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Dear Members and Friends:

The four months of silence has been due to the mental shake-up your chairman had, due to the Santa Barbara fire and flood, the move back to Palm Springs, Christmas shopping for six grandchildren and the Bob Hope Benefit. I'm back on the rails again and am yours, truly.

Because of the impractical aspects of trying to have full representation of our Executive Committee by holding separate meetings of northern and southern California members, we are suggesting that we have an annual meeting to include both groups. The first one will be in late June at Occidental College. A business meeting in the morning, followed by luncheon and a Seminar. We shall hope to have Ann Ridgeway, Madame Berger, and Father Brophy who expect to return to Occidental this summer to continue their work in the reference library. This seminar will be open to our National Council.

Any member or subscriber who has not already been in contact with Mrs. Ridgeway who knows the whereabouts of Jeffers letters, is encouraged to write her so that her edition of letters may be as complete as possible. Her address is: 1105 Palmer Lane, East Lansing, Michigan.

Other works in progress:

At the University of Wisconsin, Arthur B. Coffin has as the subject of his dissertation "Ideological Patterns in the Work of Robinson Jeffers."

At the University of Wyoming, Miss Molly S. Buffum is writing her master's thesis on Jeffers.

Kamil Bednář has completed his translation into Czech of The Women At Point Sur and is in the process of correcting the publisher's proof sheets.

Eva Hesse has generously sent us twenty copies of her book Robinson Jeffers Dramen, which includes her German translations of The Tower Beyond Tragedy, Medea, and The Cretan Woman. She has suggested that we send them to university libraries or their departments of German studies. Before proceeding with distribution we would like to give members connected with universities first choice. Please let us know by March 15th if you are interested.

European translators will welcome the news from Lee and Donnan Jeffers that they plan to visit them before returning to the United States. Their address is Rockmount, Kilmacthomas, County Waterford, Ireland. Donnan writes: "...the whole family are loving being here more and more. Ireland is, indeed, a beautiful and peaceful country, and this part of Ireland particularly so, and it grows on one the longer one stays."

Future copies of news letters will be copyrighted to insure the protection of original material. We are proud to announce that the next issue of the letter will include an essay on Jeffers written by the eminent authority, Dr. Lawrence Clark Powell. This is in line with our new policy, announced earlier, of working towards a book to be compiled of criticisms, personal anecdotes, letters, etc., contributed by our members and readers. We invite your contributions.

Future issues of the newsletter will be sent to you quarterly, in February, June, September, and December. Deadline for contributions will be one month in advance of publication.

The cost of publication and mailing welcomes any tax-deductible change you may have at hand. It would save the wear and tear on our slim resources. Such a gesture might even encourage us to think you have some interest in Jeffers, for which we thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Melba Berry Bennett,
Chairman