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Mr. Jerome Hill
c/o Algonquin Hotel
59 West 44th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Hill:

I should like to add to the bravos I know "The Sand Castle" received as a brilliant motion picture.

I approached the movie knowing nothing about you, your reputation or the film. I walked out thinking, and later dreamed about, integration, hope and wholeness.

I imposed my interpretation of the movie on many friends; what appeared to be poor acting on the part of the adult characters (monotone voices) was convincing imagery of the one dimension of people who are living in and through the collective. The boys honest attempt to "play" with the collective and when rejected works out his own fantasy; being in contact and using his anima (the little girl). The dream sequence clearly and most imaginatively depicted the opposites in man; the need to see them in everything. All the rooms and endless enchantments of the castle; the vast resources of the personal and collective unconscious. The boy reaching the top of the castle with the shell; the contact with his personal, unique, creative conscious, or what you will. When his mother comes for him and the tide comes in, the sand castle, fantasy, or "participation mystique" can go back to the sea, where it belongs. He now has made contact with his personal unconscious; he can put the sea shell in his pocket knowing he can always draw on it and make contact. The mother unable to look at the sand castle going back to the sea, being directed and moved only by the mass, because she cannot understand the meaning of a discovery of the personal unconscious, of its endless potential. She was almost tearful for the loss of the sand castle; I cried joyfully for the contact with his creative force.

I would like to know if you are working on any more films, and when they will be rereleased in New York.

I congratulate and thank you,

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Eileen Aubi Bonfiglio
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P.S. I am secretary to the Chairman of the Board of the above company. However I am not writing this letter in their behalf.



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