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My dear Bridaine,

Thank you very much for your letter of the 18th February and for all the suggestions for article 2 on leadership. Could you ask your assistant (Peter?? I could not recognise him on the picture of the Journal!!) if he could tell me what he wants with the last point: "nature of a leader as a personality in relation to the group"? I am starting to work on it and I would like to be pretty in time...

This number of the Journal is again very good. Here there is a field where we really have improved in the last few years. From all the reports on the Manila meetings I get more and more sorry that I was not able to attend them. I felt in your letters and reports about Manila the same fascination I always feel among the members of the Grail who are working in Asia... Even last Summer I met a wonderful woman (Bénédicte Milcent who has been president of the Cercle St. Jean-Baptiste in Paris and who is since some seven years in the Grail) who has been already for five years in Indonesia and who, in spite of tremendous difficulties of all kinds, speaks of Asia with a most inspiring sense of wonder and reverence for all the values she finds there.

What about the Berlin meeting? Are you going there? It is a pity that the theme of the meeting is so far from the original idea we always had in Pax Romana with these meetings for women students. Still, I understand the point of view of the German girls - they feel a bit tired even if they have not worked it out very much, of all the theoretical discussions on the role of the woman and they feel much more concerned with the problems they are facing very concretely today. Perhaps they are right, but I keep saying that it is a pity...

What are your plans for Holy Week and Easter, Bridaine? For the first time since many years I stay in Lisbon... I can not go to the Tiltenberg this year - and this is a little bit sad for me because there the Liturgy is indeed a nourishment and an inspiration... Perhaps it would be something for you to go there too - can't you? Do you know anybody there? Oh, yes, at least you know Miss Dé Groothuisen who is the leader of the Tiltenberg.