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Dear Henry,

Many thanks for your letter of February 4 and the invitation to the Henry Taylor Colloquium. I have written a personal letter to Henry, explaining why I cannot attend and saying how much I regret it.

~~Under separate cover, I am sending the two manuscripts for which you so kindly asked. I'd be grateful and glad for any comments and criticisms. Your judgment is ever so important to me. If I said something awful - or only a bit wrong - I want to know and correct it while it is still possible. Don't forget that I am quite isolated here and try desperately to keep "au fait".~~

It is said that we have to contend with the kind of people for whom George Mann serves as a prototype (apart from being a problem of his own). The "letter" you sent me is incredible by any usual standards. George wrote a very nasty letter to Circulation, with his usual misstatements, in response to my "Griffith Lecture" article published in 1973. Stead never had the courtesy to send me the letter before I saw it in print and it took him a year, after I pressed him, to publish my reply. Yes, - there are the Steads as well but I don't have to tell you of all people about "professional attitudes". As you know, I've had my share of vicious attacks in Europe, too! You are right that Jerry Stamler is a good example how one can weather these storms successfully but, to tell you a secret, you are not a bad example yourself!

All good wishes, as ever,

Yours cordially,

Fred.

Prof. Dr. F.H. Epstein