Pura all the time and, of course, would love to see you here. Genevieve Miller and her mother are in Pura at the moment for five weeks. We have a nice small hotel here that has been completely rebuilt last year, very comfortable with bath rooms.

I enjoyed England very much. I had not been there since the war and found conditions infinitely better than I had expected. So much good sound common sense ! I gave six lectures and, of course, studied the National Health Service. Everybody I saw criticized it but all agreed that it was a great step forward and nobody would dream of giving it up.

I still do not expect a general war. America obviously will have to fight a number of colonial wars in order to maintain the status quo in Asia but this keeps the national economy booming. How amateurish the Formosa business is !

Well she [sic] shall have a lot to talk about. Let us keep in touch. Remember my telephone number (Exchange 091) 3 61 52.

Love to Peg.

As ever

[Henry]

First paragraph see Z. to S. of 7 July 1950. Milton I. Roemer (1916-2001) health administrator and professor of social medicine, pupil of S.. Daughter Erica Sigerist, librarian at the World Health Organization in Geneva. Formosa = Taiwan.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 1 August 1950

Dear Henry:

Things work out wonderfully. We will meet in Geneva.

This will reach you just as you begin your symposium on the Social History of Medicine. I wish I were with you. Give my warmest regards to all the participants - particularly to those whom I know personally.

It will be good to see Milton Roemer. There is little chance of seeing one another in New York.

I am leaving by plane on August 25th, and am expected to arrive in Paris on the 26th. Nother [sic] appeals to me more than spending a couple of days with you in Geneva. I am sure, however, that I will be able to be in Geneva at least for one day - probably August 28th, which is a Monday.

Would it be asking too much to ask you to drop me a note as soon as you receive this and let me know Erica's address so that I could communicate with her and let her know exactly when I would come to Geneva (probably by plane from Paris).

Regards from everyone.

Yours ever,
Gregory

Roemer and Erica see S. to Z. of 27 July 1950.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 7 August 1950

Dear Gregory:

I am perfectly delighted that things are working out so well. Erica's addresses are the following:

Office: World Health Organization

Library

Palais des Nations

Geneva

Telephone (022) 28000 or 28020

Residence: 27 Bourg-de-Four

Geneva

Tel. (022) 4 37 06

The telephone number in brackets (022) is that of the exchange when you dial from city to city. Our number in Pura is (091) 3 61 52.

I shall be staying at Erica's place and plan to arrive there Sunday Aug. 27 late at night. Do stay a few days in Geneva if possible. Erica has a cute small car and can drive us around.

The Conference is assembling to-morrow and our program sounds very promising. Soon more.

Yours as ever

[Henry]

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 11 August 1950

Dear Henry,

Wonderful ! I look forward so much to seeing you and Erica. I will arrive in Geneva August 28th, Monday - probably very early in the afternoon.

But there is a problem. Where could I find a room ? I once stayed at the Beau

Rivage - but there is almost never any room in the Geneva hotels. Could Erica reserve one for me ? I will write her about it today.

Eager to hear about the success of the Conference.

As ever,

Gregory

P.S. I will have to leave Geneva Tuesday, August 29th late in the afternoon.

G.Z.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 20 October 1950

Dear Gregory:

Enclosed a little snapshot which will remind you of the very pleasant day we spent together in Geneva. It was so good to see you. Erica and Tui Rees (the kangaroo) were here last week-end and we remembered you very much indeed. I cooked partridges [sic] in cabbage with sausages, a good hunter's dish.

How are you ? I am sure you had an interesting time in Paris. Here things are going their normal way, I spent a week in Copenhagen where I gave four lectures. They are doing very good work in medical history. Their society has 600 members in a country of four million population - quite an achievement.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I am

Yours as ever,
[Henry]

Tui Rees not identified.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 29 December 1950

My dear Henry,

You have been on my mind many many times, but I really found myself in that maze of papers and interviews in which one so frequently gets drowned without fresh air and without any hope of having a little chat with a friend.

I returned home and found the family well and eager and happy. Both children are developing with amazing charm and health. Peg is thriving, although working hard.

The news about Nora is wonderful. The reason why I failed to look her up in Paris was simple. I returned to Paris from Geneva and stayed most of the time in bed - a silly way of visiting Paris - a silly place to get the flu - but there it was.

Your sending me the picture with me standing at the foot of the Monument of the Reformation was a very kind thing. I will have it put in my scrap book.

Peg is going to look up Nora and we will arrange to see her and get acquainted with her baby. As soon as we see them we will let you know. I now have a Leica with a built-in flash, so I will take it with me and send you a snap shot of mother and child as seen through the eyes of a newest Leica.

I am not worried about the war either, but I am worried about the state of the world. It is a foul state.

Your book - I look forward to receiving it. I congratulate myself on having a copy join its confrères in my library, but I will tell you a funny secret: I saw it already in the hands of Dr. Abeloff, I don't know how he got a copy before January 1951.

I love to hear from you. Write me again as soon as you can and tell me also what would be the best time to visit you in Pura. I remember you said that Pura has a hotel now. We are scheduled to leave New York on July 18th, and I thought that we might arrange to go to Pura on our way to Rome. We might make the trip from Pura to Milan by car and fly from Milan to

Rome. So, let me know what you think about it. We might arrange, of course, to make the trip very early in August - soon after the Congress of the International Psychoanalytic Association in Amsterdam.

With kindest regards, and best wishes for a happy and productive New Year.

As ever yours,
Gregory

“news about Nora“: Birth of her son Christopher, S.’s grandson. Monument of the Reformation in Geneva. Leica: A photographic camera. “Your book“ (Sigerist 1951). Dr. Abeloff not identified.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 2 February 1951

My dear Gregory:

Thanks ever so much for your good letter of 29 December and my apologies for answering it so late. I have been without a secretary for the last three months and the backlog of letters is accumulating in a terrifying way. Claire had to go back to America and I have not replaced her yet.

It was so good to hear that you are well and happy and that the family is thriving. And of course, I was particularly glad to know that you will come and see us in the summer. July is a perfect month and so is August. The Albergo Paladina, five minutes from our house, is very comfortable and if you make reservations in time you will get excellent rooms with bath. I am including [sic] a folder which gives you all details. So do come and stay here as long as you can.

Confidentially I may tell you that I am facing a very difficult dilemma. The University of Berne has offered me a chair (the 5th chair and the 7th position offered me since I am in Pura) and I may have to take it in the fall. I just spent a few days in Berne and was received by the president of the university, the dean of the medical school and the faculty in the most charming way. I have the impression that they would do for me anything I asked for. My Yale stipend expired last June and I have been without income ever since. John Fulton is doing his very best to get the stipend renewed for a few more years but so far he has not succeeded although there are some chances, but it is all very uncertain. I would not mind going back to teaching and administrative work and I think I could still manage to work on my book. On the other hand, I am well aware that a full chair and particularly a new chair may wreck the book and possibly also wreck my health. However, we shall see. I do not worry a bit because, after all, I am not a beggar who must live on charity. I am still able to make a living. Please, do not talk about the matter because I do not want to have any fuss made about it. At any rate I am determined to enjoy the spring for which I have prepared by planting many bulbs in the garden, and to enjoy the summer the high spot of which will be your visit.

My warm love to Peg, yourself and the children

Yours as ever
[Henry]

Claire Bacher and Fulton see S. to Z. of 15 March 1950 and 12 February 1943, respectively. “my book“ (Sigerist 1961).

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 19 April 1951

Dear Henry,

There were so many reasons for my not writing to you all these months. There always are, of course. This has been a very hard and busy winter for me and despite many anxieties I at least succeeded in getting one manuscript ready - a monograph on Freud for Scribner's Twentieth Century series and two scientific papers.

While our decision to go to Europe remained unchanged, the actual plans were somewhat in abeyance because we were not certain when we would be able to to [go ?] where. Peg and I wanted to get in touch with Norah [sic] and day after day, and week after week, we are planning to do it - but with two kids and a number of things to do no time, literally none, is left for social life.

Little John just had his birthday and Caroline is going to be three years old in about a month. I am inclosing their pictures.

Now, as to our plans for the trip to Europe: We are eager to see you. The American Express Company has been asked, and has promised to, reserve for us rooms in the Albergo Paladina. If there is any way to make absolutely certain that we will not have to sit outside and wait for rooms please extend a bit of pull. We shall travel from Zurich to Lugano on Saturday, August 11th and arrive at 5:18 P.M. in Lugano. We will be met there by the American Express and brought directly to Pura. We thus hope to be in Pura at the latest around 6:30 in the evening, Saturday. We will spend all day Sunday, August 12th, there and a little part of the forenoon Monday as we wish to reach Milan as early in the afternoon as possible on Monday, August 13th.

Peg and I and her mother, Mrs. Stone, are very happy at the prospect of the trip. This is her mother's very first visit to Europe. I already regret that we will have to stay with you such a short time, but it is my hope that you will permit us to break the routine on that Sunday and you and I, if necessary, will talk until whatever cows come home.

Warmest regards from everybody to you and Emmie.

As ever,

Gregory

I have been [...] what you have [...] about taking a chair in Bern or elsewhere ! I don't cherish the idea of your working too hard - yet you love students and university life so much -

Monograph on Freud (Zilboorg 1951). Scribner publisher. Nora Sigerist in New York. Mrs. Stone and chair in Bern see S. to Z. of 6 July 1943 and 2 February 1951, respectively. Emmy: S.'s wife.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 16 May 1951

Dear Henry,

Just a brief note - a very brief and hasty one - for the fun of it.

Nora just 'phoned. Her voice sounds so good and cheerful. Peg and she arranged for a date. We will dine and talk and then write you about it.

Our plans for the trip are the same and they are now fully established. We will see you on the evening of Saturday, August 11th, as soon as we arrive from Zurich. As I recall it we are to arrive in Lugano at 5:18 P.M. and proceed to Pura.

Our visit cannot be too long, unfortunately, but we will chat and talk and have a couple of meals.

Warmest regards,

As ever,

Gregory

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 17 May 1951

My dear Gregory:

What a perfectly charming picture of the children. You still have the magic touch with the camera. And what good news about your trip. Of course, we shall see to it that you get the best rooms at Albergo Paladina. And do keep every minute for us. I hope the weather will be better by then because so far it was appallingly bad but I am sure it must change now. I was also very happy to hear that you have completed your monograph on Freud and I am looking forward to seeing it. Scribner is a good publisher.

We just spent a very pleasant month in Italy. Both, my wife and I had influenza in March, not badly but I kept coughing for several weeks and my wife had arthritic pains following the flu. So we decided on a change of climate and went for a rest to Amalfi. It was chilly there also but it was great to see the Mediterranean again, and we did recover. Then we spent a week in Rome where I went to see several colleagues and looked for photos for my second volume. And finally we ended up at Florence. I was shocked to see the destructions and the inertia. Naples and other cities are rebuilt entirely while Florence remains untouched, the bridges destroyed and the quarters around Ponte Vecchio in ruins. I saw Corsini and his Institute and Museum and a few other friends and, of course, greatly enjoyed the Uffizi Gallery.

Lillian Hellman's new play seems to be a huge success. I read enthusiastic reviews and I am so happy about it because, I am sure, this will give her self-confidence. I hope it will be in print soon as I am very anxious to read it.

It will be August soon and I look forward to a good talk. And what a joy it will be to see Peg again after four long years. And I remember her mother very well and the crab dinner she served me once when I was at Sarah Lawrence. You will have to tell me a lot about America and give me an analysis of the Mac Arthur [sic] mass hysteria. How strange this all is particularly when you live peacefully in the country.

My love to all of you and au revoir very soon.

As ever

[Henry]

Children: Caroline and John Zilboorg. Monograph on Freud (Zilboorg 1951). Andrea Corsini (1875-1961) director of the Florence Museum of the History of Science. Hellman and Mrs. Stone see S. to Z. of 14 April 1941 and 6 July 1943, respectively. Hellman's play: Probably *The Autumn Garden* of 1951. Sarah Lawrence: College at Bronxville, NY. MacArthur, general in WWII and Korean War; S. might also have meant McCarthy, leader of the anti-communist "witch hunt" ..

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 21 May 1951

Dear Henry,

So good to hear from you so promptly. We are impatient to start on our trip.

Yes, I remember the destruction of Florence. I saw it two summers ago - frightful.

Yes, Lillian Hellman's play was published in book form about a week ago and I see to it that you get a copy.

Unfortunately, despite the fact that it is a very good play, it has to close in another two weeks. The reason is simple. After all, the Broadway theater is geared to absolute smash hits and full houses - if you have as few as one hundred seats empty, money is lost and the play has to shut down - a crazy system.

We are going to see Nora in a few days and will write you again perhaps before we sail.

The American Express Company tells me that the reservations in the hotel in Pura have been confirmed. Thank you a lot for following the matter up. We look forward so much to our visit.

As ever

Gregory

(Hellman 1951).

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura ?, 13 August 1951 (Telegram)

ENJOYED VISIT. GET IN TOUCH WITH LILLIAN HELLMAN HOTEL CLARIDGE
BROOK STREET LONDON. LOVE SIGERIST

Zilboorg to Sigerist, Florence, 16 August 1951

Dear Henry –

Our stay in Pura was most enjoyable. The visit was too short. Next time (and it will be soon) we will make it longer. I will bring some work with me and install myself in the Albergo Paladina and work half a day and lounge the other half and [...] with you evenings.

I hate to ask you to write because I know the predicament of being without a secretary. As soon as you [...] it possible let me hear from you and tell me more definitely about the Congress for the History of Medicine and the History of Sciences - I would like to attend both and I think I could have two papers ready for each -

The trip to Milan (via Como) was very nice. The water on the Piazza in Como receded enough for the automobiles to get through - Peg and her mother enjoyed every bit of the visit [?] and the trip. On my way I fell in love with an especially good automobile clock which was in two [...] - a Swiss beauty. I gave the chauffeur some money and asked him to buy it for me and [...] to you and now I ask you to give it to any one of your friends going to New York and willing to do you or me the favor and bring the clock. Or, you might send it (well, very well [...]) by mail and I will pay the duty on it. The clock will cost 20-25 dollars (I gave the chauffeur \$ 20) and the duty on it cannot be very much -

We arrived in Como just a few minutes past noon and it did not [...] to wait two hours until the box office opened [?] - So, I gave money to the chauffeur and asked him to get for you two tickets for the Silfides. I do hope he got them and that you and Emmy [...] and enjoyed it all.

Warmest regard[s from] all of us[.] We are carrying [?] nice memories from Pura -

Affectionately

Gregory

Got your telegram and talked to Lillian on the phone. Thank you

Long-hand letter with many illegible words. Como: Italian border town between Lugano and Milan. Les Silfides: Ballet with music by Chopin. Lillian Hellman.

Margaret Stone Zilboorg to Sigerist, SS Normandie, 3 September 1951

Dear Emmy and Henry –

Such a very good time we had with you - eating, drinking, riding, talking - it's only too bad it will have to be such a while before it can happen again. We thought of you particularly this morning when we struggled to [...] definitely not the time for Rome - The sun rose each day so mercilessly, and the all-enveloping heat with it. A splendid city, but I never have liked it very much - some time I shall go in December !

Saw Lillian in London - spoke of you - she's rather vague about her plans, and doesn't know how long she will be abroad. She's in good shape, and we had fun together for the few days we were there.

And who should be on this customs declaration - all those little cups and saucers and ashtrays made the trip perfectly. God only knows how. And your wooden train for Christopher, Emmy - perfect shape also, and we shall see that it gets to him as soon as possible.

The rest of our trip was as good as the first part - though we had a bit of something "digestive" in Rome which laid each of us low [?] in a different way. August is

[...]

ship but your friend and ours - Iago Galdston !

Much love to you both from both of us - know that we think of you often, and wish that we could see you even more often.

Always affectionately,
Peg

Lillian Hellman. Christopher Beeson, S.'s grandson, see Z. to S. of 29 December 1950. Possibly a missing part after "August is". Galdston see S. to Z. of 18 October 1943.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 25 September 1951

Dear Peg and Greg:

You must have given me up for not answering letters and not giving any sign of life but ever since you left Pura we had a very difficult time. A few days after you were gone we received news that Erica had come down with typhoid, the last disease you would be expecting in Switzerland. It is extremely rare here and we have no idea where she got it. As she has a very nice new apartment we felt that she would be more comfortable at home than in a hospital and my wife who was a nurses' aid during the war went to Geneva and nursed her for five weeks during which time I was alone with a stupid Italian maid, without secretary, doing three people's work. This is why I am behind with everything.

Chloromycetin worked wonders but Erica nevertheless was very sick for five weeks. She is in Pura now with a four-weeks leave and is recovering nicely. It is her third major illness this year, first bronchopneumonia in February, then measles and now typhoid. We worried a lot and are glad that it is all over by now.

Let me tell you once more how much we enjoyed your visit. It was the last care free moment we had for some time. The enclosed snapshots are dear to me as a reminder of this delightful weekend. Thanks for two letters, Gregory's from Florence and Peg's from the ship. Yes, we did receive the tickets for the ballet in Como, it was so good of you to send them; unfortunately we could not make any use of them. It was just at the time we heard about Erica's illness, Emmy had left for Geneva, I was without car and did not feel like seeing [sic] a ballet. The clock, however, did not come !!! So the fellow was dishonest after all and simply kept the 20 dollars. If there is anything I can do about it let me know. Emmy just calls that she has not forgotten that you wanted some household equipment - a dish warmer I believe - and that it will be mailed tomorrow. Emmy just came home because she spent a week in Zurich recovering from the strain while we had a nurse here for Erica, a friend [sic] of ours.

About the international meetings. The International Congress of the History of Medicine will be held at the end of September and early in October 1952 in Nice, Cannes and Monte Carlo. I do not think the date has been established definitely but will let you know as soon as I hear about it. The meeting will last a whole week. Secretary of the International Society is Dr. Sondervorst, Avenue des Alliés 124, Louvain, Belgium[.] The International Congress of the History of Science will be held in Jerusalem in 1953. I do not know the date, however, probably in the fall. It will have a section on the history of medicine. I am not sure whether Bodenheimer or Munter is to be president. I have not seen any details yet but will keep you posted.

I now am gradually coming back to normal and how I am looking forward to it. Last week I had a couple of lectures in Berne on the occasion of a post-graduate course. This week I must go to Lucerne for the annual convention of the Swiss Society of the History of

Medicine. I have to give a paper on Hippocrates and do not know yet what I am going to say. But then, from October 2 on I hope to have six long undisturbed months during which I can finish Vol. II. The Whitney Foundation will make its contribution to Yale from Sept. 15 of this year on so that now I am looking for a secretary and I hope to find a good one soon.

I hope you will come soon again. Pura really is a good place to finish a piece of work and my library is a help too. Dr. Reucker, the general editor of the Ciba publications has just built a house in our neighborhood and with the library of another professor we have about 25,000 volumes in Pura which is not so bad for a village of 480 population.

Please remember us to Mrs. Stone , and with all good wishes to you, I am

Yours as ever

[Henry]

Chloromycetine, a broad-spectrum antibiotic, no longer used. Whitney Foundation's contribution to Yale University: Renewal of S.'s stipend. Mrs. Stone (mother) see S. to Z. of 6 July 1943.

New names:

Bodenheimer	Officer of the International Society of the History of Science
Hippocrates	(5th ct. BC) Greek physician
Munter	Officer of the International Society of the History of Science
Reucker, Karl	(1890-1961) medical editor in Switzerland
Sondervorst, F.A.	General secretary of the International Society of the History of Medicine

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 12 October 1951

Dear Gregory,

I have not forgotten that you wanted me to have two cases of the white wine sent to you that I served you when you were here. I went to my wine shop yesterday but was told that according to American regulations they could not send wine to private individuals but only to licensed liquor stores. Hence I would advise you to ask your store to write to

Fonjallaz S. A.

Epesses (Canton de Vaud)

Switzerland

and to order the number of bottles that you wish to have. The wine is named Clos de la République and ask them to send the best vintage they have. Do not ask to send cases as a case of wine does not mean 12 bottles here where people usually buy 50 or 100 bottles at a time. I am including [sic] the label. The bottles cost here Fr. 3.65. In America with transportation charges and taxes it will be probably twice as much but will still be cheap for a very excellent wine.

Erica is still with us and will be for a few more weeks as her recovery is very slow.

My love to you all

As ever

[Henry]

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 31 October 1951

Dear Gregory:

You wanted to know when the International Congress of the History of Medicine will take place next year. I just had news from Paris according to which the meeting will be held at Nice-Cannes-Monaco in the first half of September 1952, probably 8-18 Sept. The date is not quite definite but probably accurate enough to help you in making plans for next year. I shall in all probability attend the congress also.

Our summer was much disturbed through Erica's illness. She had a very slow recovery but went back to Geneva today and I hope that she will have a better winter.

With all good wishes

As ever

Henry

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 7 November 1951

Dear Henry,

Things are going at such a terrific pace that it is difficult to keep up with things. The children are well. Peg is well. I am well. But there is no time to be fully alive - to read - to think.

The thought of going to the Congress on the History of Medicine is very exciting and I want very much to be there and to read a paper. Who is the factotum of the Congress? What should I do to get on the program? If you could help me - please do.

I am not going to be able to spend too much time in Europe, and what I would do is fly via Pan American directly to Nice, or via Rome, and back the same way, or via London, spending on the whole trip not more than two weeks. This will be my vacation since I plan to work the whole summer on my report on suicide which (report - not suicide) is several years overdue.

The topic which suggests itself to me is Certain Historical Aspects of Psychosomatic Medicine. What do you think about it?

While I have been writing the above I had thoughts running through the back of my mind that it is so good that Erica has fully recovered and is back in Geneva - and how tough it must have been on her and on you - the illnesses of last year.

My best wishes to you for a more happy winter.

Did you find a secretary? If yes, please dictate to her right away a few words for me. I do like to hear from you.

Warmest regards from Peg and myself.

Yours ever,

Gregory

Pan American Air Lines. Report on suicide: Probably (Zilboorg 1975). Psychosomatic Medicine: Possibly (Zilboorg 1944).

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 11 November 1951

Dear Gregory:

I did engage a secretary and I expect her at the end of the week. She promises to be very good, 26 years old, English mother tongue, perfect command of German, good knowledge of Italian, Spanish, French and as she is a citizen of Israel she also knows Hebrew and Arabic. She is a student of the School of Interpreters of the University of Geneva. With her help I hope to finish my second volume in the not too distant future.

The enclosed sheets tell you all that is known so far about next years [sic] congress. All you have to do is, write to Dr. Sondervorst who is teaching medical history at the University of Louvain. Your subject is admirable. Do read Plato's Charmides where you will find some very pertinent statements.

Things have improved here at last. Everybody is well and working.

My love to you both

As ever

[Henry]

Secretary: Ruth D. Berlowitz. Sondervorst see S. to Z. of 25 September 1951. (Plato 1986).

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 4 December 1951

Dear Gregory,

Your automobile clock arrived and looks beautiful. The chauffeur [sic] was honest after all, and I am enclosing the correspondence I had with him in the matter.

Unfortunately there are no American tourists at this time of year, and so we are mailing the clock to you as a parcel. You will have to pay some customs duty but it cannot be so very much.

All good wishes for a peaceful and happy 1952, and hoping to see you in the course of the year,

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 19 December 1951

Dear Henry,

Thank you for the trouble you took in connection with my automobile clock. It now seems that I owe you some money. I am sorry I inconvenienced you and I shall reimburse you in any way you want me to. Do you want me to send you a check, or should I deposit the money in your name somewhere in the U.S.A. ? Let me know.

I am just back from Mexico City where I spent a week attending a rather dull Congress of the World Federation for Mental Health and I am back at work.

The family is well and happy and a great source of happiness to me.

I am playing seriously with the idea of attending the Congress of the History of Science, and I shall write to Dr. Sondervost [sic] in a day or two. I wish I were able to spend a few months in that region of France and write my report on Suicide - but I will not absent myself again for so long from my children. If I go, I will take them with me.

Warmest regards to you and best wishes. Peg joins me in affectionate greetings.

As ever,

Gregory

P.S. It is good to know that you have a secretary now. You were without one too long. Thank you for the suggestion about Charmides [sic]. I read it some time ago and quoted from it in one of my articles. I shall reread it now.

G.Z.

Sondervorst see S. to Z. of 25 September 1951. Report on Suicide: Probably (Zilboorg 1975). *Charmides* (Plato 1986).

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 27 December 1951

Dear Gregory,

Many thanks for your letter of 19 December. I read something about the meeting in Mexico City and was sorry to hear that it was rather dull. Mental health and mental hygiene seem to be rather overdone these days. I just got a letter from Dr. Maria Pfister in Zurich who is editing a volume under the title “Geistige Gesundheit“, and wants me to contribute an article, but of course I have no time to do it.

I spent a week in Lausanne and Geneva just before Christmas, and thought of the pleasant day we had there last year. I am a member of two expert committees of WHO, the one on training of personnel, and the other on social medicine, and I have to attend meetings from time to time. I like to do it because it keeps me in touch with world medicine. You know that Milton Roemer left Yale and is now director of the division of social medicine and occupational health of WHO. By the way, write in your book the name of another first rate restaurant in Geneva, “Le Béarn“, 4 quai de la Poste. René Sand gave a dinner there which was incredibly good.

The automobile clock was no trouble at all and I hope you will get it safely once the Christmas rush is over. What you owe me is Fr. 37, or less than \$ 8, so for goodness' sake do not send me anything but let us invest the money in a good dinner when we meet on the French Riviera next autumn. Why do you not rent a small villa there for the family for a few months, bring them over, and write your report on suicide ? As I hear it is not difficult at all to find a nicely furnished house with garden at a reasonable price, and I cannot think of a more pleasant environment for this kind of work. If, moreover, you need fresh case material you get it from Monte Carlo where people commit suicide wholesale.

With all good wishes to the four of you for a happy 1952,

Yours ever
[Henry]

Maria Pfister, a Swiss psychoanalyst who published with Carl Gustav Jung; her *Geistige Gesundheit* not identified. Roemer see S. to Z. of 27 July 1950. WHO = World Health Organization. René Sand (1877-1953) wrote on social medicine. Automobile clock see Z. to S. of 16 August 1951. Report on Suicide: Probably (Zilboorg 1975). Suicides of gamblers who lost all their fortunes in Monte Carlo.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 7 February 1952

Dear Henry,
I think of you - and will write to you very soon.
In the meantime please know that I haven't forgotten, and that I owe you a letter.
Yours always
G

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 16 April 1952

Dear Henry,
My plans for the summer are being worked out and have taken enough shape for me to write you and inquire what your plans are.

Unfortunately, I am coming alone. Peg does not feel like leaving the children again for several weeks and I don't blame her. I even envy her, because I feel some pangs about leaving Peg and the children and I don't know whether I lack courage to say I am going to stay home, or I am courageous enough to overcome the pangs and to decide to go away for a few weeks. Moreover, I was awfully tired and I want very much just to "roam" about for a few weeks. There is so much to do and the going is so tough at times that I want to have a rest.

So, I am coming to Europe in August. I want to spend a couple of days in London and a couple of days in Geneva on August 21st or 22nd, and then proceed to Amsterdam for three days for a psychological meeting and then come to Zürich for a couple of days, and then drive by automobile (not bus) in slow stages to Pura and from there somehow make my way to Nice and Cannes, etc. for the Congress on the History of Medicine.

Now, where are you going to be? If you plan to leave Pura for somewhere else before going to the Congress let me know. Let us meet anywhere. I am quite eager to see you, even more so than always.

I saw Jack Beeson for a moment the other day and he told me they might go to Europe this summer. I am not clear about that however, since it was in the hall after a lecture at Columbia University and everybody concerned seemed to be in a hurry.

By the way, do you remember you wrote me some months ago that the clock was finally delivered to you and that you mailed it to me. When was it? I never got it and I don't know how to trace it.

Warmest regards from all of us,

Yours ever,
Gregory

Jack Beeson-Sigerist, S.'s son-in-law. "Clock" see S. to Z. of 27 December 1951.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura ?, 22 April 1952

Dear Gregory,

I was delighted to have your letter and to hear that you will come to Europe and will be in Pura. I was particularly glad to hear this, because I shall probably not attend the Congress in France in September. It is just getting to be too much for me, as I have a series of lectures at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in November, and must go to Italy at the end of this week to attend the meeting of the Italian Society of the History of Medicine at Bologna, where Jerome Webster will be awarded a degree. I decided to attend the meeting as I have to go to Italy anyway, particularly to Florence to get photos for the illustration of my second volume. In July I shall in all probability be away, but only for a few days, as I promised a South African colleague to go with him to the Engadin just for a couple of days around 9 July, and in the following week I promised to give a few lectures on social medicine in a summer school in the neighbourhood of Locarno. From 23 to 25 August the Swiss Society of the History of Medicine is holding its annual convention in Berne, but I am not sure that I will attend it unless you might decide to come along.

These are my summer plans, and as I must finish my second volume, I find that I cannot take a whole week off for the French convention. Hence I am perfectly delighted to know that you will come to Pura. Do plan to spend a few days here, and let us have some good meals. Of course I am very sorry that Peg will not be with you, but I understand that she does not wish to leave the children alone every year. Jack, Nora and the baby are sailing on one of the "Queens" on 21 May and will be with us the whole summer. Needless to say that we shall be very happy to see them. The grandchild so far has not been more than an abstract concept, and we are anxious to have him in the flesh.

In our despatch-book we found that the clock was mailed to you on 10 December, 1951. Ruth will go to the post office today and will let you know particulars, so that the parcel may be traced. I hope it will turn up. Did Peg ever receive a réchaud or dishwarmer that we mailed over here soon after you left?

Otherwise things are going their normal way here. We had many visitors recently; Castiglioni came a few days ago with Jerome Webster and his wife and the Gnudis, and it was a very great pleasure to have them.

Warm regards to all of you,

Yours as ever,
[Henry]

Jerome Webster see Z. to S. of 15 November 1934. Jack, Nora, Christopher Beeson Sigerist. Clock see Z. to S. of 16 August 1951. Ruth Berlowitz, secretary. Castiglioni see Z. to S. of 14 October 1936. Martha T. Gnudi, (1908-1978) historian of technology.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 10 June 1952

Dear Henry,

This trip to Europe has become almost a burden to me. Because I am quite tired, I don't care to go very far and move around too much or lecture too often. In short, I tried to bite off too much as usual. Now since Peg is not going with me I feel nostalgic even before I have started out.

My plans are to fly to London on August 17th. After a couple of days there I will go over to Geneva, which I plan to reach on August 22nd in the morning, stopping at the Hotel Rhône. Now, I would like you to come over to Geneva for the few days I plan to be there. I will stay there the 22nd, 23rd and 24th, leaving late in the afternoon for Amsterdam. There will be no time to return to Switzerland because I am expected on September 1st in Copenhagen where I am to give a few lectures - and from there to Paris and home. This leaves no time whatsoever for a trip to Pura. The thought of it is really heartbreaking. It hardly pays to fly back from Amsterdam for one day in Zürich, but I would gladly do this if you could come to Zürich more conveniently than to Geneva. Do let me know as soon as you.[sic]

The whole problem of the trip this year is that I am paid for a goodly part of it by a foundation and, therefore, I must go to certain places and do a certain amount of work.

The fact that after the brief visit to Geneva I will have to eliminate any further stay in Switzerland grieves me a lot, for I did expect to see you in Pura and the Bleulers in Zürich. Do you know that the Bleulers had a baby girl ?

So here I am hoping that you could make Zürich. Peg joins me in sending our warmest regards to you.

Always affectionately,
Gregory

Manfred Bleuler see Z. to S. of 29 March 1949.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura ?, 10 June 1952

Dear Gregory,

I wish to thank you for the two reprints which you recently sent me. I was much interested in both and quite particularly in the one on authority and leadership, because so much abuse is being made of the term "leadership" these days. You cannot open a paper without reading about America's 'leadership in the world'. If people only realised how thin this leadership is, and that it will end the moment the flow of dollars is stopped. The US will lead the world the day it is able to produce a philosopher of the stature of a Rousseau, Voltaire or Marx, but not before because it is the philosophers and not the statesmen who are the driving forces of history, and I am afraid that American pragmatism is not enough to stir Europe and Asia,

The other day I also found a very pertinent remark in some paper, namely, that America has a completely wrong idea of what Europeans consider a high standard of living. To myself and millions of other Europeans a higher standard of living means more and better operas, playhouses, ballet companies, picture exhibitions etc., and to the average French working man

a higher standard of living means better food and ,vin du cacheté’, that is, not just open wine that you buy at the corner store, but one that is sealed. Most people over here and in Asia are not primarily interested in mechanical gadgets.

We had some very good days in Italy, where I attended the meeting of the Italian Society of the History of Medicine at Bologna at which Jerome Webster was greatly honoured for his superb book on Tagliacozzi. He was given an honorary degree with a perfectly magnificent gown, a rare distinction, as Bologna awards honorary degrees very seldom. He and his wife and the Gnudis came to see us in Pura with old Castiglioni, and we had a most pleasant day. From Bologna we went to Florence, and had a very good week there. The greatest event in Florence this year is that the entire Uffizi are now restored and open to the public.

We are all looking forward to your visit, and with all good wishes, I am,

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

Z.’s article on authority and leadership not identified. Webster and Castiglioni see Z. to S. of 15 November 1934 and 14 October 1936, respectively. (Gnudi/Webster 1950). Gnudi see S. to Z. of 21 April 1952.

New names:

Marx, Karl (1818-1883) German political economist

Rousseau, Jean-Jacques(1712-1778) French writer and philosopher

Tagliacozzi, Gaspare(1546-1599) Italian plastic surgeon.

Voltaire (1694-1778) French writer and philosopher

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 13 June 1952

Dear Henry,

Your letter crossed mine. It made me melancholy, nostalgic. I need not tell you how much I share your general attitude. I began to speculate and daydream all over again about going to Pura to see you - but much as I try to work out a plan it does not seem workable, and I want again to urge you to come to Geneva if you can manage.

The children are well, happy and dear. Peg is busy, happy, serene. I live on the spirit that emanates from them and work and hope that some day will come when I will have enough leisure to do some reading and thinking five or six hours a day. I know that day will never come.

The world is not attractive. As I think I wrote you, Gregory, after doing nothing at all on his own volition, was finally drafted. He is a full-fledged marine now getting accomplished in the exercises of killing. It looks as if he is going to be in Korea before long.

Nancy just finished her Sophomore year at Radcliffe College. She is interested in Dostoyevsky and Tolstoy and social sciences.

Your idea that philosophers are the actual leaders appeals to me, but I don’t feel I can argue with it. Somehow humanity always succeeded in utilizing philosophers for all sorts of ends. Look what the Inquisition did with Christ, or Hitler with Nietzsche, or Truman with Jefferson or Thomas Paine.

So glad for Jerome Webster. When is he coming back to the U.S.A., do you know ?

Warmest regards. Do come to Geneva.

As ever,

Gregory

Gregory Jr. and Nancy: Children of Z.'s first marriage, Korean War (1950-1953). Hitler and Webster see Z. to S. of 31 March 1938 and 15 November 1934.

New names

Dostoyevsky, Fyodor(1821-1881) Russian writer

Jefferson, Thomas(1743-1826) 3rd U.S. President

Nietzsche, Friedrich(1844-1900) German philosopher

Paine, Thomas (1737-1809) radical social propagandist

Tolstoy, Leo (1828-1910) Russian writer

Truman, Harry S. (1884-1972) 33rd U.S. President

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura ?, 19 June 1952

Dear Gregory,

Of course it was a great disappointment to hear that you will not be able to come to Pura this year. I shall make an effort to see you in Geneva in August, but cannot yet guarantee that I shall succeed, as I must finish the second volume of my History, and for that reason I leave my study as little as possible. I had to go to Basle twice recently, because my 87 year old mother broke her femur - the second - and I wanted to see her and her surgeon. Fortunately the fracture was uncomplicated and could be nailed, but it will be months before she can use her leg, and at that age this is a great trial.

I did not know that Gregory junior was drafted, perhaps this is not the worst that could happen to him. Army discipline may do him a lot of good, and who knows, he may come back a great hero. Nancy is doing very well indeed; I just had a letter from Helen Hilles and was glad to hear that Linda who, if I remember correctly, is a friend of Nancy's, has recovered and has big plans for a European summer.

Jerome Webster must be back in the States by now. He and his wife were sailing soon after the Bologna meeting.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

P.S. I just discovered that the Swiss Society of the History of Medicine is meeting in Berne from 22 to 25 August. It must be there, because it is a society that I founded 31 years ago. The central theme of this year's convention will be Haller and the history of physiology, and although I am not reading a paper, it would be resented violently if I did not go to Berne. Berne, however, is very close to Geneva, and perhaps you can manage to come over for an evening, if not, I shall try to have an evening with you in Geneva.

Second volume (Sigerist 1961). Gregory junior and Nancy Zilboorg. Helen Hilles see S. to Z. of 28 June 1949; her daughter Linda. Webster see Z. to S. of 15 November 1934. "31 years ago" in Bern. Albrecht von Haller (1708-1777) Swiss physiologist, botanist, poet, statesman.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 23 July 1952

Dear Henry,

Would you drop me a line and tell me where the Historical Society meets in Bern and what the dates are.

Raymond de Saussure, as I might have written you, is returning to Switzerland. He wants to send a cable to the Congress. I saw him last night and told him that I would write you at once to inquire.

Peg is recovering from her recent accident. She had a miscarriage two weeks ago. The heat here is almost unbearable. Life on the whole is painful and noisy.

The Democratic convention is in full swing - and I am busy trying to write a paper.

I do look forward to seeing you in Geneva.

Affectionately,

Gregory

De Saussure see Z. to S. of 3 June 1943. "Congress", of the Swiss Society of the History of Medicine.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura ?, 28 July 1952

Dear Gregory,

I hasten to answer your letter of 23 July. The Swiss Society of the History of Medicine and Natural Sciences meets in Berne as a section of of the Swiss Association for the Advancement of Science, from 23-25 August. On 22 August we shall in all probability have a meeting of the Council of the Historical Society, of the teachers of medical history, and of the editors of medical historical journals.

The session of the Swiss Society of the History of Medicine will be held at the Institute of Anatomy, Bühlstrasse 26, Berne. If Raymond de Saussure wants to send a cable, he should address it to

Professor W. H. Schopfer
Jubiläumsstrasse 57,
Berne,

who is president of the Historical Society, and will preside over the meetings.

I was terribly sorry to hear that Peg had an accident, but I am glad to know she is recovering from it. We read about the heatwave in America and were supposed to have one also, but the highest temperature I ever had on my desk was 82°. So you see that the heat in Switzerland is not to be taken seriously, but I remember Baltimore summers and I know what the temperature can be like.

We just got the news that Stevenson has been nominated, and I think that is as good a choice as could be made. With him I believe the Democrats have a fair chance of being returned to office.

I know that you will be staying at the Hotel du Rhône in Geneva, and I shall in all probability be at the Hotel Schweizerhof in Berne, so we must communicate as soon as you arrive.

With all good wishes for Peg and yourself,

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

Saussure see Z. to S. of 3 June 1943. William H. Schopfer (1900-1962) Swiss botanist and historian of science. Adlai Stevenson (1900-1962) Democratic presidential candidate in 1952, defeated by Republican Eisenhower.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 23 January 1953

Dear Gregory,

Your Christmas card is always the most beautiful we get, photographically, as well as in reproduction. Every year I keep it in my scrap book, so that some day there will be a complete file of the Zilboorg children somewhere in Switzerland.

I have not written you for a long time because I had busy months at the end of last year, first in England, where I gave seven lectures, then in France, where I attended a Committee Meeting of WHO on the teaching of Preventive and Social Medicine. I hate the interruption on the work of my history, but from time to time I have to get out of my village, see students and colleagues in foreign countries, and feel the pulse of world medicine. But whenever I leave Pura, I am always happy to come back, as I could not think of a more beautiful spot. We have just had weeks of uninterrupted sunshine with cold nights, and nature is just getting ready to burst forth.

What are your plans for the summer ? I hope you will come over again and bring Peg with you. I remember your last visit to Pura with so much pleasure, and of course it was nice to see you in Geneva last year, but it was too short. We should have a few days together for a long talk. Much has happened in the world, nothing that was unexpected, but it is unpleasant enough. You can well imagine that we do not feel happy about the Presidential Election, particularly after several Columbia Professors who knew Eisenhower well, told me a lot about him. Basically I do not think that the change of party will make so very much difference, because the ruling forces are the same, and who knows, it may be better to have bankers and industrialists in responsible government positions, than to have them act through corrupt politicians. Well, we shall see what the future has in store for us, but in the meantime I feel extremely sorry for Owen Lattimore and other old colleagues and friends of mine who have to waste their time and energy defending themselves against absurd accusations,

In all probability I shall be here the whole summer. I am turning down lecture invitations and will not join any conventions so as to get the next two Volumes of the History done soon, and also a few other publications such as the lectures I gave in London, which the Oxford Press in London will bring out at the end of the year.

My love to Peg, yourself and the children,

Yours as ever,
[Henry]

Z.'s Christmas card is missing. WHO = World Health Organization. "Presidential Election" of Dwight D. Eisenhower (1890-1969), who had been president of Columbia University 1948-1950. Owen Lattimore (1900-1989) scholar of Central Asia. "absurd accusations": McCarthy inquisition. S.'s volume III was only outlined. Lectures given in England (Sigerist 1956).

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 27 January 1953

Oh, my dear friend Henry,

I was so glad to hear from you. I thought and talked about you and wanted very much to see you. Our last visit was so short.

It is good to know that you are back in Pura - well and satisfied and at work again on your History.

My plans for the summer? Indefinite, hectic and not too good.

Here is the problem: I will have to make a flying trip to Europe the first week in April, and I do hope with all my heart that I will be able to get to Milan Saturday afternoon (April fourth). If I can only arrange it I will get a car and drive to Pura and spend a few hours with you and talk - just talk.

The changes produced by the election of Eisenhower might be considerable and probably for the better. The last few years of Truman in the White House seemed to demoralize, disorganize and corrupt the whole country. The witch-hunt is more a psychological stupidity on the part of many liberals although the idiocy of the witch hunters cannot be contested. It does seem that we live in a cruel world of generalized suspiciousness and almost complete breakdown of individual honesty. Ours has become almost an exclusively political age with military clouds on the horizon. Under the circumstances there seems to be no way out for countries and governments but to get ready and each in his own way rid himself of agents, operatives, spies - whatever you call them. That in the midst of this struggle the ax, or a bomb, falls on the head of an innocent man is as inevitable as it is regrettable. It is tough. It is horrible to see innocent men suffer. Yes, it is - but it is war; it is not any more just a game. A cold war kills human minds and destinies as much as a hot war kills bodies. The French Revolution, and the American Revolution, had nothing on us except their tools were less efficient.

I might send you a telegram or telephone to you from Milan. To be forty miles away from your home and not to see you would be criminal.

Your letter bears the date of the twenty-third of January - two days after we received here the news of Castiglioni's death. I hope he was not ill too long. We are going to have a little meeting here in his memory. He was one of the last Echte Originals.

Peg is doing very well and so are the children. Ours is a full, happy life, and I hate to leave home and, therefore, will limit my traveling this year as much as possible. I will have to go early in May to Los Angeles to attend the meeting of the American Psychiatric Association, and in July to the International Congress of Psychoanalysis in London. So here you are. Peg cannot accompany me even to Los Angeles because she prefers to stay close to home ground. We are expecting a new baby early in August.

Do you remember my daughter, Nancy ? She is entering her last year at Radcliffe College, majoring in Russian. She writes and reads it well now. The Harvard people teach well. She is getting married ! The young man is a law student at Harvard, of Russian extraction. His name is Alan Dworsky.

Some more news ? Yes - on May sixth I will be awarded the Isaac Ray Award (for the promotion of better relationship between psychiatry and jurisprudence). It is an award made by the American Psychiatric Association and it carries with it a lectureship in a University which has both a Medical and a Law School. I was “offered“ to and was accepted by Yale. The lectures will be given in September and October this year.

Frankly, I don’t believe I have fully recovered from the fatigue of last year’s trip and somehow am unable to catch up on my work. There is so much to do.

When I see you we will talk and talk. Warmest regards to you, and Peg joins me in sending our love.

Yours ever,

Gregory

Eisenhower and Castiglioni see S. to Z. of 23 January 1953 and Z. to S. of 14 October 1936, respectively. Witch hunt: McCarthyism. Isaac Ray (1807-1881) psychiatrist, (Ray 1838).

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 3 February 1953

My dear Gregory,

It was great news to hear that there is a chance of seeing you on the 4th of April. If you fly to Milan I would advise you to have your Travel Agency arrange to have an automobile ready for you at the Air Port to bring you directly to Pura, and back whenever you wish to go, because the distance from the Air Port to Pura is much shorter than from Milano. The 4th April is the day before Easter, and I wish you could spend Easter Sunday with us, but I suppose that you have a very full programme. However[,] do by all means manage to come, and I promise you a decent dinner at home.

I am just writing an obituary of our friend Castiglioni, for the Bulletin. His death was a great shock and came rather unexpectedly. He was greatly affected by the death of his wife, fell in the bath tub and hurt himself, whereupon he developed a traumatic pleurisy [pleurisy] and pneumonia.

Of course I remember Nancy. How could I possibly have forgotten her ! I knew her from the time she was born to the time I left the States. I was delighted to hear that she is doing so well, and that she is getting married. My daughter Nora, by the way, is taking her Ph.D. this month in Slavic languages and literatures at Columbia. The examination was somewhat delayed by the fact that she had a child in between.

It was also excellent news to hear that you will be given the Isaac Ray Award. You certainly deserve it more than anybody else. I remember the brave fight you had in West Virginia at the time of your studies at Sing Sing and there are few people around who know as much as you do about relationship between psychiatry and jurisprudence.

Do come and let us have an evening, and let us keep in touch so that nothing will interfere.

With warm wishes, I am,

Yours as ever,
[Henry]

Castiglioni see Z. to S. of 14 October 1936 and (Sigerist 1953b). Nancy Zilboorg. Isaac Ray see Z. to S. of 27 January 1953.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 10 February 1953

Dear Henry,

Your letter just came. I do want to see you very much. I will make all the necessary arrangements to have a car to drive me from the Milan airport to Pura. I must confess to being rather tired and wishing to take a few days of plain loafing - reading a little, staying in the sun, taking a few pictures, talking a little. Would you want to have me around for a couple of days? If yes, would you reserve for me a room (preferably with a bath) in the hotel in Pura. I am scheduled to arrive in Milan at 4:15 P.M. Saturday, April fourth (from London) and would proceed directly to Pura. I would like to spend Monday night, too, in Pura and if possible leave early enough for Milan to catch the 10:00 A.M. plane. It is good to look forward to this visit.

Peg joins me in sending our warmest regards with all the energy which is left available to us after the attack of the flu which we both had in quick succession.

Too bad about Castiglioni. On March fifth there will be a joint meeting of the Academy with the Section on Historical and Cultural Medicine, of which I am chairman this year. I will say a few words in memoriam. I sent a cable to his son in Milan in the name of the Section and I assume that neither the New York Academy nor Yale would deem necessary anything more.

The news about Nora is very nice indeed. I wish we saw more of her, and I wonder why it is that people who live in this devilish city don't see much of each other.

As ever,

Gregory

Castiglioni see Z. to S. of 14 October 1936. "Academy", New York, of Medicine; its Section on Historical and Cultural Medicine. Nora Sigerist.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 14 February 1953

Dear Gregory,

I just received your letter, and immediately called up the Albergo Paladina. A room is reserved from Saturday evening April 4th to Tuesday morning April 7th. I am afraid it may be a small room, and you may not have a private bath room, because at Easter time the Ticino is simply swamped with people. But there is a bathroom on the same floor that you may use and should there be any cancellation you can count on having the best room available.

I need not tell you that I am most happy at the prospect of having you here for a few days instead of for a rush visit. Of course we expect you to have all meals at our house, and share

our Easter Lamb. There will not be any difficulty at all in your getting the 10:00 plane at the Milano Air Port on Tuesday as there will be no difficulty at all in getting a car. John Fulton was here last October, he also drove directly from Pura to the Airport as it is simpler than going to Milano first.

Speaking of Milano we were there last Sunday for a perfectly superb performance of Don Giovanni at the Scala, this is very well organised here as the Travel Agencies have tickets available, bring you to the theatre by bus and bring you home again after the performance.

Next week I have a lecture in Bern, and will then spend a few days in Geneva with Erica, and see some of my old students who are now working at the WHO.

My warm wishes to all of you,

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

Fulton see S. to Z. of 12 February 1943. WHO: World Health Organization.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 17 March 1953

Dear Henry,

It is a very long time since I wrote you. I went through several weeks of rather crowded times with confused and pressing problems, and for a while I was not quite certain whether or not I would be able to make the trip.

Everything is all right now and my plans stand as before. I will interrupt my trip to Rome to stop at Milan, arriving there at 4:15 in the afternoon of April fourth. I will leave Milan at 9:00 A.M., Tuesday, April seventh. Would it be difficult for you to arrange with the office of the American Express Company in Lugano that they meet me in Milan on April fourth and arrange to pick me up in Pura early enough Tuesday morning to catch the plane for Rome. The chauffeur who drove me that last time when we were there was a nice chap - his name was, I believe, Knöchel. Should you be able to arrange it all - good; but if you strike a snag or something do let me know by airmail or cable because I will have very little time to arrange things from this end.

I look forward very much to seeing you.

I am just back from the weekend Institute on Medical History. You will hear from us officially about it.

Last night we had Ilse Veit [sic] for supper and we talked about you, of course.

Peg joins me in sending our love.

As ever

Gregory

Ilza Veith see Z. to S. of 7 July 1950.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, Harriman, NY ?, 20 March 1953 (Postcard)

We are here. I shall see you on April 4. [...] and bring you personal greetings from Ilse Gregory

We are having such a lovely time here - like the olden times. Ever so many letters of your friends send greetings

Ilza

From a country site of Columbia University. Ilza Veith see Z. to S. of 7 July 1950.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 16 April 1953

Dear Henry,

I came home a little tired and a little ill, and it took me two days to recover. I am back at work. I found Peg and the children very well indeed and I was so happy to see them.

My visit to Pura was, as always, too short, but I am grateful for the little time we had together. However, it was very sad that you found it impossible to go to Milan to dine before I left for Rome. Eva must have told you how heavy the traffic was at the border and how much time we lost. It was a lucky thing that we started comparatively early.

The rain did not in any way mar the visit to Pura. I have seen it many times in all its splendor, and I saw it through the rain too.

Peg joins me in sending you our very warmest regards.

Yours ever,

Gregory

P.S. I just finished developing the roll of film. You came out very well.

G.Z.

[...] Nora, but so far [...]. Will try again tonight.

Eva Stiasny, S.'s new secretary. Nora Sigerist Beeson.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 21 April 1953

Dear Gregory,

Your letter just arrived, and I was glad to have news of you. I am sure you had an interesting time in Rome, there were some repercussions in the paper notably of the Pope's attitude towards psycho-analysis.

Now I just had a letter from Lillian Hellman who is also in Rome. I would very much like to see her, but I cannot get away so far at the moment, as we are expecting the Edelsteins in

the next few days. If she comes to Northern Italy I could spend a day with her in Como. She is a great woman and I am much attached to her.

It was perfectly delightful to have you here over Easter. I only regret that I could not go with you on the last day to Milano, but I was just too tired and besides I really had to work, preparing for the following day. Eva told me how much she enjoyed the evening. Well, you must come again soon !

My film is not developed yet, these Leica films with 36 exposures are a nuisance sometimes, as one has to wait so long before they are finished. I hope to have some results, and will of course send the pictures as soon as I have them.

My love to Peg and yourself,
Yours as ever,
[Henry]

Hellman and the Edelsteins see S. to Z. of 14 April 1941 and 8 February 1944, respectively. Como border town between Lugano and Milan. Eva Stiasny see Z. to S. of 16 April 1953.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 6 May 1953

Dear Gregory,

These are a few snapshots I made when you were here last month. The palm tree adds an exotic touch to the pictures and the camera looks like a war engine. As far as I remember the light was pretty dull at the time.

I am seeing Lillian Hellmann [sic] in Milano next Monday and I am looking forward very much to having a day with her.

With warm regards, I am,
Yours as ever,
[Henry]

Hellman see S. to Z. of 14 April 1941.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 18 May 1953

Dear Henry,

Just returned from Los Angeles where the American Psychiatric Association met. I received the Isaac Ray Award (for good relationship between Psychiatry and Jurisprudence) and made the shortest acceptance speech ever - just a "thank you".

A cable from Lillian was heartening. I was glad you were in Milan with her - talking and eating. I do so hope you feel more cheerful.

The other day we had an excellent meeting at the Historical Section of the Academy, of which I am Chairman this year.

We had one senior student from every Medical School in New York talk on the historical and cultural needs a graduating physician feels he has and we had the respective Deans open

the discussion. It was fascinating to find how alive and interested the students are. They know and want to know more than their professors suspect and a sharp differentiation was made between medicine as a trade and as a profession.

May I, dear Henry, ask you to do me a personal favor ? I know how busy and preoccupied you are, but I also know that you never refuse to give a boost to a worthy undertaking.

I told you that we opened a new library in Butler Hospital which we call the Isaac Ray Medical Library. Isaac Ray was the first superintendent of Butler Hospital. He was a very cultured and erudite man.

We now have started publishing a quarterly Bulletin of the Isaac Ray Library. We will publish various short articles in the Bulletin and it will have two special features: 1) We will be publishing reviews of old books of which people know little or nothing; 2) We will publish six pages of an historical psychiatric calendar covering three months in each issue and each year republish what was published and add more so that at the end of the period of, say, five years we will have a pretty good reference calendar of events, facts, etc.

We are so enthusiastic about it and a word from you dealing with the importance of a research library and of the old book reviews and of a calendar - a word of encouragement and explanatory help - will be greatly appreciated. I had in mind asking you to do this for us at the time when I came to Pura, but forgot. Now we are about ready to go to press ! I wonder whether you would “dash off“ a page or so, either in the form of a statement which we will publish over your signature or in the form of a letter. If you choose the epistolar form, please address the letter to Dr. Henry H. Babcock, Superintendent and Physician-in-Chief, Butler Hospital, Providence, Rhode Island.

I do hope you will find it possible to do this for me. I hate to ask this of you but I am very eager to have you do it. Thank you a lot.

Peg joins me in sending you our warmest regards. We celebrated Carrie’s fifth birthday yesterday.

As ever,

GZ

Lillian Hellman see S. to Z. of 14 April 1941. “Academy“, New York, of Medicine. Carrie: Caroline Zilboorg, see Z. to S. of 18 June 1948.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 23 May 1953

Dear Henry,

Peg and the children are in Bedford and I commute and feel rather tired.

I look forward to a short trip to Europe and the possibility of seeing you is very attractive. I shall leave London on August first, which is a Saturday, and I hope to have a few days of rest somewhere in France not too far away. The baby is expected around that time and I want to keep myself in readiness to fly home at the first signal.

What do you think if we arrange to meet in Geneva ? If it proves feasible, we could make tentative plans and then I will wire you upon arrival in Paris. What do you think ?

Thank you for your willingness to send us a small piece for the Bulletin. I look forward eagerly to having it.

Yours ever,
Gregory

The Bruces will call on you some time in July and since [?] they are travelling by car, you might, perhaps, go with them somewhere [....]

“Bulletin“ of the Isaac Ray Library, see Z. to S. of 18 May 1953. The Bruces see Z. to S. of 26 May 1953.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 26 May 1953

Dear Henry,

Where are you going to be during the month of July ? No, unfortunately I will not be able to come to Pura, but two of my very good friends - an interracial couple, are going to travel to Switzerland in July and hope to go as far as Pura, and they would like very much to meet you.

He is a graduate of Howard University, Washington, D.C., majoring in psychology - and she is a very cultured young lady and a very good and enthusiastic photographer.

Their name ? Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Bruce. They are going to stay in London for a few years where he wants to get his degree in psychology at the University of London. His major interest is child psychology.

I am rather behind in my work, and if you and I were together now we would either cry on one another's shoulders, or we would get drunk, or something.

My plans for the summer are not certain. I am scheduled to read a paper in London and give a lecture before the Royal Medico-Psychological Association. However, if the forthcoming son or daughter chooses to come at the time I am scheduled to be in London, the Congress will jolly well have to get along without me.

As ever,
Gregory

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 30 June 1953

Dear Gregory,

I just had a letter from Lillian Hellman complaining bitterly that you had forgotten her. She has a contract with Korda for a movie and I am glad that she will spend some time in Europe. At the moment she is in Rome at the Palace Hotel.

Thanks for your letter of June 23rd. It would be awfully nice to meet you early in August and Geneva would certainly be a good place. Col. Rogers of the Armed Forces Medical Library is due here early in August, but he will be coming from Geneva so that I could see him there. At any rate do keep me informed about your movements and we shall certainly manage to come together.

Warm wishes to Peg and yourself,

Yours as ever,
[Henry]

Hellman see S. to Z. of 14 April 1941. Z.'s letter is missing.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 9 July 1953

Dear Gregory,

First of all let me congratulate you on making the grade. I have just received the New Republic of the 29th June, and I think that you must be very proud to have your name associated with the names of Albert Einstein and Thomas Mann and all those distinguished people whose books are to be banned. I am sure that you are particularly dangerous since you wrote about witches in the Renaissance and about the brave people who faught witch-hunting in those days. It really is incredible how far things have gone and I think that Eisenhower and Dulles are just as responsible as McCarthy.

Enclosed is a page for your Bulletin, I hope this is about what you needed.

Hoping to see you soon, I am,

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

follows in a day or two [page for Bulletin]

Apparently there were accusations against Z. like against Einstein and Thomas Mann by the McCarthy people. Thomas Mann (1875-1955) German writer exiled in the U.S.. Eisenhower see S. to Z. of 23 January 1953; his Secretary of State John Foster Dulles (1888-1959). Joseph McCarthy (1908-1957) leader of the anti-communist "witch hunt". "page for your Bulletin" (Sigerist 1953c).

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 23 July 1953

Dear Henry,

I was unable to write to you before now because of the uncertainty about when Peg is expected to have the baby. Yesterday she saw her doctor and it looks as if I can safely stay in Europe for a few days after the first of August.

Unless I am called back too soon, may I suggest the following: let us meet in Geneva Monday, August third, in the morning. G. D. ! There are no morning planes. I will take a night train, a sleeper, from Paris, Sunday, the second, and will be in Geneva Monday, the third, at 7:15 in the morning. You could send me a letter to the Dorchester Hotel in London, where I will be from the twenty-fifth to the thirty-first of July inclusive - or to the Hotel Meurice in Paris, where I am going to be Saturday afternoon and Saturday night, August first.

Tell me where and when to meet you. I will spend the day with you in Geneva and leave that night on the 10:15 sleeper train for Paris.

It was good to receive your post card and hear from Genevieve.

I can't tell you how eager I am to see you.

Yours ever,

G

S.'s postcard is missing. Genevieve Miller.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 28 July 1953

Dear Gregory,

I am deeply touched that you will take the trouble to spend two nights in the train to spend a day with me and I am looking forward to it with the greatest pleasure.

I shall travel to Geneva Sunday afternoon and of course will be staying with Erica who now has a very nice apartment in a new house, not the old place where we met once before. I shall meet you at the station Monday morning August 3rd at 7.15 and I suggest that we then go directly to Erica's apartment. There you can have a bath, a rest if you like and of course a hearty breakfast. Erica will be at work so that we shall have the apartment all to ourselves. In the morning I suppose you will want to buy a couple of watches. I suggest that we prepare one meal ourselves at Erica's, while we can have the other at a Restaurant. There are lovely places just outside Geneva on the shore of the lake, we may have dinner there and then bring you to the train. It will be a great treat to have you for the day.

We enjoyed the Bruces very much, they are charming people, both of them. I am glad that they are going to be in Europe for the next few years and I hope to see them more often.

Erica's address is 8 Avenue de la Croisette, and her telephone No. is 52 44 6, in case we should miss one another at the station.

Well, I am looking forward to next Monday with impatience, and in the meantime my warm wishes,

As ever,

[Henry]

P.S. I feel very badly that I have not sent you anything yet for your journal, but I will bring something along to Geneva. I just had no idea so far what to say, and as you know I do not like to repeat what I and others have said so many times.

Erica Sigerist. The Bruces: See Z. to S. of 23 June 1953. "your journal": Bulletin of the Isaac Ray Library, see Z. to S. of 18 May 1953; S.'s contribution of two pages see S. to Z. of 8 August 1953, (Sigerist 1953c).

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 8 August 1953

Dear Gregory,

It was delightful to see you in Geneva and I enjoyed the day thoroughly. I am enclosing the letter to the editors of the Isaac Ray Library and would appreciate it if you would forward it where it belongs.

My warm love to Peg and all my wishes for the baby who I hope will arrive soon.

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

(Sigerist 1953c).

Zilboorg to Sigerist, St. Thomas, V.I., 23 August 1953

My dear Henry:-

Ever since my return home I have been in a constant state of tension. The first and most important news of course is that the baby came, a 8 pounds 3 ounces boy, Matthew Stone Zilboorg. Peg is very well. Labor was not easy. It took over 20 hours but everything is allright now. Two hours after my return of August 8 I had to go to Montreal on a rather urgent matter and on the day I came home I found Peg in labor. The baby came on August 12. Peg was back home on August 17th. Two days later it was clear to me that I was unable to relax and do any work [?]. I grabbed a few books and papers and took a plane here. It is sunny, hot, completely uneventful. I [...] here and read and write a little. The temperature is 85° but there is a nice breeze. It is a very interesting community of complete racial equality. The population is 85 per cent negro - most of the offices are occupied by negroes. The Governor is a [...]. There was very little rain this year, so they bring in water in boats from Puerto Rico.

So here I sit and try to relax and plan to get home by the end of the week.

Warmest regards to you. It was so good to see you in Geneva. I wish you had more relaxation and you would then feel more cheerful and able to work. Best wishes. Peg was afraid I might not write you and reminded me to do so before I left.

Yours ever

Gregory

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, after 23 August 1953

Dear Gregory,

Congratulations ! This is splendid that you have another son. Give my warm love to Peg, who must be a proud mother with her three children. I was glad to hear that she is well, but she certainly had a long period of labour. Nora came in two hours and we just managed to get to the hospital in time. It is strange how the first childbirths are sometimes easier than the late ones. My sister had three perfectly normal childbirths and on the fourths [sic] she had a haemorrhage that could have been fatal if she had not been in a good hospital. Well my warm wishes to all of you on this very delightful event.

For fifteen years every winter I had plans to relax on the island of St. Thomas, but I never made it. Your description makes it sound very tempting indeed. It must be very similar to the Bahamas, where I spent a couple of days in 1944 waiting for an airplane. There I saw the happiest negroes I had ever seen anywhere. There too they dominate the islands, are in all

trades and professions, well dressed and prosperous, and have not that air of beaten dogs that is so painful in the South of the U.S.

Things are going well here, I have a working spell, write or dictate up to three thousands [sic] words a day. By the end of the year I hope to have cleared my desk so as to be able to start Volume III of the History on January 3rd. Spivack was here last week and spent an evening with us. He was very nice and understood that the work could not be rushed. Volume II will be with the publisher by the end of the year.

We had loads of visitors recently, and as my wife is in Sirmione on the Lake of Garda having a treatment for her shoulder I did a lot of cooking on top of 3000 daily words.

With warm love to Peg and yourself,

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

“another son“: Matthew Stone Zilboorg see Z. To S. of post-23.8.53. Nora Sigerist. S.’s sister Marguerite Bickel-Sigerist, her children Marianne, André, Marcel H., Colette. St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. Like Volume I of S.’s *A History of Medicine* Vol. II took much longer than had been planned and Vol. III was only outlined. S. S. Spivack: Associate of Yale’s Whitney Foundation which provided part of S.’s stipend.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 9 October 1953

Dear Henry:

Today I received the announcement of the XIV International Congress for the History of Medicine to be held in Rome and Salerno on September 13-20, 1954.

This should be a very interesting Congress, and since I have never attended an International Congress for the History of Medicine, I would very much want to know more about it. What do you think of it? What subject would be most appropriate? What would be the difference between “Relation“ and “Communications“? Please forgive the pressure of so many questions.

The announcement is anonymous. The address for correspondence is merely Istituto [sic] Storia della Medicina - Città Universitaria, Roma. I would want very much, of course, to have my paper accepted (I will send one in after I hear from you.) In the back of my mind I have the desire to go to Europe (only for the Congress) with Peg. I sort of think of taking the southern route, land in Genoa, go to Rome and return the same way. We shall see.

Life here is crowded. I started my courses in the Medical School and on the 14th of October I start my weekly lecture in connection with Isaac Ray Award (six lectures). So I work quite hard and am correspondingly tired.

Peg and the children are well. They are all happy. The [sic] just left for the country, this being Friday, and I am about to go to Butler Hospital for my weekend.

Affectionately,

Gregory

Isaac Ray Award see Z. to S. of 27 January 1953. Butler Hospital in Providence, RI.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 17 October 1953

Dear Gregory,

I just received your letter of Oct. 9 and hasten to answer it. Do by all means plan to attend to [sic] Rome Congress, it promises to be very brilliant. Pazzini, the president, is an energetic and very ambitious devil and now that Castiglioni is gone he wants to be THE medical historian of Italy. So he will move heaven and earth to make the convention succeed. I am going and so is Genevieve and I think there will be a large American delegation because Rome after all to historians means more than Nice or Cannes. Some of us plan to have a travel seminar to Greece after the congress, a pilgrimage to places of medico-historical interest, Athens, Delphi, Olympia, Corinth, Mycenae, Epidaurus, Rhodes, Cos, Cnidus, with a Hippocratic symposium under the plane tree of Hippocrates. Fulton and Genevieve are making the plans for this trip. It will take about two weeks and it would be splendid if [you] could join the group.

“Communications“ are 15-minutes papers with 5 minutes for discussion. They may be on any subject of medical history. “Relations“ are 45 minutes presentations on a subject decided upon by the International Society and upon invitation. There will be only a few of them. I just accepted to give one on “The Contribution of Medicine to Civilisation“. So, you see, you may speak on anything you wish. All you have to do is send in a 200-word abstract before March 15. Pazzini will be delighted to have you, he is anxious to have a large attendance. I shall probably see him next week in Verona. The Italian Society of the History of Medicine has its annual meeting there dedicated to the memory of Fracastoro, with an excursion to his villa on the Lake of Garda. I shall go because I had not one day’s vacation this year and am under terrific pressure now. So I am looking forward to having just a few days off in Italy.

We are keeping close to the telephone these days because Nora expects her baby at any moment.

Eva is in Rome on a short vacation trip, otherwise she would join me in sending you warm regards.

Yours as ever

[Henry]

Adalberto Pazzini (1898-1975) Italian medical historian. Castiglioni see Z. to S. of 14 October 1936. Genevieve Miller. Nice and Cannes: Sites of the 1951 International Congress. The travel seminar to Greece has not materialized. Plane tree of Hippocrates in Cos. Fulton see S. to Z. of 12 February 1943. *What Medicine has Contributed ...* (Sigerist 1955a). Girolamo Fracastoro (1478-1553) Italian physician, anatomist, poet. Nora’s baby Miranda Beeson (born 1953). Eva Stiasny see Z. to S. of 16 April 1953.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 14 November 1953

Dear Gregory,

Many thanks for your reprints. I read them with the greatest interest as I do everything you write. One of the papers made me feel that sometimes I wish I had pains in the right shoulder.

I am coming to feel more and more that freedom has little to do with the political system, but is a matter for the individual. You are free when you are free from material needs and free

from passions. McCarthy may think of himself as a free American but he is not because his heart is full of hatred and ambition.

I was in Verona the other day, saw Pazzini who will be delighted to have you read a paper. The Congress promises to be very brilliant, Pazzini told me that at this early date over a hundred papers have already been announced.

I am going to London next week, but for a few days only.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours as ever

Henry

Z.'s article on freedom not identified. McCarthy and Pazzini see S. to Z. of 9 July and 17 October 1953, respectively. In London S. was awarded his fourth honorary degree.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 8 December 1953

My dear Henry:

This is written in haste. What is Pazzini's first name? I want to write to him.

I just received word that the council of the American Psychiatric Association designated me as their delegate to the International Congress of the History of Medicine. And I understand, also, that I will represent the New York State College of Medicine, the College of Medicine in New York City which was formerly Long Island College.

I will appreciate it very much if you will let me know what to do next. As soon as I hear from you I will send a brief resume [sic] of my paper to Pazzini. The problem is that I have been trying to figure out what kind of a paper would interest them most. I would hate to give them something on History of Psychiatry in which they are not interested at all; I know nothing at all about the history of the anatomy, so there you are. At any rate, I want to hear from you.

Things here are all right but I am extremely tired following the course of lectures at Yale. I hope your visit to London was very successful and not too wet.

Warmest regards to you and to everybody.

As ever yours,

Gregory

Adalberto Pazzini see S. to Z. of 17 October 1953. Isaac Ray Lectures at Yale University.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 12 December 1953

Dear Gregory,

Pazzini's first name is Adalberto and the address is:

Istituto di Storia della Medicina

Universita di Roma

Roma, Italia.

All you have to do is drop him a line saying that you plan to attend the Congress and that you would like to present the following communication. Take any subject you like, One from the History of Psychiatry should be most interesting and abstracts need not be sent before the 15th March.

Pazzini knows who you are and will be delighted to have you attend with Peg.

I had a very pleasant visit in London without a drop of rain, the weather was as mild as in the spring. I flew both ways from Zurich under ideal conditions. In London I managed to remain completely incognito for two days so that I had time to put the finishing touches to my lecture on Science and History. I also spent three evenings at the theatre seeing excellent performances of Hamlet, Peter Grimes and Fledermaus. On the 27th November I received my honorary D.Sc. in a very colourful and pleasant ceremony.

Now I am back at the grindstone turning out books. The new German edition of Grosse Aerzte is just out and the publisher sent you a copy. Schuman was to produce an American edition, but now that he has sold his shop I don't know yet what will happen.

Warm wishes for the holiday to yourself, Peg and the children,

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

Pazzini see S. to Z. of 17 October 1953. Hamlet (Shakespeare), Peter Grimes (Britten), Fledermaus (Johann Strauss). Schuman see Z. to S. of 23 May 1945.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 16 December 1953

Dear Henry:

Many thanks for your letter and for the volume, "Grosse Aerzte." Many thanks for answering so promptly my inquiry about Pazzini. I am writing him today. And I look forward to going to Rome.

My problem is this. I am already tired. September is a long way off but there is a lot to do yet. I just finished my Isaac Ray Lectures at Yale and got the manuscript ready for the publisher - it is at the printer now.

Where are you going to be at the beginning of September? I might fly to Switzerland and spend a few days with you if you are free, and then we might proceed to Rome together. Rome is hot in September and I thought I might spend a few days in cooler climes before going there.

I notice that the Pope is going to give the Congress a reception. Are you going to attend it?

Congratulations on your visit to London and your new doctorate.

Life here is full of children's joy and this is contagious, of course.

Peg and I think [sic] of you and send you our warmest regards.

Yours ever,

Gregory

Grosse Aerzte (Sigerist 1933/1954). Pazzini see S. to Z. of 17 October 1953. Isaac Ray Lectures: Probably (Zilboorg 1954). Pope Pius XII. New doctorate see S. to Z. of 12 December 1953.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 5 January 1954

Dear Gregory,

As every year your Christmas Card was the best we received, how charming the children are. I am sure you had a very pleasant Christmas, probably in the country. You say that you are tired and so am I, but with me it is a chronic condition and I am getting accustomed to it.

About September, I think it is too early to make plans, particularly as my programme for 1954 is still rather vague. Until the end of March or the middle of April I shall not move from my desk as I must at last finish Volume II, the Heath Clark Lectures, and revise the translation of Volume I of the History. This will take at least three months. Then I have an invitation to lecture in Yugoslavia for two weeks and to make a study of their health system. This with the preparation of the lectures will probably keep me busy for the whole month of May. In July I have to give one of the main general lectures at the International Congress of Gynaecology and Obstetrics in Geneva on “The Rise of Preventive Medicine in the World“. In August I may go to Russia for three weeks although this is not certain yet. It seems that the Russians are anxious to resume scientific relations with foreign countries and it is easier for them to do it with Switzerland than with America. A Russian surgeon was in Zurich recently, was received very well by the Medical Faculty and was very enthusiastic about what he saw. Now the Academy of Medicine of the U.S.S.R. intends to invite a number of prominent Swiss medical men for a three weeks visit, each one to study a special field. I would be invited to make a survey of Social Medicine and of course would love to go as I have not been there since 1938. The whole plan[,] however[,] is still vague, so do not talk about it. Knowing what Russian Hospitality is like, I am not sure that I could stand such a tour physically and of course I would have to consult with John Fulton first to be sure that there would be no objection on the part of Yale. The whole tour[,] however[,] would be purely scientific with no political strings of any kind. As a matter of fact most participants would be good soled conservatives or even reactionaries.

On April 1st I intent [sic] to begin Volume III of the History for which I have collected a considerable amount of material, and my publisher urges me to make a new edition of my Einführung in die Medizin which I may undertake next autumn after Rome and Greece if the Greek tour materialises. So you see that I have a full programme for the coming year, but we must meet in September under all circumstances if not before. If the Pope is going to receive the Congress I shall of course attend the reception.

My love to Peg, the children and yourself,

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

Heath Clark Lectures (Sigerist 1956). Translation of Volume I: Probably German translation of 1963. The trips to Yugoslavia and Russia did not materialize. *The Rise of Preventive Medicine* (Sigerist 1954). Fulton see S. to Z. of 12 February 1943. S. in Pura had the title of Professor of Yale University. Volume III see S. to Z. of post-23 August 1953. A second edition of S.’s *Einführung in die Medizin* (Sigerist 1931) has not appeared.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 21 January 1954

Dear Henry:

Your letter of January 5th was very welcome indeed. I cannot tell you how very glad I was to learn about your activities and your work. It is good. My warmest and best wishes to you.

As I re-read your letter and restudied your program and schedule, I doubt whether you will have any time to take off for a visit with me before the Rome Congress. As to after the closing of the Congress, I am afraid I will have to rush home. It is not easy to take too many days off after Labor Day. At any rate, I will see you in Rome.

I finished the manuscript of my Isaac Ray lectures and finished reading the galley proofs the other day. Peg and I are very tired, so we both decided to do something which we have never done: go on a cruise - two weeks in the Caribbean aboard the „Nieuw Amsterdam.“ We are sailing within three days (January 25th) and we will be back on February 8th. Our first stop is San Juan, Puerto Rico, our last Port-au-Prince. I give a lecture in San Juan and have a conference in Haiti but in between times I shall loaf, sleep, read, and sleep again and loaf again. Peg needs the rest very much and I can't tell you how very happy I am that she is able to join me on the trip. As a matter of fact, I would not have taken this trip without her.

My warmest regards to you from all of us.

Yours ever,

Gregory

P.S. I learned to prepare a new (for me) dish: Filet de Boeuf en croûte. It is served [sic] with a light mustard sauce.

Isaac Ray Lectures (Zilboorg 1954).

Zilboorg to Sigerist, London, 7 July 1954 (Telegram)

WILL BE IN MILANO WEDNESDAY EVENING PALACE HOTEL AND THURSDAY MORNING TILL ELEVEN THIRTY. WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU. MUST RETURN TO LONDON WHERE PEG HAS A BROKEN FOOT IN A CAST. PLEASE COME TO PALACE HOTEL IF YOU POSSIBLY CAN. SHALL AWAIT YOU FROM SEVEN TO EIGHT. REGARDS GREGORY

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura ?, 7 or 8 July 1954 ? (Telegram)

TERRIBLY DISAPPOINTED UNABLE TO COME. HAVE EVENING ENGAGEMENT WHICH CANNOT CALL OFF. SORRY ABOUT PEG. AFFECTIONATELY HENRY

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 9 August 1954

Dear Henry:

Yesterday Peg had her plaster cast removed, and also finally received word where to reach Nora. She heard that Emmy was visiting her and wanted to say hello to all of them.

I cannot tell you how sorry I was that you were unable to come over to Milan. It was a deep disappointment to me for many reasons: the two chief ones are 1) I wanted to talk to you and tell you a few things which I know you wanted to know, and 2) I wanted to see you, for this was my last chance this year for seeing you. I was quite ill and was actually forbidden to go to Europe. However, whether out of vanity or whatever, I did not want to miss the opportunity of having a degree of D.Sc. honoris causa conferred on me. So Peg with her crutches and I with whatever it was, or still is, took a ship to England and a ship back. It was the first rest I have had in my life. Next week I will be in Baltimore at Johns Hopkins for a check up and then I will know definitely what the matter really is.

I am very eager to hear from you. To put it bluntly, during the past few months I have sensed a reluctance on your part as far as keeping in touch with me is concerned. Your last letter (I may be quite wrong, of course) gave a rather plain impression that you would prefer that I didn't come to see you this year. It is quite possible that my impression is right, but that it has nothing to do with me. At any rate, I can't tell you how sad I feel when I think of our friendship of so many years being nicked by something or other. What could be

wrong ? I talked the matter over with Peg and neither of us were able even to make a guess.

I do hope everything is well with you, and I hope that you will be willing to tell our friends how unhappy I am about not being able to come to Rome and Salerno in September. I have never had anything to do with doctors in the capacity of patient, but now that I am in that role I must obey.

Our warmest regards to you and very best wishes.

Yours ever,

G.

Nora and Emmy Sigerist.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 9 August 1954

Dear Gregory,

I meant to write you long ago, but was so busy with conventions, visitors and of course the current work that I never had a chance to tell you how awfully sorry I was that I could not go to Milano on the evening that you were there. A next door neighbour was having a kind of house warming party that night which I had promised to attend and he would have resented it if I had not come. But I was awfully sorry not to have seen you.

I hope Peg recovered entirely, what bad luck to break a foot while you are travelling. The Roman Congress will be upon us soon. Why don't you come to Pura a few days before,

Genevieve Miller, Ilza Veith, Anna Tjomsland, Henry Schuman, John Fulton and a few others will be here.

I hope everything is well with you and with warm regards to the whole family , I am,

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

Anna Tjomsland (born 1880) anesthetist and medical historian.

Names mentioned before:

Fultonsee S. to Z. of 12 February 1943

Millersee Z. to S. of 20 March 1940

Schuman see Z. to S. of 23 May 1945

Veithsee Z. to S. of 7 July 1950

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 14 August 1954

Dear Gregory,

You are a god-damned bloody fool. How could you think that anything could interfere with our friendship and how could you misinterpret my letters. That nothing is wrong is evidenced by the fact that we both thought of one another on the same day, and both wrote on the 9th August. You know that you are always welcome here. My wife sometimes does not make it too pleasant, but I am the same whatever happens.

If I had had earlier notice of your trip to Europe I may have been able to free myself for Milan, but at such short notice it was just impossible. So be convinced that there is absolutely nothing that has interferred [sic] in our friendship and that my feelings towards you are the same they have been for the last twenty-five years.

I was awfully sorry to hear that you have been ill, and I hope that it is nothing serious. At Hopkins they will give you a thorough examination and will not tell you what is wrong with you. This at least was my experience when I was there in 1945. As I found out surreptitiously, they gave me a very bad prognosis at that time, but I managed to survive it. Of course my health has not been too good recently either, but I managed to keep going, working on several books at the same time, although much more slowly than in the past. My doctor advised me not to go on lecture tours this year so I cancelled my tour to Yugoslavia and the U.S.S.R., but hope to be able to catch up next year. I also have invitations to several other overseas countries and will see how much I can do.

I do not remember if I wrote you that from Volume III or certainly IV of the History on, I will call on my former students and colleagues to co-operate with me in bringing the book to an end within the next few years. The task was simply too bog [sic] for a single individual. But the pattern is set, and I very much hope to be able to count on your co-operation and to have you take over the psychiatric sectors. I am preparing a plan for the whole work and will discuss it with John Fulton, who I hope, will join me as co-editor of the whole History. Volume II I will finish myself alone, and I will probably write the major parts of Volume III, but then I will need helpe [sic]. There is undoubtedly a need for a new “Handbuch of the History of Medicine“, since there has not been one since the beginning of our century, the one of Neuburger and Pagel, and that was a very primitive first attempt. I have not yet brought the

plan to the attention of the Oxford Press, because I would like to discuss it first with John Fulton, but I would think that the press would welcome such an arrangement.

I am going to Rome but of course am very disappointed that you will not be there.

Excuse if I do not write very often, my correspondence has grown to such an extent that I just cannot handle it properly anymore. If I wrote all the letters I should, I would not have time for anything else. But if you do not hear from me for a while please do not think that there is anything wrong, just as I would not dream of resenting it if I do not hear from you for a while, although I always enjoy receiving your letters and books.

It was good news to hear that Peg had her plaster cast removed, but what a long time it took.

My warm congratulations on your D.Sc. Which University gave it to you ? I recently became a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, in London, an honour which I deeply appreciated as the College has very few foreign fellows.

I am sure my wife was delighted to hear from you. She had a very pleasant time in America and is flying back on the 31st of August.

With warm regards to you and Peg, I am,

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

“My doctor“: Dr. Achille Piotti, Lugano. Volume III would have contained the Middle Ages. Max Neuburger (1868-1955) Professor of Medical History in Vienna; Julius L. Pagel (1851-1912) German historian of medicine; (Neuburger/Pagel 1902).

Surprisingly S. does not mention the monumental works of (Garrison 1913), (Castiglioni 1927), (Laignel-Lavastine 1936). “my correspondence has grown“ to some 1,000 letters per year in the early 1950s (Bickel 1997).

Zilboorg-Stone to Sigerist, New York, 1 September 1954

Dear Henry,

You cannot know how deeply pleased Gregory was to be called a “god-damned bloody fool“ by you. It immediately warmed his heart and made both of us laugh, and made us sorrier than ever that he had not been able to see you this summer in Europe.

You told him in your letter that they would give him a thorough examination at Hopkins and would not tell him what was wrong. Well, you were fifty percent right. As the current American expression goes, he really “had it“ as far as examinations were concerned. It took him almost a week, and at the end of that time they told him that they had definitely found the cause of his trouble. They operated Friday, August 27th, and found just what they thought they would: a small carcinoma wrapped around the inside of the transverse colon about two inches beyond the hepatic flexure. Rienhoff was the surgeon; he did a beautiful, complete and very quick job. They had to resect only a very small portion of the intestines; and while they were there, they took a peek around and assured themselves that Gregory was in excellent shape in every other way inside. He came through the operation perfectly beautifully; he was downstairs within three hours and on the third day was already drinking small amounts of water, gingerale and tea. This is now the fifth day and he has just called me and told me that he had a long talk with Dr. Rienhoff who assured him that he was completely cured and

would be better than ever within a few short weeks. Gregory won't be back in his office until some time early in October but he would want me to get in touch with you right away; you mean a great deal to him, you know.

I hope the Congress goes beautifully. I have just written Dr. Galeazzi explaining the situation to him.

We are looking forward to seeing you before long. With all my love

Affectionately,

Peg

William F. Rienhoff (1894-1981). "Congress", International, of the History of Medicine in Rome. Riccardo Galeazzi (1891-1968) secretary general of the Rome congress and physician to Pope Pius XII.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 9 September 1954

Dear Gregory,

I just had a good letter from Peg with the latest news about your health. I was very sorry to hear that you needed an operation but very happy to know that it was so successful. My warmest wishes for your complete and I hope quick recovery. Take it easy and do not go back to work too soon. Please remember me to Dr. Rienhoff, you could not have a better surgeon. Tell him that I remember him with greatest pleasure.

Genevieve Miller and Ilza Veith are here and Sunday we shall all go to Rome for the convention. Of course we shall miss you. There are 202 papers on the program which sounds like an ordeal but papers will be read simultaneously in 3 rooms so that it will be possible to escape most of them.

Well, my warm wishes.

Yours affectionately,

Henry

Rienhoff see Z. to S. of 1 September 1954. Miller and Veith see Z. to S. of 20 March 1940 and 7 July 1950, respectively.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 27 September 1954

Dear Gregory,

I hope you are feeling well and that your recovery is progressing according to schedule. I am just back from Italy where we had two strenuous weeks. We all missed you very much. America had a good delegation with Shriok [sic], McKinney, Larkey, John Fulton, Marti Ibanèz [sic], Radbill, Dorothy Schullean [sic], Jacobs, Bruno Gebhard, Ilza Veith, Genevieve Miller and a few unknown others who came to have their expenses deducted from their taxes. The organization was pretty bad. Nobody knew anything. The secretary general, Galliazzi [sic], is physician to the Pope who had a new attack of hiccups, but things went off quite well in the usual haphazard Italian way. The yeather [sic] was glorious in Rome as well as in Salerno. At the end we all felt completely exhausted and I went with Genevieve and her

mother and Ilza for a few days to Ravello, an enchanting spot in the mountains overlooking the seas, a place which I am sure you would have liked very much.

I don't remember if I wrote you that I lost my mother in the beginning of the month. This and her final illness greatly upset me and my work for many weeks, and I am leaving for Basel again as there are so many formalities that have to be complied with.

With all good wishes for your complete recovery, and warm regards to Peg and yourself, I am,

Yours as ever,

[Henry]

Shryock and Fulton see S. to Z. of 14 April 1941 and 12 February 1943, respectively. Veith and Galeazzi see Z. to S. of 7 July 1950 and 1 September 1954, respectively. Ravello near Salerno. S.'s mother, Emma Sigerist (1868-1954), lived in Basel.

New names:

Gebhard, Bruno (ca. 1899-1985) leader in public health

Jacobs, Maurice, member of AAHM

McKinney, Loren C. (born 1891) medical historian in Chapel Hill, NC

Larkey, Sanford V. (1898-1968) medical historian and head of Welch Library, Baltimore

Marti-Ibañez, Felix (1912-1972) Spanish physician and author, exiled in the U.S. during Franco's rule

Radbill, Samuel, member of AAHM

Schullian Adelman, Dorothy M. (1906-1989) medical historian Dorothy

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 13 October 1954

Dear Henry:

I seem to be quite well and I am back at work. However, there is too much to do and as a result one suffers from that gnawing feeling of constantly being behind which literally poisons and embitters one's spirits. I hope that I will be able to catch up soon.

The news about the passing of your mother is sad. I am sorry this involves a lot of extra concerns for you.

When I received your "collective" post card I felt quite nostalgic. It is too bad that I had to miss the Congress. Better luck next time.

Peg and the children are doing very well, and they are all a source of great joy.

Write me soon.

Yours ever,

Gregory

"I seem to be quite well" after his illness. "your mother" see S. to Z. of 27 September 1954. "collective postcard" of S. and his guests. Congress in Rome.

Sigerist's daughter to Zilboorg, Pura, 21 October 1954

Dear Gregory,

This is to acknowledge your letter of 13th October. I am glad to hear that you are well again.

Daddy has been in hospital in Lugano since Monday, 18th October. As a result of an embolism his right side is paralyzed and he cannot speak. His condition has been the same now for three days.

Mother is staying at the hospital with him day and night.

With best wishes to you and your family,

Yours

Erica

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 2 February 1955

Dear Henry:

I just heard that you are back in Casa Serena, and I hope and pray that you are better and well and serene and cheerful. Peg and I have been thinking of you every day, and every day we have hoped that you would be back home with your health restored.

That I missed seeing you last time I passed through Milan made it doubly regretful after I heard of your illness. About ten days ago I had to make a flying trip to London and if it were not for the wintry weather and fog, and had I known that you were back in Pura I would have flown over to see you.

I returned to work in mid-October and have been at it ever since. Life is crowded and would be completely satisfying if it were not for the awareness of how much I have to catch up with. At times I think I never will catch up.

Do let me know how things are with you and how soon you could receive a visitor. I doubt whether I will get to Europe before mid-July but I cannot tell you how much I look forward to seeing you.

Be well. Peg and I send you our affectionate regards and ardent good wishes.

As ever,

Gregory

Casa Serena, S.'s home in Switzerland.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 4 February 1955

Hello my dear friend !

I have come back, but for a while it looked very critical. I was on the verge of death. Now chances are that I shall make a complete recovery. My leg carries me without a stick, I have

some trouble still with my arm which I hope to overcome with gymnastics, and as you see I can dictate letters. My intellect is unimpaired and I hope to resume my work very soon. So don't give me up as a lost cause. I am writing book reviews and plan a paper „Como and the Plinii“ for Genevieve's Bulletin and soon I will be starting again on The Book. I got stuck in the second volume, on account of the fatal illness of my mother, then I had to go to Rome for the Congress, then I was in the hospital for three months.

And how are you ?

My love to Peg and yourself,

yours as ever,

Henry

Como and the Plinii (Sigerist 1955b). Genevieve Miller's Bulletin: Bull. Cleveland med. Libr.. S.'s mother see S. to Z. of 27 September 1954.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 7 February 1955

Dear Henry:

Nothing - absolutely nothing - could have lifted my spirits more than your letter which arrived this morning. Let me greet you with the simple and homely Americanism, “Bully for you !“ Both you and I, each in his different way, were at death's door, but each one of us learned the same hard lesson.

I cannot wait - I am very eager to see you. I wonder whether it would be possible to arrange for us to have a visit, a short one at least. I could be, as I believe I told you, in Milan in the middle of July. I would like nothing more than to drive over to Pura and spend a few hours with you. I shall be on my way to Geneva to attend the International Psychoanalytical Congress and from there I will return home.

I hear from Genevieve Miller every now and then. I work rather steadily and seem to have recovered - from the operation at least. The family is well. The children and Peg are happy. As to myself, as I think I told you and as I am sure you understand, I worry all the time about being behind.

Your “accident“ made me very sad but did not alarm me unduly. I was certain you would recover your faculties and return home. In another couple of months the motor limitations which are still there will probably disappear. I expect to see you well and your good cheerful self.

We all love you.

Yours ever,

Gregory

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 15 February 1955

Dear Gregory,

Yes, you are right when you say that we were both of us at death's door. This short note is to let you know that I should be delighted to have you come and see me in Pura in the middle of July.

I love you too, all of you,

Yours ever,

[Henry]

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 24 March 1955

Dear Henry:

How are you ? We all went through our usual siege of flu and colds and what-nots. Spring is coming (it is not in the air yet, for some reason) and I think of you a great deal.

I hope you are well and that you will be well again to let me come to see you for a short while on the sixteenth, seventeenth or eighteenth of July. I shall come to Pura via Milan and will be on my way to Geneva to attend the International Psychoanalytical Congress.

Do write us soon. We are very eager to have news from you.

Peg is now away for a day or so. She is with Johnny who is five years old and is having his tonsils and adenoids taken out this afternoon. Peg is spending the night with him in the hospital. She joins me in sending you our affectionate regards and warmest wishes.

Yours always,

Gregory

Johnny: John Zilboorg.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 30 March 1955

My dear old friend,

How I look forward to July 16th – 18th. By then I expect that my recovery will be complete. I still have some trouble with the three R's: writing, reading (aloud) and `rithmetic, that is my figures get all wrong, but I am hopeful that all that will improve with time.

We had the great joy of Nora's visit. She came by air with Miranda, who is 16 months old, a sweet little girl. Do call Nora up so that you have the latest news about my health.

I just finished a paper for Genevieve's Bulletin, and this very week I shall complete my long overdue Heath Clark Lectures, that will be published at the Oxford Press in England. They discuss various chapters of the History of Hygiene and Public Health, and now I am ready to resume work on the History.

I am sorry you were laid up with flu'.

My love to Peg and the children, and una cordiale stretta di mano for you,
[Henry]

Nora Sigerist and daughter Miranda. Genevieve Miller's Bulletin: Bull. Cleveland med. Libr.. Heath Clark Lectures (Sigerist 1956).

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 13 April 1955

Dear Henry:

It was good to have your letter and then talk to Nora and get the latest first hand impression of your recovery. I am very happy that you are getting on so well and I am quite eager to see you.

My present plans call for a two day stay in Lugano (Hotel Splendide) July 19 and 20. I shall get in touch with you as soon as I get there (you will hear from me again before then, of course) and I shall run, jump, fly to Pura.

Peg joins me in sending our affectionate regards and best wishes.

Yours ever,
Gregory

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 25 May 1955

Dear Gregory,

My recovery is rather slow and I am often impatient. I still have a stiffness in my hand and leg, and I still have a motor aphasia, that's to say I have to struggle to express myself. However, I can attend Chamber Music concerts in Campione to which my wife drives me, and we have plans to go to Milano to visit a superb exhibition of Etruscan art.

I am looking forward to your visit with great impatience. You will find me in my new quarters since my doctors disadvised me to climb stairs more than is necessary. I moved downstairs where the living room was. We have built a very convenient bathroom, so that I have three rooms and the garden at my disposal.

Come soon, and in the meantime my love to Peg, the children and yourself,
[Henry]

Campione: Town near Lugano.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 1 June 1955

Dear Henry:

I too look forward to our forthcoming visit in July. It looks as if it is going to be a rather short visit because of certain delays which I am unable to prevent. I cannot tell you clearly

enough how well I understand your condition and I know how often this condition makes one impatient. Yet I wonder whether you would not do a lot better if you don't try too hard. It is the trying so hard that makes a person with motor aphasia so impatient. Luckily one afflicted with motor aphasia is able to contemplate and therefore cultivate a considerable amount of tolerance and, consequently, of patience.

You must be doing well and I am happy for you, since you are able to go to Milan to concerts and to exhibitions. More power to you.

The children and Peg are well and chipper. They are very busy. School closed last week and they are all now moving to Bedford for the summer. I will probably start commuting to New York.

Keep in touch with me. I am not leaving here till July fifteenth.

Yours ever,

Gregory

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 18 August 1955

Dear Gregory,

It was a joy to have you here although it was much too short.

We have plans to spend the whole month of September in Zürich where I will engage in rehabilitation therapy and nothing else. I shall practise writing in longhand and typing and will take speech lessons with a speech trainer. My sister has a pied-à-terre in Zürich where we will stay. Our address will be: Säntisstrasse 12, the telephone is being installed. You have to find out the number from the information and under the name of Bickel, which is my sister's name. I hope that we will have the pleasure of your visit.

I am sending you two snapshots which I like and the recipe you asked for.

In the meantime I send you my kind regards and my love to Peg,

yours ever,

[Henry]

S.'s sister: Marguerite Bickel-Sigerist, living in Basel.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 26 August 1955

Dear Gregory,

Just a short note to inform you that we are not staying in my sister's flat in Zurich, but at the Hotel Sunnehus, Soneggstrasse 17, Tel. 26 96 66. We still hope to have the pleasure of your visit.

Yours ever,

Henry

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 10 October 1955

Dear Gregory,

I enjoyed so much having a glimpse of you at the station before I left for Zurich. Now I am back after a very successful month. I had an excellent speech trainer, a woman, who succeeded in giving me self-confidence. I gave her lectures from notes on Paracelsus, Haller, etc. She made tape recordings of my speech, and all in all, I could not have been in better hands.

I consulted a neurologist who gave me injections. I also had my eyes examined, and took advantage of the opportunity to consult a rhinologist, and to have the diagnosis confirmed that my chronic condition was allergic.

We were interrupted at the station by the departure of the train. Did I understand you correctly that you want to present me with a Super Leica ? This would indeed be a tremendous gift. You asked whether somebody could bring it over. It happens that I expect in December an old student of mine, Dr. Edward Grossman, 242 E. 19th Street, New York 3, who would, I am sure, be glad to bring it along.

I am back at work. At the moment I am writing a lecture that I gave in Oxford on the Latin Medical Literature of the Early Middle Ages, and then I am hoping to finish Volumn [sic] II of my History, when I have some help from an Archeologist, whom I appointed, and who will be living with us from November 1st on.

With warm regards, I am,

Yours ever,

Henry

Paracelsus and Haller see S. to Z. of 13 May 1938 and 19 June 1952, respectively. S.'s Oxford lecture (Sigerist 1958). Archeologist: Dr. Victorine von Gonzenbach from Zurich.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 12 December 1955

Dear Gregory,

I am worried because you did not answer my letter of 10th October 1955- Anything wrong with your health ? Or is it pressure of work ? A line from you would be greatly appreciated.

Yours ever

Henry

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 20 December 1955

Dear Henry:

So sorry I did not write you sooner and still sorrier that you were concerned about my silence. The point is that I spent too many weeks in Europe till September sixteenth. I came home almost spent and confronted with a mountain of correspondence (unanswered) and an

endless string of various commitments for lectures and papers and with all this I had to start seeing patients and try to earn some bread and butter for my family. It is not very easy to carry on without having had any true vacation this year. Peg, as you know, is quite busy with the house, the children, the many other things which keep her intellectually awake (and awake she is).

Strange and even silly as it may seem, I yearn to see a movie, or a play. I have not seen one this year.

To make up for all this, Peg and I are going away on January 20th to Nassau for nine days - just to loaf.

How are you ? It is good to know that you benefited from your stay in Zürich - and I, the dumb-bell, have not yet developed the pictures which I took of you at the Lugano Railroad Station. I will this coming week, which I will take off (between Christmas and New Year's).

Our best wishes go to you. Our warmest regards. Write soon. Tell me what you are doing now.

Yours ever,

Gregory

Nassau, The Bahamas.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 23 December 1955

Dear Henry:

A telephone call from Iago yesterday. He wanted me to give him some suggestions with regard to collecting a fund for you. I expressed surprise -- for knowing you as I do, I said I doubted whether you would wish anything done except under the auspices of a true Foundation of some kind. He agreed in principle but said that the Treasurer of the newly formed committee (who is the same old one-eyed commercial doctor) told him that all this was organized on the initiative of your daughter. I call Nora. She disagreed with the characterological estimate of the honorable treasurer. She wanted "proofs". I certainly gave none. A couple of hours later she came to see me and said that she does not know how to stop it. It was all organized on the initiative of the one who made himself honorable treasurer and asked her to give him right away a complete list of your best friends here and their addresses. She became suspicious and demurred for a while. I merely told her rather bluntly (and in the presence of Peg) that I would not like to be part of anything that you would not like to have done, that a respectable bank should be treasurer and not a person, particularly this person. I told her to tell Iago too. I don't know where matters stand now but the whole scheme fails to appeal to me for reasons stated and inferred. I hope you understand my position and I want you to know that I shall be guided by your advice.

Nora is either a little naive or she merely fails to appreciate the "conjectur" [sic]. She did say that there is no committee yet and that there is only a treasurer who himself got in touch with John Fulton and Alan Gregg and that he keeps pressing her, telephoning a couple of times a day.

Peg joins me in sending you our best, our fondest regards.

Yours ever,
Gregory

Iago Galdston and Fulton see S. to Z. of 18 October and 12 February 1943, respectively. “one-eyed commercial doctor“ not identified. Gregg see Z. to S. of 14 February 1945.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 9 January 1956

Dear Gregory,

First let me thank you for your letter of December 20. I am glad to hear that you are in good health and that my worries were unfounded. Then let me thank you for your beautiful Christmas card. This is the best card we ever get. How the children have grown. Caroline looks very much like her mother. Your Christmas card finds always a place in my scrap book, so that I have a complete record of the development of your children.

I feel that I owe you a word of explanation concerning our finances. I always knew that my stipend would not go on endlessly, but we felt that we could live modestly but comfortably on my mother’s money when the time came. Actually she died in 1954 and when my sister and I got in possession of the heritage it turned out to be considerably less than we had expected, as my mother had used up much of the capital in later years.

In fact all that was left provides an income of about \$ 230 per month, after taxes are paid. After March 31, 1956 we have to live on that amount, which obviously is impossible.

A certain amount of money was paid out to me when I left Johns Hopkins, but moving to Pura cost me over \$ 6000, and the rest I used up in 1950-51, the year we had no income from foundations.

This is the situation in which we find ourselves. I admit that I was careless in speculating on my mother’s money and I admit frankly that I was embarking in too big a research project. From volume 3 on of the History I plan to mobilize my old students and friends to help me in completing the project as a „Handbuch“. With their help it should be possible to finish the eight volumes in 5-6 years. I count on your cooperation with the psychiatric parts.

With best wishes I am

Yours ever

[Henry]

Caroline Zilboorg, her mother Margaret (Peg) Stone. “my stipend“: When S. left Johns Hopkins and moved to Pura, his research project was financed from the Whitney Foundation and the Rockefeller Foundation via Yale University for the years 1947-1950 which was prolonged for 1952-1955. S.’s mother and sister see S. to Z. of 27 September 1954 and +23 August 1953, respectively. That the planned 8 volumes would be completed by younger colleagues may have been wishful thinking.

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 2 April 1956

Dear Henry:

As you probably know, the committee was duly organized and some money will be collected. All this will be done through Yale University and/or Fulton's department. It is my fondest hope that I will be able to obtain some substantial sum of money and very soon. I might not know for a couple of weeks.

I do hope everything is well with you. We here keep on working and keep on living as best we can. Peg and the children join me in sending you our warmest and fondest greetings on the occasion of your birthday. I celebrated mine last Christmas. We are not very far apart in chronology.

It looks as if I will not be going to Europe this summer and therefore will have to forego seeing you till next year. There is so much to do that I must take a couple of months off and spend the time at my desk.

Your last letter gave me the impression that you had regained a great deal of your strength since I saw you at the railroad station in Lugano. You will be interested to know that the pictures I took then came out very well indeed and I expect to send some of them to you within a week or so. There is so little time for diversion that I must neglect most of my hobbies.

Have a very happy birthday. I think of you and you are more often in my thoughts than my correspondence would indicate.

Affectionately,

Gregory

"committee" for the Sigerist Endowment Fund. Fulton see S. to Z. of 12 February 1943. "not very far apart": S. was born 1891, Z. in 1890.

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 26 April 1956

Dear Gregory,

I was perfectly overwhelmed by the magnitude of the check from the Eda K. Loeb Fund. I know that I owe it to your efforts exclusively and I am ever so grateful to you.

As to yours and Iago Galdstone's [sic] idea the trouble is that I have very few reprints of my recent papers made. I order 200 copies of which I have to deliver 75 at Yale University, so that only 125 are left for the distribution to my friends and colleagues. Of one of my most recent papers "Thoughts of the Physician's Writing and Reading" I had over 25 requests from all over the country. Still I have about 50 left and I am sending you under separate cover some reprints that I meant to send you anyway.

Your other plan, to have me autograph some of your photos appeals to me very much.

Many thanks for your good wishes on the occasion of my 65th birthday. I had a slight setback that knocked me out for two whole months, but from which I have recovered quite nicely, so that I can resume my work now. I am disappointed that you have no plans for coming to Europe this summer.

I include [sic] a clipping from The Times Literary Supplement that reviews your latest book on the whole pretty fairly.

With all my love to you and Peg and the children I am

Yours ever

[Henry]

Eda K. Loeb (Endowment) Fund. Galdston see S. to Z. of 18 October 1943. *Thoughts* (Sigerist 1955c). “your latest book“ Probably (Zilboorg 1954).

Zilboorg to Sigerist, New York, 9 May 1956

Dear Henry:

It looks as if I am not going to Europe this summer and I will miss seeing you.

I shall look forward to receiving your reprints and I cannot tell you how happy I was to be able to “fix up“ the business with that check. I shall not stop at this point and will continue to be on the look-out for other and more opportunities in the same direction.

What kind of setback did you have. I am terribly happy to know that you recovered fully. Keep on keeping on, my good friend.

Thank you for the clipping from the Times. I like it.

I am just back from Chicago from the meeting of the American Psychiatric Association and I am naturally a bit foggy as a result of the milling crowds, papers, discussions and most of all, as a result of the mountain of paper work that accumulated in my absence.

The children are well. So is Peg. And we all send you our warmest regards, our very best wishes.

Yours ever,

Gregory

Sigerist to Zilboorg, Pura, 17 May 1956

Dear Gregory,

I just had a letter from John Fulton in which he suggests that my paper “Thoughts on the Physician’s Writing and Reading“ should be reprinted, and should be sent to all the donors. Of course I should be delighted to autograph a photo for Eddie Warburg to whom I just wrote a note of thanks.

You ask what kind of setback I had. Well, I had a sudden drop of blood pressure from my accustomed 170 to 120, and I almost collapsed. A few days later I had an attack of hematuria, which my doctor diagnosed as thrombosis of the kidney, which it apparently was. The chief thing is that I recovered fully and just feel fine.

I am disappointed that I shall not see you in Europe this year, short as our meetings usually were, still I greatly enjoyed them and I shall miss them.

My very best to you and your family,

Yours ever,
Henry

Fulton and Warburg see S. to Z. of 12 February 1943 and 12 May 1938, respectively. *Thoughts* (Sigerist 1955c). “My doctor“: Dr. Achille Piotti, Lugano.

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