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Dear Professor Greenwood:

You are among a number of friends who wanted to insure my seeing the NEW YORKER piece, but all the same I wish to say that your thoughtfulness in writing a special letter calling my attention to that delightful satire on Melchior's article is much appreciated.

I don't know John Buck and am a bit envious of him. I am reminded of a satire, also in the NEW YORKER, soon after Yardley's The American Black Chamber appeared in print. The satire was entitled The Literary Black Chamber and in it were "decipherments" of certain of the writings of Gertrude Stein, James Joyce, and E. E. Cummings.

Look it up sometime--and have a good laugh.

With cordial greetings, in which Mrs. Friedman joins, I am,

Sincerely,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN