

Correspondence between Chris Challis and Cosmo and Jay Landesman 1981-88

Date	From	To	Comments
6/07/1981	Chris Challis	Cosmo Landesman	Enclosed 2 articles, one re Beat influences on British, one for men's magazine. New piece on Welch, 'The Ghost Roan Stallion' attached.
10/07/1981	Cosmo Landesman	Chris Challis	Importance of photographic material for planned book. Does not want group shots, but the sort shown in 'The Beat Diary' collection of Fred W. McDarragh. Obtaining permission will take time, so this should be done before text.
17/07/1981	Chris Challis	Cosmo Landesman	Makes various suggestions as sources for photos.
24/07/1981	Cosmo Landesman	Chris Challis	Further questions re photos. Robert Frank, 'Mademoiselle' Magazine.
28/07/1981	Chris Challis	Cosmo Landesman	Answers queries on Robert Frank & 'Mademoiselle'. Trip to US on 20 August to visit Carolyn.
24/08/1981	Cosmo Landesman	Chris Challis	Outline for text wanted before Jay's trip to Frankfurt in October.
Early 1981	Chris Challis	Cosmo Landesman	Enclosed suggested designs for book cover.
7/09/1981	Cosmo Landesman	Chris Challis	Wants outline before paying Chris advance.
10/09/1981	Chris Challis	Cosmo Landesman	Response to above.
Undated	Cosmo Landesman	Chris Challis	Handwritten compliment slip, Beat reviews were enclosed.

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14/04/1981	Chris Challis	Jay Landesman	Early approach, asks for meeting. Mention of Roger McGough & John Clellon Holmes, both of whom have referred Chris to Jay.
23/04/1981	Jay Landesman	Chris Challis	Agrees to meeting. Advance Information Sheet about 'Neurotica' enclosed.
30/04/1981	Chris Challis	Jay Landesman	Postcard from Knights, saying Jay bringing out compilation of their volumes. Asks if Gershon Leyman has lost his sight.
16/06/1981	Jay Landesman	Chris Challis	Postcard. Can Chris come to London soon.
24/06/1981	Jay Landesman	Chris Challis	Postcard. Thanks for material Chris sent, Bukowski piece. Has decided to abandon Knight book.
10/05/1982	Jay Landesman	Chris Challis	Comments on draft chapter Chris has submitted for book. Advance payment discussed.
11/05/1982	Chris Challis	Jay Landesman	Unhappy about payment arrangements proposed.
14/05/1982	Jay Landesman	Chris Challis	More detail on financial arrangements for Chris' contribution to 'The Beats & Their World'.
?/05/1982	Chris Challis	Jay Landesman	Encloses additional piece on the Hipster, requested by Jay.
24/05/1982	Jay Landesman	Chris Challis	More discussion of payment. Would like 2 more chapters from Chris to show to US publishers. Enclosed synopsis of proposed structure of book.

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1/12/1982	Jay Landesman	Chris Challis	Report on Kerouac festival at Boulder, Colorado. Abbie Hoffman, Michael McClure, Timothy Leary, Gregory Corso, Michiline, Solomon, Allen Ginsberg, Peter Orlovsky, John Holmes. Jay gave copy of his original MS of 'The Nervous Set' to Gershon Legman, copy of whose letter dated 1/09/1982 commenting on it, is attached. Proposes putting 'hold button' on book, because of difficulty agreeing financial arrangements. Enclosed review of 'Neurotica' from 'Over Here'.
Undated Reply to above	Chris Challis	Jay Landesman	Would like to keep project alive.
6/01/1983	Jay Landesman	Chris Challis	Encouragement to write more for book. Would like to develop it for stage or film. Piece by Knights for 'Palentir'.
17/01/1986	Chris Challis	Jay Landesman	Discusses his various writing projects, second draft of play, play set by grave of Jim Morrison, TV play 'The Stripper & The Poet'. Mention of Jack Trevor Story.
7/11/1988	Jay Landesman	Chris Challis	Requests Chris to write piece for new collection of most important pieces from 'Neurotica' for Michael Schwartz of Thunder's Head Press.
17/11/1988	Jay Landesman	Chris Challis	Thanks Chris for article he has submitted for 'Neurotica'.

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22/06/1981	Chris Challis	Cosmo & Jay Landesman	Encloses some representative articles of his material on Beats. Discussion of presentation of material in compilation volume of Knights.
Undated	Jay Landesman	Chris Challis	Thanks for 'Naropa letter'. Copy of flier for conference at Naropa on Kerouac, held July-August 1982, attached.
Undated	Ted Joans	Jay Landesman	Included here, as Jay has forwarded to Chris. Note written at Inter-Continental Hotel, Nairobi. Ref to Chris & his article in 'Moody Street Irregulars'. Also copy of article by Ted Joans from 'Coda', June 1981.