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Dear Néstor,

Was so glad to get your letter. Our last few exchanges have been rather cold and I'm happy to get back to a more personal basis!

Many things have happened ^{to me} recently - the biggest is that Rama and I have separated. After five years and two children, I found it was impossible for me to adjust. It only lasted that long because of outside physical activities. But as the marriage got weaker - one of those "physical" relationships became emotional and I lived a dual emotional life for 6 months - finally it had to end. Both the marriage and the love affair ended simultaneously (all this the week after an operation on my knee - 20 stitches - and the week before finals - carrying 18 units!) But I survived and am better adjusted to reality than ever in my life - tho' not yet too happy! I've reevaluated all my goals and views. Things that were tremendously important mean nothing now and the reverse. My mother pinned me down in the midst of the confusion - I had to tell her what I was - everything very traumatic but for the best. My wife is so unhappy and lost - doesn't know whether to return to Jamaica or stay - wants me back under any conditions but that could never work! I'll never forgive myself the hurt I've caused her. And the children are so marvelous - Ari doesn't know me anymore but Timna

cries everytime I leave and says "Daddy stay here with us, we love you - don't go away" - and I break up.

Don - my friend during all this is a very nice person. I believe I loved him more than anyone ever. But when I left Rama, I demanded a lot emotionally and he couldn't return the feelings. He found he still loved his "Ex" (a 5 year affair) so he left me flat. And flat I was for a while - But have recovered very well - have met loads of interesting people and have much good sex.

I'm moving to L.A. in June when school's out, I need a change of scenery!
Well - that's enough sadness + ~~tragedy~~ Tragedy!

I do hope your movie can get you places and known outside Cuba. But what's more important is the self satisfaction of a work of art - of creating.

Your German book is on the way. Never mind an exchange - you did me a big favor once - introduced me to Tioni.

Let's not wait so long between letters after this -

Hope all goes well with you

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Always

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