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Dear Kato:

Congratulations to having been invited to Hawaii!

I read your paper concerning counter transference and have no real criticism. You hesitate somewhat to penetrate the problem more deeply and you cling too much to the established concepts.

I myself have always focussed on the use of counter transference as a tool for empathy and understanding. You can read about it in my paper: "The Qualities of the Group Therapist," chapter 7 in NEW MODELS OF GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPY, edited by Kaplan and Sadock, 1972, Dutton Publisher, New York, paperback \$3.95, pp. 191-207. You find there also the most important literature, as for instance Ross and Kapp, 1962.

Recently I have described these special aspects in my paper, "Group Psychotherapy as a Growth Experience."

You must not be startled that I talk about "group therapists" and group therapy instead of psychoanalysis. In this way it was possible for me to say things which became too emotional if you said it directly about psychoanalysts. It will be easy for you to apply those thoughts to your more specific assignment.

You could use a little more courage and controversy. That's where the action is.

Etelka and I also were sorry that we missed your celebration, but you know how it is. Whenever we have a chance to go to San Francisco we always give first priority to that. We don't go to Hawaii but we do go to Paris and sometimes we hope to walk together again.

With best wishes and best regards to Larry,

Yours, *Martin and Etelka*

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