jhs Dear Dr Thompson-

OUR LADY OF GETHSEMANI TRAPPIST, KENTUCKY

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For a long time I have been trying to clean out the files here, and dispose of the accumulated letters. This file on New Directions is too good to burn, and I have been hunting around for James Laughlin to get his permission to send them to you. He has been all over the place -- India, Persia and so forth, and having finally returned has allowed me to send you the letters. I hope you will be interested in them. They are all that I have, the earlier New Directions file was lost or destroyed or something, I can't remember. This batch covers mostly the period in which Bread in the Wilderness was going through the most incredible hazards.

Even better, though, are a few letters from my friend Bob Lax who is a wonderful person and whose letters are historic though incomprehensible to most people who do not know him. Also a fewpictures of his friends in Marseilles. I think they are all too good to lie around here and get lost. The Lax file, alas too few, is

in an envelope.

With all best wishes -- God bless you

In Louis