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April 1, 1964

Professor George Gerbner
Institute of Communications
University of Illinois
Urbana, Illinois

Dear George:

I was delighted to learn from the Schillers of your wonderful new job at the University of Pennsylvania. We will certainly miss you at Illinois, but I am thinking of what this change will mean for your professional career, and of how happy Ilona will be as a Dean's wife! In any case Pennsylvania isn't so far off and I'm hoping that we can get to see you once in a while.

The Society for Applied Anthropologists has just held its annual meeting here at San Juan and I heard a number of very good papers. I also met a member of your faculty, Sol Worth, who gave an interesting paper on film making as an aid to action research. I didn't get to know him well but he seemed like an intelligent soul.

I've already received a copy of my new book PEDRO MARTINEZ, A Mexican Peasant and His Family (Random House) and am thoroughly delighted with the beautiful job of book making. Anthony Quinn has read the galleys and has wired to tell me that he would like to play the leading role in the movie. Indeed, he suggested that we form a joint production company. However my agent is not enthusiastic about this approach and urges me to work for a straight sale of the rights. I've just returned from a visit with Luis Buñuel in Mexico and Buñuel may want to direct, provided he can get by the censorship. We may have no problem on this score because PEDRO MARTINEZ tends to give a fairly positive overall view of the Mexican Revolution. The Revolution would have to be glorified if we are to get Mexican permission for filming.

Please say hello to the Schillers--who are probably disappointed and fed up with me because I have been a lousy correspondent this year.

Ruth joins in sending our warm regards, and a special hug from me for Ilona.

Sincerely, 
Oscar Lewis

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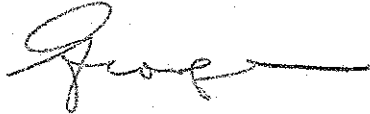
Dear Oscar:

Thank you for your letter. We are, of course, delighted and excited, and looking forward to a fruitful period. There is a creative job involved building the faculty and the school, and I expect to carry on my own work also.

I am looking forward to reading WILSON MARTINEZ, and am happy to read about its exciting filming prospects.

Wish you would have written more about your own work and plans; I am interested in how your study is progressing. Hope to see you in Philly, if not sooner; in fact, we might want to invite you to speak in The Amenberg School's lecture series.

Elena wants to write too, so I'll save her space and family and other topics. My best regards to Ruth, and you —



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at the end of June. Needless to say, no European trip this year

Thanks for your letter. We are moving to Philadelphia

Dear Oscar:

RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF MAN

July 2, 1965
162 East 78th Street
New York 21, New York

George Gerbner, Dean
School of Communications
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear George:

The other day I met two professors of clinical psychiatry, Salvador Minuchin, an Argentinian and Braulio Montalvo, a Puerto Rican who impress me very favorably and will be at the Medical School at your University in the fall. They have been working with the families of delinquent children in New York City and are coming up with some interesting findings. I suggested they should get to know you.

Last week I lectured on a portion of my new book to a group of research psychiatrists at the Harvard School of Psychiatry and was delighted with their enthusiastic response to my Puerto Rican material. I discussed with them the life history of a seven year old child from a Puerto Rican slum in San Juan and the remarkable way in which the slum children learn to cope with an essentially pathological environment. Perhaps I can lecture on this or some related theme at your institution in the fall.

I had been expecting a letter from you about inviting me to consult with you on your PhD. program. Frankly, I was relieved that it didn't come, because I've been under terrible pressure to finish up my book before leaving for the University in early August.

It was a pleasure to see you and Ilona again and I want to thank you for a most enjoyable evening in your home. Please say hello to your charming wife.

Sincerely,

Isaac

July 16, 1965

Dr. Oscar Lewis
162 East 78 Street
New York 21, New York

Dear Oscar:

Thank you for telling me about the two new professors of clinical psychiatry coming to our medical school. I am looking forward to meeting them.

As you know, I would be very much interested in arranging a lecture for you here. It would help the scheduling and the preparations if you could advise me about your schedule in the fall, and about any other engagements on the East Coast which might give us an opportunity to bring you here without too much additional wear and tear.

I did not write you about a conference on the Ph.D. program, because we have not yet prepared or scheduled that conference. We have just come back from a brief vacation, and there were too many other things to attend to.

It was very good to see you, and we hope that you and Ruth will have an opportunity to visit before returning to Urbana.

At any rate, let us keep in touch. Ilona joins me in sending best regards.

Sincerely,

GG:ls

July 26, 1965

Dr. Oscar Lewis
162 East 78 Street
New York, New York 10021

Dear Oscar:

I am making up the schedule for our Colloquium Series for next fall and would very much like to find a suitable date for your talk and visit here at the University. The Colloquium (attended by most students and faculty of The School, and open to visitors) will meet Monday afternoons and occasionally also on Thursday afternoons. If we could combine this with a visit to the East Coast you are planning to make anyhow, it would help reduce wear and tear all around.

Please let me know what might be a convenient date or choice of dates.

With best regards to Ruth and you.

Sincerely yours,

George Gerbner
Professor of Communications
Dean

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August 5, 1965

Dear George:

I am writing this letter to the accompaniment of the noise of the packers who are crating and loading my office equipment. We plan to start out for Urbana on Saturday morning and I don't look forward to the job that faces us at that end.

I don't have my schedule of classes here with me nor a list of school holidays etc. Nevertheless, I believe I could make the trip east sometime in October, preferable in the latter part of October. As yet, I don't have any other talks scheduled for New York in the Fall. Indeed, I have been turning everything down. I would like to talk on The Culture of Poverty and will present a theoretical model of the concept and use my Puerto Rican and unpublished Mexican material to illustrate. If this sounds like the thing you want let me know.

Abby Mann was in town last week for the N.Y. opening of his Ship of Fools which I have seen twice. It is a well meaning and entertaining movie with top performances by Vivien Leigh, Simone Signoret and Lee Marvin (a few others whose names I can't remember). But it is far ~~far~~ from a great movie. I predict that it will be a box office success and thereby help my Children of Sanchez to be launched. I gave Mann another fifty pages of new materials on Consuelo and once he finishes Andersonville in late September he plans to dedicate himself to Sanchez and will come out to Urbana for about a month.

I have met two very able and charming young men in their early forties whom you should get to know very soon. I refer to Robert Young and Michael Roemer the producers and directors of the movie NOTHING BUT A MAN. I hope you have seen it. I liked it a great deal. Young and Roemer want to produce five or six educational movies of high quality on poverty in various parts of the ~~xxxxxxx~~ Third world. They did a fine movie for NBC but it was too powerful and has been put on ice. They are now looking for support to organize some venture which would enable them to move ahead with their plans. Foundation or other institutional support is desirable. I wonder if you could help them in some way. Would the Institute be able to sponsor their project and get some money and administer it. You couldn't find two better people around. If you have any interest in expanding your movie perspective at your school you might drop a line to Michael A. Roemer, 245 West 55th Street, New York 19, N.Y. Pl-7-4580.

With warm regards and a special hug for Ilona.

Sincerely,

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P.S. The title of my new book will probably be IN THE LIFE: A Puerto Rican Slum Family In San Juan and New York

September 27, 1965

Professor Oscar Lewis
Department of Anthropology
University of Illinois
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Oscar:

Sorry for the delay on answering your newsy letter which both Ilona and I enjoyed reading. One reason for the delay was that I would like to have enlisted our anthropologists in co-sponsoring your lecture here. But that fell through, at least for the fall, and I am now working on our spring lecture schedule. Again I would like to ask you to let me know if you plan any appearances on the east coast in the spring semester so that we can have you come down without making a special trip for that purpose.

With best regards to Ruth and you from all of us.

Sincerely,

George Garbner
Dean

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October 11, 1965

Dear George:

I am terribly sorry that you were unable to arrange for a lecture on the culture of poverty and my Puerto Rican material for this semester.

I am planning to fly to New York on Wednesday, November 24, 1965, and might come a day earlier, and will be in the City until Tuesday, November 30, 1965, at the Barclay Hotel, 111 East 48th Street. Our daughter Judy is coming along for a few days to see her friends at the Dalton School. The purpose of my trip is to do some more field work with Puerto Rican families.

I had hoped to get some reaction to my Puerto Rican materials before the book is published in the spring. Harper's is publishing a long excerpt in two installments in the December and January issues. The title is "Mother and Son in a Puerto Rican Slum."

I will not be teaching the second semester during which time I may do a study of urban slums in Venezuela, Colombia, Peru, and Chile, a brief reconnaissance survey. Hopefully Ruth will come along for the trip. I am also planning to go back to Puerto Rico.

Believe it or not, we are delighted to be back here on the campus. It has been good to see old friends and we have been enjoying our visits with the Schillers.

With warm regards to Ilona and the children.

Sincerely,



Oscar Lewis

OL:gp

Dean George Gerbner
The Annenberg School of Communications
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104

January 6, 1966

Mr. Oscar Lewis
Department of Anthropology
University of Illinois
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Professor Lewis:

We are delighted to hear from George Gerbner that you will be able to participate in our Leon Lecture Series. The March 1 date is the most convenient one for us. We like the topic that you have suggested for your talk, "The Culture of Poverty."

As Dr. Gerbner probably explained, our honorarium will be \$300.00, in addition to which we will pay your transportation expenses.

We shall get in touch with you a little later on about publicity and your hotel accommodations. In the meantime, would you please send me a note confirming your acceptance of our invitation.

Sincerely yours,

Jerre Mangione
Chairman, Leon Lecture Series

JM:mr

cc: Dean George Gerbner ✓

January 7, 1966

Professor Oscar Lewis
Department of Anthropology
University of Illinois
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Oscar:

I hope you will be able to confirm our invitation to deliver the Leon lecture on March 1, and to speak in our Communications Colloquium the day before, on Monday, February 28. The Colloquium talk is at 3:00 p.m. If you can arrive the day before, the play which Ilona is directing, *Antigone* by Anouilh, will have its last performance in our auditorium on Sunday, February 27 at 3:00 p.m.

We would, of course, be delighted to have you stay with us unless a hotel is more convenient.

Please send me a copy of your reply and let me know what you suggest for your Annenberg talk.

With best regards to Ruth and all.

Sincerely,

CG:kaf

George Gerbner,
Dean

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January 14, 1966

Dear George:

I've accepted the invitation to speak on March 1, 1966. Am I correct in assuming that this is an evening lecture?

I am very tempted to accept your invitation to come on Sunday to see the "Antigone" play directed by Ilona but I'm not sure that I can spare such a large chunk of time. In effect, this would mean giving three or four days to my Philadelphia trip. If I've finished my introduction to In The Life by that time, I should be delighted to come early; if not, I may have to come on Monday morning. Indeed, I was even wondering whether it would be possible to give the Colloquium talk at your Center on Tuesday should I be hard pressed for time. Perhaps I can talk about field methods in the study of the culture of poverty.

Please remind Ilona to get hold of a play by Errol John, "Moon on a Rainbow Shawl," which was Accorded First Prize in the Observer 1957 Play Competition in London and is published in a book titled The Observer Plays with a preface by Kenneth Tynan, Faber and Faber Ltd., 1958. This play deals with materials somewhat similar to my own Puerto Rican data and I was wondering whether Errol John might not be a good bet to do a play or a movie on the materials in my new book.

Cordially yours,

Oscar
Oscar Lewis

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Enclosure

Dean George Gerbner
The Annenberg School of Communications
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104

*Call - in date.
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Gene*

*① Call Jerry M - publicity & other, etc
② Shift to Tuesday?
Release? Porter - our own - send it to Jerry*

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January 14, 1966

Mr. Jerre Mangione
Chairman, Leon Lecture Series
Office of the Dean
116 College Hall
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104

Dear Mr. Mangione:

I am glad to confirm my acceptance of your kind invitation to participate in your Leon Lecture Series on March 1, 1966.

I will talk on "The Culture of Poverty" and will probably draw on my recent experiences in Puerto Rico and New York with some retrospective allusions to my earlier Mexican materials.

Please advise me of the exact hour and place for this lecture.

Sincerely yours,

Oscar Lewis

OL:gp

cc: Dean George Gerbner

January 31, 1966

Mr. Jarre Mangione
Chairman, Leon Lecture Series
Office of the Dean
116 College Hall

Dear Jarre:

Oscar Lewis will speak on "Field Methods in the Study of the Culture of Poverty" on the afternoon of his Leon lecture, March 1, at 3:00 p.m., in room 125 of The Annenberg School of Communications. This is part of the regular communications colloquium series which is open to all students, faculty, and their guests. I would appreciate the inclusion of this item in any publicity where it might be appropriate.

Sincerely yours,

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George Gerbner,
Dean

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January 31, 1966

Dr. Oscar Lewis
Department of Anthropology
University of Illinois
109 Davenport Hall
Urbana, Illinois 61803

Dear Oscar:

We found it best to schedule your colloquium on "Field Methods in the Study of the Culture of Poverty" on the afternoon of the same day as your Leon lecture. This will start at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1.

Please let us know when you expect to arrive and when you plan to leave so that we can make the necessary arrangements for your visit.

Sincerely yours,

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George Gerbner,
Dean

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February 23, 1966

AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY

Dear George:

I have delayed in replying to your last letter because I was trying to make some final plans for a short fieldwork stay in New York prior to my lecture in Philadelphia. It now looks as though I will be coming into Philadelphia by train on the morning of March 1, Tuesday. Can we have lunch together? Can I look forward to spending the evening with you and Ilona both before and after my evening lecture? If there is any change in plans on my side, I will phone you.

Cordially yours,


Oscar Lewis

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March 8, 1966

Dear George:

It was a great pleasure to see you and Ilona again. I wish that we could do more of it.

I enjoyed meeting with you and your colleagues but, in retrospect, I am afraid that I may have been too hard on Sol Worth's project. Had I known it in advance, I would have made every effort to avoid such a situation because I find that it upsets me.

I enclose my expense account and would appreciate getting a check for these expenses and for my honorarium. Also, would you mind returning the photograph that was sent to you for publicity purposes.

I am curious to know what reaction you had from my two talks. Many thanks for sending the tape which I have been listening to. Perhaps it will inspire me to do a systematic paper on field methods. Now that I've listened to what I said, it seems quite rambling and is certainly not ready for publication in its present form.

Please remember me to your colleagues and to your family.

Cordially yours,



Oscar Lewis

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Enclosure

Dean George Gerbner
The Annenberg School of Communications
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104

March 11, 1966

Dr. Oscar Lewis
Department of Anthropology
University of Illinois
Urbana, Illinois 61803

Dear Oscar:

Many thanks for your letter of March 8, 1966. I did not receive your airplane ticket stub, and will try to process your travel voucher without it, but it might help expedite matters if you would send me the stub. You should receive the honorarium check separately from the Leon Lecture Committee.

The reaction to your two talks has been splendid. Your photograph has not been returned from the newspaper, but we will try to get it back and send it to you. It was a pleasure to have you here, as always.

With best regards from Ilona too.

Sincerely yours,

CG:kaf

George Gerbner,
Dean

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by Dr. Gerbner.

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March 16, 1966

Dean George Gerbner
Annenberg School of Communications
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104

Dear Dean Gerbner:

Professor Lewis asked that I send you the enclosed airplane ticket stub to help expedite the processing of his travel expenses.

Sincerely,



(Mrs.) G. W. Pierce
Secretary to Professor Lewis

Enclosure

November 23, 1966

Dr. Oscar Lewis
Professor of Anthropology
University of Illinois
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Oscar:

It was exciting to hear about your forthcoming trip and all other developments. I think you should contact the Institute for Cultural Relations, Budapest V, Dorottya-U No.8 Hungary. They should be in the best position to make arrangements for your other contacts. You should ask them to put you in touch both with anthropology and folklore people, and people in publishing. In looking over my files on that, I find that I don't have the right contacts for you.

The best hotels in Budapest are The Royal and The Gellert. You have to make all arrangements through the State Travel Agency Ibusz, via your own travel agent.

Ilona and I wish you and Ruth a wonderful trip. Please keep us posted.
With best regards.

Sincerely,

GG:kaf

George Gerbner,
Dean