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Nell dear:

Many thanks for your beautiful letter and for the Wykeham Rise Festival booklet, which I am delighted to have for Mr. Steichen's file, as well as for other equally valid reasons. The whole thing must have been a triumph and I am sure that your hard work, the genius and the love you put into it have been compensated for in the success of the undertaking.

I always feel - as you do - that the fall marks the beginning of the year, rather than the January of the calendar. This summer has been a trying one, but it is now over and done with, and I am happily settled in my new home (which is really my old home, for we lived there for 17 years), disproving Thomas Wolfe's title. And Italy is only three weeks away....

Your new book idea sounds like an inspiration to me, and I know that you will make it a masterpiece. My next (if ever and any) will be devoted to sociological photographers (a five-year project for my fast approaching senility,

You must miss the Texas granddaughter and the Mexican son-by-adoption, and most of all Chris. Something of you went with each fortunate one, though, and they are indeed blessed.

My best love to you, and let us meet before or after my journey - we are always together in thought.

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