DORIS LESSING ARCHIVE

Provenance:
In 2008 Doris Lessing (DL) spoke to Professor Chris Bigsby, Professor of American Studies, and reminded him of the offer she had made some 10 years prior, of gifting her papers to the University of East Anglia. The papers were deposited in the Library Archives in March 2008.

The deposit comprised 32 randomly listed folders of correspondence, press-cuttings, printed ephemera, etc. The rest of the collection was in very rough chronological order.

The papers have now been sorted by correspondent. A number of series have also been introduced.

The Whitehorn Letters series was deposited separately but integrated as a series within the Doris Lessing Archive. See separate detailed description and guide.

Reference: DL


Extent: 30 archive boxes

Medium: Mixed, i.e. MS and typescript correspondence; postcards; press-cuttings; printed ephemera; photographs.

Related collections:
Other DL papers and manuscripts (1940-1999) have been deposited at the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center, University of Texas at Austin.

Description and arrangement:

13 series

CORRESPONDENCE
PRIZES, AWARDS
FESTIVALS, SEMINARS
WORKS BY DORIS LESSING
PRESS CUTTINGS
REVIEWS OF & CONTRIBUTIONS TO OTHER WRITERS' WORKS
TOURS & VISITS
PERSONAL
PHOTOGRAPHS
AFGHANISTAN
ZIMBABWE & SOUTHERN AFRICA
GENERAL SUBJECT FILES
WHITEHORN LETTERS
CORRESPONDENCE

16 boxes.

Correspondence A-Z
Invitations
Letters from readers
Proposals and requests

Correspondence A-Z
10 Downing Street, 1977, 1992, 1999 (decline of an OBE)
Abercorn, Sacha, Duchess of Abercorn, 1984 (re: psychology workshop)
Abolition 2000 UK, Frank Blackaby, 1997 (re: nuclear disarmament)
Academic Books, Harare, 1989 (re: request for a preface to Mothers of the Revolution, includes extracts from the book)
Achebe, Chinua, 1993
Actes Sud, 1998 (re: permissions)
Adair, Tom, Sunday Scotsman, 1997
Adams, Richard, 1985 (re: contributions to a poetry anthology)
Afghan Jihad Works Translation Centre, 1987
Africa Book Development Trust, Albert Mazula, 1999-2004
The Africa Centre, 2003 (re: Tsitsi Dangaremba)
African Skies Library Foundation, 1999
Aids Crisis Trust, 1989 (re: participation in a book illustrated by David Hockney)
Aitmatov, Chinghiz (Inostrannaya Literatura monthly), 1990
Akademie der Künste, 1983 (re: peace movement)
Aksan, Cihan, n.d. (thank you card)
Aldiss, Brian W. (author), 1985-2007
Alfred A. Knopf (publishers) see Gottlieb, Robert
Allan, Ted, 1993 (re: interviews for a television programme on Ted)
Allen, Jack [concerning] see Maasdorp, Gladys
Allen, Robert (journalist), 1985
Almaini, Claude, of Cortona, 1987 (re: Sufism)
American Civil Liberties Union of Tennessee (ACLU)
The American Scholar, 1998
American School in London, Trish Crowe, 1997
Am Oved Publishers (Israeli publishers), Yaron Sadan, 2004 (re: interview arrangements)
Anderson, Daphne (author), 1994-1998
Anderson, Lindsay, 1994 (memorial celebration leaflet)
Andrea Marks Public Relations, 1992
Andrew Nurnberg Associates (literary agents), 1990-2003
Angel Books, 1997-2004 (DL gives her view on the value of literary translation)
Ansari, Makai, 2003 (DL provides financial assistance)
The Anti-Apartheid Movement, Cathy Mason, 1975 (re: inappropriateness of the International Women's Year 1975)
Apfel, Steven, 1995 (DL explains why payment is not accepted for book recommendations)
Appignanesi, Lisa (writer, novelist, broadcaster) [2003], (typescript of interview)
Appleman, Jeff, of San Francisco (personal friend), 1990, 1998
Arcade Publishing, Sean McDonald, 1998
Archer, John Stafford, 1996 (re: biography of Nikki Archer, Headmistress of King Alfred School, Hampstead)
Arnold, Martin, Assistant Editor, The New York Times Magazine see Gottlieb, Robert
Artangel, 2007 (re: permission to use a recorded conversation DL had with Laurie Anderson)
Article 19, International Centre Against Censorship, 1996
Arts Council, 1991-1996
Arvon Foundation, Ted Hughes, David Pease, 1986-2004
Ashman, Tristan (journalist for Italian Marie Claire), 1996
Assembly Film & Television, 1995 (re: proposed films for television of DL’s Collected African Stories)
Association for Verbal Arts, 1984 (re: seeking DL’s patronage)
Association of Teachers of English, 1998
Associazione Goffredo de Banfield (old people’s association, Trieste), 1988
Astor, Lucy, 2004 (thanks DL for making presentation at the Encore Award)
Atasü, Erendiz (Turkish female writer), 1994
Austin, David (novelist), 1996-2002
Austin Mills, Judith, of Austin, Texas, 1988 (re: Flannery O’Connor)
Australian National University, Canberra, 1993 (re: application for visiting fellowship of Prof. Frank Shi-Jing Qu)
Authors’ Licensing & Collecting Society Ltd, 1997
Avsey, Ignat (author), 1997 (invitation to the ENO)
Axlrod, Mark, 1994 (re: anthology on world hunger)
Babu, Abdul Rahman Mohamed, 1996 (memorial)
Balfour, Sandy (crossword writer), n.d. (includes photocopied photograph of DL and Balfour)
Bamberidge, Richard (reader), 1997
Bannerman, J. H., 1996 (re: books for Zimbabwean schools; languages in Zimbabwe & Mozambique)
Barbican Centre, 2003
Barclay, Steven, Steven Barclay Agency, California, 1996 (encloses re-directed letter of invitation from Star in the Well speaker series)
Barikor Wiwa, Diana (sister-in-law of Ken Saro-Wiwa), 1996 (re: Nigerian politics)
Baring, Diana, Curtis Brown & John Farquharson, 1991 (re: the changing of literary agents)
Barker, Paul (opera writer), 2000
Barnes and Noble (booksellers) 1998-1999
Barnes, Anne, National Association for the Teaching of English, 1993
Bates, Brian, University of Sussex, 1983 (re: The Way of Wyrd)
BBC Midlands, 1991
BBC North, 1996
BBC Radio, 1990-2007
BBC Radio 3, 2003 (documentary on a book by Ibn Tufayl)
BBC Radio 4 Book Club, 2001
BBC South, 1992-1993
BBC Wales, 1981 (re: interview)
Beam, Jeffery, 1996 (re: Beam’s writings; DL’s Love, Again)
Beck, Antony R., University of Liverpool (re: DL’s objection to a political & social book about Zimbabwe, as described in her novels)
Beeson Wiwa, Jim, (father of Ken Saro-Wiwa), 1996
Bennink, Liesbeth, 1996 (re: evil; request for DL’s help etc.; “maniacs”)
Benson, Joan (former colleague from the Old Salisbury Telephone Exchange), 1987
Benton, Suzanne, 1999
Bergh, Karin, 2000 (personal card)
Berger, John (art critic and novelist), 1984
Bergman, Ingmar (film director), 1974 (re: Memoirs of a Descent into Hell)
Berliner Productions, Janet Berliner, 1998 (publication of a volume of mother-daughter fiction)
Berman, Jessica (reader), 1998 (re: violence against women)
Bertelsen, Eve see Gray, Stephen
Bertram Rota Ltd Booksellers, 1998-2000 (re: DL’s archive)
Besford, John, 2001 (congratulates DL on Prince of Asturias Prize in literature)
Big Issue, Tina Jackson, 1999
Bigsby, Chris, 2000 [Two letters by DL deposited by Bigsby] (DL writes of her will, papers, diaries and her bequest to UEA, letter dated 30/3/00; attached to an undated letter to Bigsby is a copy of her acceptance speech given in Barcelona wherein she refers to the Spanish Civil War).
Binding, Tim, Picador and Pan imprints, 1982 (re: publishing of Idries Shah’s books)
Birkbeck College, Laurel Brake, 1994 (re: invitation for DL to visit)
Birt, Michael (portrait photographer), 2007
Blackman, Martin (bookseller), 2004
Blandy, Evanthe, 1996 (re: reading of Dear Next Prime Minister; Dear Mrs Thatcher)
Bloodaxe Books, 1986, 1990 (re: Irina Ratushinskaya - poet imprisoned in a Soviet labour camp; Dear Next Prime Minister; Dear Mrs Thatcher)
Bluecoat Arts Centre, 1991
Bob Callahan Studios, Berkeley, Calif., 1996-1999 (re: graphic novels)
Böhlike, Rainer (reader), 1993 (wishes to name DL as his sole heir)
Bokföraget Forum, (Swedish publishers), Annelie Eldh, 1998-2003
Boi Ltd, Honor Wilson-Fletcher, 2000 (re: music preferences)
Boiger, Kellie (scholar), 1998 (re: Martha Quest)
Bolt, Bob, 1978 (congratulates DL on Memoirs of a Survivor)
Bond, Jilly, 1999 (re: reading of Mara and Dann for ISIS Audio-Books)
Book Aid International, 1998-2004 (favourite African books)
Book-of-the-Month Club, New York, 2000
Book Power, 2006
Book Tokens Ltd, 1997
Bookbinder, Svetlana (former Russian teacher. Nicknamed by DL as Fassbinder. Bookbinder later changed surname to Carsten. The single letter from DL, dated 19/10/1984 was deposited by Carsten who also supplied an explanatory letter, 13/7/2018. DL’s letter mentions her submission of the manuscript The Terrorist to her publisher on the same day of the Brighton hotel bombing, coincidentally the book also featured a bombed hotel; [Simon] Cosgrove; and that she continues to have fun with [her pseudonym] Jane Somers).
Boothe, John, Harper Collins, 1991 (re: the effects of promotions on authors; Jeremy Gavron’s The Last Elephant)
Borg, James M., 1997 (re: biography of Jack Lindsay)
Borovsky, Vitya, 1983 (re: publication of Chaliapin biography)
Bourne, Nina see Gottlieb, Robert
Boyd, William (author), 2007 (re: Chicken and Eggs)
Brandt, Willy, Chairman, Social Democratic Party of Germany, 1985 (re: invitation to a cultural festival)
Braunstein, Jenny, of Zimbabwe, 1993-1998 (personal letters)
Brinson, Peter, 1982 (re: research by John Bannerman into Portuguese influences in Africa)
British Academy, 1999 (exchange agreement with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences)
British Association for Social Psychiatry, 1971
British Council, Diana Millington, Margaret Mayer, 1990-2004
British Defence and Aid Fund for Southern Africa, 1989-1990 (DL resigns and criticises Winnie Mandela and the ANC)
British Library, 1994-2007 (re: Shadows on the Wall of the Cave; library charges)
British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV)
Broadview Press, Calgary, 1998
Brody, Hugh, 1984-1986 (re: Nineteen Nineteen; The Viper; trip to the Arctic)
Brophy, Michael, Charities Aid Foundation, 1995
Brown, Boswell, 1994 (re: thank you letter for books sent to Zimbabwe)
Brueck, Eric, 1982-1983 (re: bibliography of DL’s writings)
Buckley, Betty, 2001 (re: musical of Love, Again)
Buckoke, Andrew (novelist), 1998
Budiriro Trust, 2000 (invitation to DL to give a speech, to which DL declines)
Bulawayo Public Library, 1989 (re: book donations)
Burkeman, Brie, 2000 see also Jonathan Clowes Ltd
Burns, Cathy, 2007 (re: DL's writings while in Southern Rhodesia (Zimbabwe)
Burns, Kate (reader), 1992 (re: The Fifth Child)
Burroway, Janet (novelist), 1995
Butler, Jon, 2004 (re: wording on a dust-jacket and mentions Nicholas Rankin)
Cambridge Female Education Trust, 1993
Camden History Society, 1992
CamFed (Cambridge Female Education Trust), 1995-1998
Campbell, Edward, 1991 (re: virgins)
Canadian Broadcasting Company, 1994-1995 (re: publication of Writers & Company by Eleanor Wachtel; an interview with DL)
Canongate Books Limited, 1997-1999
Caprice Holdings Group (restaurant group), 1998
Carlson, Keri, 1988 (re: book donation to Gwent)
Carpenter, Charles A., 1998 (DL's play Each His Own Wilderness)
Carrefour des Littératures, 1994 (re: international Parliament of Writers)
Carty, Ciaran, Sunday Tribune, 1995 (re: Request for DL to judge the Hennessy Literary awards in Ireland)
Carver, Raymond, 1985 (re: a party for Raymond Carver)
Cattell, Alan, 1975 (re: the selecting of DL's stories for a published collection)
CBC Radio, 1992
Centre for Contemporary Arts, Glasgow, 1996-1997
Centre of Commonwealth Studies, University of Stirling, 1992
Chamberlin, I.R., of Vermont, 1998 (re: protest against sending authors on book tours)
Chambers, Colin, RSC Barbican Theatre, 1986 (re: the Unity Theatre)
Charity Commission, J.C. Hobson, 1987 (re: criminal activities concerning a charity)
Charter 88 (an organisation for constitutional change and reform), 1993-1997
Chen, Caiyn (translator), 1999
Chen, Dong Feng, Qiqihar Teacher's College, China, 1995 (requests copies of DL’s books)
Chenneviere, Ives Mabin, 1996 (personal letters)
Cheriton, Jason, 1998 (re: an anthology for charity, using Romance 88 and A Road to the Big City)
Chertkow, Joseph, 1999 (re: filming Out of the Fountain)
Cherwell, Oxford University Newspaper, 1995
Chesterman, Simon, Magdalen College, Oxford, 1999 (thanks DL for an evening at the theatre)
Chicago State University, 1999
Chinodya, Shimmer (Zimbabwean author), 1989-1995 (includes references and cv's)
Chisholm, Anne, 1998 (interview request for P.E.N.)
Christianes, Dirk, 1994 (re: interview for literary programme: Ziggurat/Wieschrijft blijft, Belgian-Flemish Television)
C.G. Jung Foundation, 1992
City and County of Swansea, 1997
City University London, 2003
Clark, Ronald. W, 1974 (re: Bertrand Russell biography; and Canon Collins)
Clarke, Arthur C., (author), 1990
Clarke, Becky Ayebia (Ghanaian author), 2004 (re: The Cry of Winnie Mandela)
Clarke, Louise, Royal College of Art, [2000?] (thank you note)
Clau, Dr Volkmar (Theatre Director), 1990-1996
Clowes, Jonathan (literary agent) see Jonathan Clowes Ltd
Club Italiano di Londra, 1990
Cohen, Mitchell, Dissent Magazine, 1995, (request for DL to write an article on minority groups in Southern Africa)
Cohn, Frederick G., 1986 (re: DL accused of anti-semitism)
Columbia University, George Rupp, 1995-1997 (re: degree of Doctor of Humane Letters)
Cook, Christopher, 1999 (thanks DL for talking to the ‘World Service’) 
Cooke, Miriam, Duke University, 1990 (re: political correctness)
Cooper, Susan, of the U.S., 1992 (personal letter)
Copoulos, John, 1987 (re: homosexuality in DL’s books and in the US)
Cowen, Gina, 1997 (postcard)
Cowper, John, 2001-2003 (re: Zimbabwe during the 1950s to 1980s)
Cox, Brian, Prof, 1998 (re: ‘Literacy is not Enough’)
Cranefield, Paul, Rockefeller University, 1992 (re: Zimbabwe)
Crichton Stuart, Elly, 2003 (requests a contribution for her book Celebrating Children)
Crisis (organisation for homeless people), 1988
Cripps, Alan, 1997-2000 (re: his fathers involvement in the 1963 “Profumo affair”)
Croyden, Margaret (author; personal friend), 1987-2004
Culik, Alma Tomasi, 2001 (re: DL’s place of birth in Iran)
Cyril Connolly Fund, 1975 (DL contributes to the late editor’s fund)
Daily Telegraph, 1997-2000
Dallas Museum of Art, Kay Cattarulla, 1996 (request for DL to speak)
Dangarembga, Tsitsi (author), 1990-1992, 2003 see also The Africa Centre
Davidson, G.C., Dr, Natural Chemotherapeutics Research Laboratory, Kampala, 1972 (re: medicinal plants)
Davies, Hunter, see Maschler, Tom (re: Booker Prize)
Davies, Paul, of Harare, 1997 (re: his visit to Rwanda and Kenya)
Davis, Aubrey, 1994-1996 (re: fundraising event for ISHK – Institute for the Study of Human Knowledge)
Davis, Philip and Jane, University of Liverpool, 1983-1984, 1992-2001 see also De Lanarolle, Ros
Davis, Ralph, of London, 1998 (personal letters)
De Lanarolle, Ros, Open Letters (publishers), 1991 see also Jane Davis
Delavigne, Ronald [concerning], 1982 (re: promotion of this artist’s work)
Dema, Peter, 2003 (re: the death of Jane)
Deng, Wei, 1991 (re: photographing DL)
Dennis, Judy, 2004 (re: filming Out of the Fountain)
De Paul University, Harry Silverstein, 2000-2001 (re: production of Marriages with Philip Glass)
Deutschland Radio, Berlin, 1994 (re: interview)
Dhadli, Savinder Kaur, 1995, (requests DL to help her with writing her book)
Di Renzo, Sante [Italian Publishing House], 1997
Diggle, Andy (student) 1993 (re: the comic strip and graphic novel)
Diski, Jenny (novelist & former lodger of DL, 1986, 1992-2002; includes DL’s comments on Diski’s first novel; includes press cuttings)
Diski, Chloe (daughter of Jenny Diski), 1992-1998
Djanogly, Carolyn (portrait photographer), 1998
Dollins, Peter, 2002-2003 (re: helping a kidnapped musician friend)
Dominica, Sister, 1993-2000 (writing from the US, formerly from Zimbabwe)
Dorgen, Theo (Irish writer), 2004
Dowrick, Stephanie (novelist), 1984 (discusses Dowrick’s novels)
Drabble, Margaret (novelist), 1982-1984, 1990-2007
Duncan, Kate, 2002 (personal letter)
Duni, Michael T., Suffield High School, 1996 (re: children’s comments on DL’s work; DL’s lack of a word-processor)
Duoda, Centre de Recerca de Dones, Universitat de Barcelona, 1998
Duponchelle, Valérie, Service Culture, 1998
Dutton, Geoffrey (writer), 1991 (mentions his book on Havelock Ellis in Australia)
Dwyer, Molly see Home Office
Eckerberg, Kennart, Swedish Ambassador in London, 1994 (re: invitation to dine with Ingmar Björkstén)
Eddington, Patrick, 2000 (DL contributes to About Cats)
Edelstein, Jillian (photographer), 1992 (thanks DL for photo shoot)
Editions de L’Herne, Laurence Tacou, 2004 (re: management of and contributions to this publication)
Editorial Kairós, 1998 (re: publication of Ramsay Wood’s Kalila and Dimna)
Eleftherotypia (Greek newspaper), Ioanna Niaoti, 1999 (re: interview)
Elizabeth II, Queen of England, 1988-2003 (invitations to receptions)
Elliot, Jason (author), 1994-2003 (personal letters)
Endangered Language Fund, 1999
English Heritage, 1987 (re: the Kenwood Café)
English Literature Society, University College Cork, 1994
English National Opera, 1993-1998 (re: ENO sharing buildings with the Royal Opera and Royal Ballet)
El Espectador (Colombian newspaper; interview request)
The Erotic Review, 2003 (background on this journal; DL is asked for a submission)
Equal Opportunities Commission, 2004
E-TV Productions, 2001 (re: German TV programme on personalities)
Europe Guardian, 1991 (re: special publication on the future of science; DL submit’s a piece)
European Business News, 1996 (re: invitation to interview DL on comic strip writing)
European Writers’ Congress, 1997
Eve, Matthew (reader), 1992 (re: The Golden Notebooks)
Everett, William, of Port Isabel, Texas, 1998-1999 (re: effects of music on cognitive function; permission to read The Tunnel on radio)
Exton, Clive, 1992, 1998 (invitation to a party for Ted Kotcheff)
Eyre, Richard, Sir, 1995-1998 (re: The National Theatre)
Fahrni, Peter, El-e-phant Books, 1993 (re: a guide to contemporary world literature & DL’s favourites)
Fainlight, Ruth (writer & poet), [199-?] (includes a poem entitled Maenad)
Fairleigh Dickinson University, New Jersey, 1995 (invitation to a lecture)
Fanucci Editore, (DL’s publisher’s of Mara and Dann), 2003-2004
Farrell, Warren, (author) 2002 (personal letter)
Farrington, Pat, 2001 (contributions for Constant Aliens: British Writers with an African Childhood)
Feaver & Digney Productions, William Feaver & Judith Digney, 1998-1999 (re: DL’s participation in the Mind’s Eye discussion series at the Tate Gallery)
Federation of Ogoni Women Association (FOWA), 1997
Feed the Minds, Richard Fernandez, 1995 (DL is asked to name some literature which gave her pleasure)
Fellborn, Claes (Swedish film director & composer), 1997 (Fellborn would like to meet DL again)
The Feminist Press, 2000
Ferrard, David, Oxford University student, 1999 (re: interview request)
Field, Michele, 1994 (re: interviews and photographs)
Fillingham, Marie (re: teaching of literature)
Films du 20ème, 17 (re: filming of The Diary of a Good Neighbour)
Financial Times, 1997-1999
Fine Cell Work, 2000 (re: embroidery for prisons)
First Circle Films Ltd, Julie Newing, 1997 (re: BBC documentary on people who travelled to
Soviet Russia, Hitler's Germany and Mussolini's Italy)
Fletcher, Constance (reader), 1998 (includes a cover of the paperback Going Home)
Flint, L. K., of Harrogate, 1997 (re: DL's article in The Times on help for cultural organisations
and the problem of social benefits)
Florence, Peter, Director of the London Festival of Literature, 1998-2004
Folio Society, 1999 (re: books of the century)
Foreign and Commonwealth Office, 2000 (request for DL to meet Indian journalist
Padmanabhan)
Forsyth, Malcolm, 1987 (re: permissions to use poems from Briefing for a Descent into Hell
for a song cycle)
Foss, Catherine Stapleton, 1991 (re: death of Harlan Foss & death of Candy Jernigan, Philip
Glass' wife)
Foss, Harlan (operatic baritone), 1988
Fox, Robin, Rutgers University, New Jersey, 1988 (includes paper: Consciousness out of
Context, Evolution, History, Progress and the Post-Post Industrial Society)
Fox-Pitt, Thomas Stanley Lane ([concerning] this civil rights leader in Southern Africa, 1897-)
n.d.
Fradkin, Betty see McGinnis, Betty Tetlow
France Culture, (French radio programme), 2004 (re: interview request)
Frankfurter Rundschau (German newspaper), 2004 (re: interview arrangements)
Frassanito, John, 1989, 1998 (re: Lunar/Mars exploration)
Freie Akademie der Kunste (Academy of Liberal Arts) Leipzig, 1994
Freire, Carlos, (French photographer) 1994-2000
Friends of Camden Family Service Unit, 1996
Friends of English National Opera, 1992
Friends of the Gawett Library, 1989-1990
Friends of Hampstead Cemetry, 1997
Friends of the Heath Library, 1995-1998
Friends of West Hampstead Library, 1998
Frigola, Marisa, of Gerona, Spain, 1997 (re: news of the death of Idries Shah)
Frogner, Ingerid Reykdal (reader from Norway), 1996 (includes a photo of her great-
grandmother who resembles DL)
Fuller, David, (publisher), 1996?
Furgen, Fridolin, 1999 (re: interview request)
Gallagher, Tess, 1989 (re: the death of Ray, friend and writer)
Gallery Delta, Derek Huggins, 1997 (re: payment to this Zimbabwean art gallery, and news
within Zimbabwe)
Galway Arts Centre, Michael Diskin; Philip Gay, Gerard Ward, 1994-1997
Gatterburg, Gail, of Vienna, 1985-2003 (personal letters)
Gatti, Grazia (Italian translator), 1992-1993
Gazzaniga, Marin, 1997 (DL declines to contribute to Garden Variety)
Gee, Maggie (author), 1998-2000
Gekoski, Rick (book dealer), n.d. (re: DL's manuscripts)
Gentry, Scott W., Oregon State Refugee Programme, 1992 (fan letter)
German Press Agency (DPA), 2004 (re: interview arrangements)
German Television ARD, 1994 (re: interview request)
Gerson, Mark (photographer), 1996 (re: exhibition featuring DL)
Gheeraert, Helen, 2004 (permission for performance rights to the play The Singing Door)
Godwin, Fay (artist), 1985, 1998-2003 (re: permission to publish a portrait of DL)
Goff, Martyn (novelist), 1995-2003 (requests DL to judge a book prize; Goff's 80th birthday)
Golding, Dr Gillian, 1988 (re: the moral outlook of George Eliot)
Goldman, Rowena (television producer & scriptwriter), 1998 (letter of introduction)
Goldstein, Sydney, 1985, 1990-2003 (re: grant for City Arts and Lectures, San Francisco; personal correspondence)
Goodwin, Brian, 1998 (requests DL to visit and talk at Schumacher College, Devon)
Gordimer, Nadine, 1982 (re: Frankfurt Book Fair see also Sachs, Bernard
Göteborgs-Posten (daily Swedish newspaper), Karin Widegård, 2004 (re: interview)
Gottlieb, Robert (Bob), New Yorker & Knopf, 1983-1995 (re: promotions in the US, and of the Representative; Professor Majruh; New York Times Magazine; Tom Maschler’s wedding; The Art of Editing by Gottlieb, etc.)
Graham, John (copy-editor), 2004 (re: copy-editing as a profession)
Granada Publishing Limited, 1984 (re: takeover by William Collins; re-publication of books)
Grange, Anne (reader), 2000 (re: How I Finally Lost my Heart)
Grant, Linda (winner of the Orange Prize), 2000 (Grant thanks DL for influencing her writing career)
Grant, Omar Ghazali, (artist in Australia), 2003
Granta Books, 1998
Gray, Billy, 2002 (arranges an interview on the aesthetics of ageing)
Gray, Stephen, University of Cape Town, 1983-2004, also Eve Bertelsen (re: Southern African writers)
The Great Britain – China Centre, Graham Greene, 1996
Greater London Council (GLC), 1984 (re: cuts in the Arts, and the government's reply)
Green Integer (publishers), 2000-2002
Green, Meg, 1992-1999 (personal letters)
Green, Toby, 2001 (re: Meeting the Invisible Man)
Greene, Gayle, 1992 see also Drabble, Margaret
Gross, Miriam, [2001?] (re: verses The Wolf People)
Grove, Valerie (author) 2001 (congratulates DL on her writing)
Gün, Güneli, 1985 (re: the presence or absence of a “Sufi current” within Gün’s book)
Gunn, Grazia, and Ian Donaldson, 1995 (change of address)
Gurr, Andrew see Paul Schlueter
Gyldendal Norsk Forlag (Norwegian publishers), 1996-2000
Gzowski, Alison, 1997-1998 (interview arrangements for the programme Hot Type on Canadian Newsworld Channel)
Ha’aretz Daily Newspaper Ltd, 1997 (re: interviews)
Haddad, Garbis, Librairies Antoine, Beirut, 1995 (requests DL to attend French book fair in Beirut)
Hagman, Barbara (art teacher), 1990 (friendship request)
Hall, Edward T. (anthropologist), 1992-1995 (re: the publishing of Hall’s books and general matters)
Hanford, Jan, 1995-2007, (re: managing DL’s website; colonoscopy, etc.)
Hansen, Jorgen Christian, (Danish novelist) 1983 (manuscript of interview with DL)
Hand in Hand International, Keir [--?], 1996 (arrangements for a visit; DL also has Nigerian refugees staying with her)
Hargreaves, Charles (reader), 1991 (re: The Good Terrorist; and squats in London)
Harker, Ben (biographer), 2003 (re: Ewan MacColl)
Harmon, James (DL is asked for a contribution to: Take My Advice – advice for young people)
Harper Perennial, 2007
Harr, Philippa, 2004 (personal letter)
Harriott, Esther, of New York, 1992 (interview request for a book on writers over 70)
Harvard Club of New York City, 1998
Harvard University, 1996-2003
Hastie, Tom, 2000 (re: quotations)
Hatano, Masami (Japanese translator), Aichi-Gakuin Junior College, 1996-2000 (personal correspondence)
Hattersley, Roy, 1999-2000 (re: dinner invitation for Shelter)
Hawkins, Cynthia, of Cheltenham, 1997 (re: feelings for cats; offer to host DL at the Cheltenham Literary Festival)
Hayes Dixon Solicitors, 1997 (re: address)
Healey, R.M., 2003 (Cost of Letters survey)
Hearne, Christiane, 1985 (re: script for a novel on old age)
Heather Newham Associates, 1997 (re: National libraries week)
Heilpern, John (biographer of John Osborne), 1998
Helmington Sanomat (Finnish newspaper), Kristiina Markkanen, 1999 (re: interview)
Hennessy, David, Lord Windlesham 1998, (DL thanks Lord Windlesham for an afternoon at Brazenose looking at old books with her daughter and granddaughter)
Henrietta Barnet School, 2004 (DL is asked to give a talk)
Hesperus Press, 2003
H. H. Saudi Research & Marketing (UK) Ltd, 1997 (re: interviews)
Highgate School, London, 1992
Hinton, Nigel (novelist), 1998-2002
Hoffman und Campe (publishers), 1991-2007
Hollander, Paul, 1997-2003 (academic review of 'Under My Skin'; political pilgrimages)
Holman, Heather (née Hagart; friend of DL’s father), 1992
Holmebakk, Gordon, (of Norway), 1996-1997 (re: invitation to the Molde Literary Festival)
Holmes, Andrew, Holmes Associates (re: cv for the filming of Children of Violence)
Holroyd, Michael (author), 1997-2000 (personal correspondence)
Home Office, 1982-1990 (re: Molly Dwyer’s visa; reference for Dr Drago Stambuk)
Hove, Antony, 1996 (re: The Golden Notebook; Jack Lindsay, Communist Party)
Hove, Pamela, 1994 (re: 1930s comic strip, Pip, Squeak, and Wilfred)
Horkić, Marina (Croation translator), 1998
Hornby, Simon, Chairman, W.H. Smith Group PLC, 1989
Houghton Mifflin, Pat Strachan, 1998
Howe, Florence (American author), 2004 (re: interview)
Hudson Film Works, [1991?] (thanks DL for being interviewed for the film on Partisan Review)
Hughes, Cleta (teacher), 1995 (re: The Antheap)
Hughes, Dusty, Writers Against Apartheid, 1986
Hughes, Olwyn, 1988 (re: DL’s feelings about Sylvia Plath)
Hull, Andrea, Victorian College of the Arts, 2000 (thank you card)
Human Nature, Elizabeth Hall, 1977 (re: article by DL on biological rhythms)
Humanist (Dutch magazine), 2001 (request for an interview)
Jones, Mervyn, 1987-1997 (re: Afghanistan; the death of his wife Jeanne; DL’s book Under My Skin)
Jong, Erica (author) [1994?], (re: Fear of Fifty)
Jornal do Brasil, Helena Caroni, 1996
Judy Daish Associates Ltd, 1989 (re: Nicholas Wright)
Kavanagh, Patrick (columnist), The Spectator, 1988 (re: the little people)
Kellerman, Dr Henryk, 1989 (re: Doris Lessing Newsletter)
Kerr, Amy, 1998-2002
Kestenberg, Dr. Henry, 1987 (re: My Skin; politics in literature)
Kibby, Mandy see Harper Collins Publishers
Kirkwood-Lyle, Robert Anthony (reader), 1997 (re: Shikasta)
Klabunde, Anja, 2001 (re: documentary for French and German television)
Klein, Carole (DL’s unofficial biographer), 2000
Knapp, Mona (researcher), 1982-1983 (biographical details for a monograph on DL)
Knight, Mary (reader), 1996 (in praise of DL’s writing)
Knott, Jacqui, UNICEF?, 1997 (thank you card for a meeting with DL)
Kochman, Wendy, 1995 (asks DL to visit Sligo, Ireland for a book festival)
Kocib, Vera, 1990-1995 (re: personal life & publishing industry in Czechoslovakia)
Kollek, Teddy, Mayor, Jerusalem, 1992 (re: Jerusalem International Book Fair)
Koralnik, Nathalie, Le Chant de la Licorne, 1991 (re: Sufism & the occult)
Kramer-Plokker, Elizabeth, 1985 (re: Jane Somers)
Krenak, Vera, 1990
Krenk, Teddy, 2001 (re: DL's recommendation of him for the New York Public Library Fellowship)
Kvamme, Kari, 1997 (re: donation of books from Norway to Zimbabwe)
Kwanten, Luc, Big-Apple Tuttle-Mori Agency, 1998
Lachance, Paulette (reader), 1992 (in praise of DL’s writing)
Ladies’ Home Journal, 1999 (interview request)
The Lady, Lindsay Fulcher, 1996 (interview request)
Lannan Foundation, 1994 (re: nomination of Beryl Bainbridge for 1995 award)
Lanning, Meryl, University of Nebraska, 1983 (re: books set in Africa by Alyse Simpson and Hilda Richards, Africana)
Lantz, Robert (literary agent), 1991
La Repubblica (Milan newspaper), 2007 (interview request)
Latz, Anna (reviewer in Germany), 1997-2004
Launceston College, Cornwall, 2000
Lauritzen, Monica (Mannheimer), Sveriges Radio, Sweden, 1994 (re: interview request)
Lawrence, Shireen, 1989-2001 (personal letters and a personality reference)
Lawson, Dominic, The Spectator, 1991
Lawson, JonArno, 1996 (sends poetry to DL)
Lease, Paddy, of Caerleon, Wales, 1998 (personal letter)
Leeds University Library, 1990 (re: the Liddle Collection of WWI archive materials)
Legendary Women / Femme Mythiques, 1997
Le Guin, Ursula K. (author), 2004 (Paradoxa journal honours Le Guin)
Leighton, Bob (reader), 2000 (in praise of DL’s autobiographies; mentions Lord Russell)
Leo Baeck Institute, 1990 (re: appeal for funds)
Leonard, Hugh (Jack) (playwright), 1999 (reminds DL of their first meeting and discussion of their personal earnings)
Lessing, Charlotte (no relation), 2000 (congratulates DL on her award)
Levin, Michael (author), 1998 (re: to earlier friendship with DL)
Levitan, Esther, n.d. (remembering DL from Cape Town in the 1940s)
Levy, Barbara (literary agent), 1986 (re: publishing of Jerry Donne’s writings)
Levy, Hyman (Hymie) [concerning], 1987 (DL provides notes on Hymie for a Labour biography)
Library of World Literature, 2002-2004 (re: Pride and Prejudice)
Lichtpunt, 1998 (re: interview with Piet Piryns for Flemish Television)
Lidchi, Maggi (novelist), 1999
Lifelines, 2003, Matthew Lewin (DL is asked to give a talk)
Linde, Paul (psychiatrist and author), 2000 (asks for a recommendation for his book set in the Psychiatric Unit of a Zimbabwean hospital)
Ling, Margaret, 1997 (re: Zimbabwe International Book Fair)
Li, Qingqing, 2000 (re: interview request for China Central Television)
Listen Entertainment Ltd, 2000 (request for DL to contribute)
Lister, Lynn, 1994 (re: race relations in New Zealand; & African Laughter)
Literary Consultancy, Becky [---?], 1996 (re: copy-editor for DL)
Little, Brown, Lennie Goodings, 1999 (DL provides a quote for a book on the Gulag)
Loder, Robert, 1996 (re: showing of a collection of pictures on South Africa)
Lodge, David (author), 2001 (congratulates DL on winning the British Literature Prize)
London’s Living Library 1997-2001 (promoting public libraries)
Lord, Anita (reader), 2001 (re: living with black servants in the film Chocolat)
Lord, Sarah, 2000 (re: publishing and education in Zimbabwe)
Lubbock Fine, Chartered Accountants, 2004 (meeting arrangements)
Macedo, Helder, 1975-2004 (re: the writing with DL of the musical Dom Pedro)
Macmillan General Books, Tanya Stobbs, 1997
Macmillan Press Ltd, Margaret Bartley (re: Women Writers series)
MacPherson, Myra (author), 1998 (asks DL to comment on a manuscript on death and dying)
Maddocks, Fiona, BBC Music Magazine, n.d. (re: publishing of an opera piece)
Magarey, Kevin, University of Adelaide, 1984 (re: permissions, and DL’s books set in Zimbabwe)
Maggs, Brian (English teacher) 1995, 2005 (personal letters; Sufism; culture-bound English)
Mahassini, Sama Z. el, of Syria, 1988, 1999 (re: article on DL)
Maistde & the Weald Constituency Labour Party, 1997
Mail on Sunday, 2001 (re: interview)
Malekin, Peter (author), 1994 (describes living in Sweden; and a project for a book on rethinking the West)
Manches Solicitors, 1999
Manguel, Alberto (writer, translator, editor), 1997-2007 (personal letters; comments on the
Cleft; Argentina; French politics etc.)
Manhattan College, 1999 (request for DL to speak)
Marie Claire, 2001 (article on conflict between what we are and what we would like to be)
Marlow, Pamela, 2001 (thanks DL for allowing Oliver and friends to stay in his flat)
Martin Bates, Pat (female artist), 2001 (personal letters; biographical details)
Martin, Keith, of Harare, 1999 (refers to family members who were contemporaries of DL in
Zimbabwe)
Maschler, Alice, 1996-1997 (fundraiser for Puppet Theatre Charity ‘Rise Phoenix’; Clark
Television Production)
promotional tours, inefficiencies, etc.) see also Gottlieb, Robert
Maslen, Elizabeth, University of London, 1993-2000 (re: Sufism)
Mathew, David, Interzone Magazine, 1999
Mathieson, Anna, 1997 (the representation of London through contemporary literature)
Matter (anthology), Em Brett, 2004
DL suggests Margaret Drabble’s daughter for advice)
Mayer, Mary, 2000 (re: domain name for DL’s website)
Mayers, Mary (Russian translator), 2003 (DL looks for works for Mary to translate)
Mayhew Animal Home, 1999-2003 (DL is a supporter)
Maynard School, Exeter, 2000 (re: The Little Book of Advice)
McComack, Bill, 2000 (Bill requests DL to launch an anthology he has edited. She declines)
McComb, Leonard (portrait artist), 1998-1999
McCormack, Bill, 2000 (invitation to a book launch; DL declines)
McDonagh, Alanna, 1998 (re: DL’s birth time of 6:30)
McDonald, Mike, 2001 (memorial service details)
McDonald, Pat, 2000 (personal correspondence)
McDonald, Sean, 1996 (re: his Vegas wedding organised by journalist Tahir Shah)
McKenna, Patrick, 1998 (re: Zimbabwe) see also Movement for Democratic Change
McLoughlin, Matthew, of Maidstone, Kent, 1998 (re: getting in touch with Anthony Chennells)
McVeagh, Diana (DL’s cousin), 1983-2007
McNamara, Katherine, Archipelago journal, 1997 (DL is asked to contribute on the website)
Meade, Dorothy, 1994 (re: contributions from DL for an Underground Anthology of London)
Mears, Ava Jean, Houston Grand Opera, 1995 (re: DL’s involvement with the opera; a
biography and bibliography of DL)
Medwin, Michael, Memorial Films Ltd, 1978 (re: Liv Ullman starring in a film based on DL’s
novel)
Melly, Diana, n.d. (personal note)
Mendoza, June (portrait painter), 1996 (personal note)
Mengu, Mbulelo, of Cape Town, 2002 (DL helps financially with his education)
Meyer, Stephan, 2000 (interview request)
Meyers-Belkin, Eve, 2004 (thanks DL for giving a talk to a [girls’ school])
Middle East Technical University, Unal Norman, 1995 (re: seminar)
Millenium Committee of New York, 1998
Miller, Paula, 1996 (re: corrections for “Dialogue”)
MIND Mental Health Charity, 1995-1996
Mitchell, Julian, 1996 (re: Argentinian Martin Copetari)
Mitchison, Naomi, 1972, 1985, 1994 (re: biographical note; trip to USSR in 1951/1952?)
Mizoguchi, Akiko (Japanese journalist/lecturer), 1993-1998 (re: interviews with DL;
rootlessness of ex-patriots)
Modern Language Association of America, 1997-2003 (DL declines to contribute to a journal)
Moglen, Seth, Oxford University, 1987 (re: origins of the New Left)
Le Monde, 2001
Montague, John (author of Time in Armagh), 1994
Mooney, Bel, 2000 (DL provides a quote on art)
Moore, Alexandra (radio listener), 1999 (comments on Looking Back on Radio 3; and DL’s remarks on feminists)
Moorhead, Hugh S., 1993 (re: a quote from DL for The Meaning of Life)
Moorehead, Caroline, 1990 (re: Bertrand Russell biography)
Morath, Inge, 1984 (re: Arthur Miller)
Morgan, Annie, 1980 (re: possible biographer)
Morgan, Jeffrey (portrait painter), 1998
Morrison, Blake (author) 1994-2003, (asks DL for some words for the dust-jacket of his book, and to give a talk at Goldsmith’s College)
Mortimer, Penelope (author), 1994-1999 (re: finding a literary agent; Penelope’s death)
Movement for Democratic Change, Paul McKenna, 2000
Moyers, Bill & Judith, 2003-2004 (biography)
Mphahlele, Ezekiel (author), 1976 (personal letter in which he asks DL to read his manuscript)
Muchnik Editores SA, 1999
Mulloy, Pamela, Spiked (journal), 1999
Murch, Muriel (Aggie), 1994 (asks DL to participate in her radio lifestyle programme)
Murdoch, Iris (author), [199-?] (re: arrangements for a meeting and Sufism)
Murphy, Dervla, 1993 (re: visit to Zimbabwe and South Africa)
Murphy, Elaine, Professor (reader) United Medical & Dental Schools of Guy’s and St Thomas’s Hospitals (University of London), Division of Psychiatry, Section of Psychogeriatrics, 1987 (re: the Diaries of Jane Somers)
Murphy, Madeleine, 1998 (Murphy hopes to meet with DL to discuss Sufism)
Murray, Chris, Helicon Publishers, (re: DL writes a readers’ preface for an encyclopaedia of recommended books)
Museum of Mankind, 1990 (re: the name of a malevolent deity)
Nabokov, Ivan, 1983 (re: DL’s children and Jenny Diski) CLOSED
La Nacion (Argentine daily newspaper), Juana Libedinsky, 2007 (re: interview)
Nagley, Ruth, 1998 (misc. Comments on Russia, America, Naomi Mitchison, etc.)
Naipaul, Lidia, 2000 (re: cultural life)
Nakazzi, Deborah, of Uganda, 1999 (hoax?] letter requesting assistance)
The National Academy of Writing, 2000
National Council of Women, 1995-2003
National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, 1990 (re: observer delegation for Czech elections)
National Library of Estonia, 1994
National Portrait Gallery, 1997-1999
Naumann, Ekkehart, 1993 (re: trip to Zimbabwe and contact from DL)
Nemcom Television, 2004 (re: programme: Conversations: Doris Lessing)
Neustatter, Angela, 1994 (re: interview on mid-life and ageing)
Neville, Jill & Lewis Wolpard, of Belsize Park, 1996 (invitations to visit)
New British Youth Museum, 2003
Newell and Sorrell (design consultancy in Primrose Hill), 1994 (re: a talk by DL)
Newman, Michael, 1998 (re: Ralph Miliband)
New School for Social Research, 1992, 1997 (re: request for DL to give a lecture)
New Scientist, 1998-2000
New Statesman, 2001 (re: interview)
Newsweek Magazine, 2001 (re: article on predictions for 2002)
New York Studio School Association, 1999
New York Times, Dinitia Smith; Rebecca Sinkler, David Shipley, 1995-1998 (re: interview request on DL’s writing of operas)
New Yorker, Alice Quinn, 1997 (re: Greek names for DL’s characters)
Nichols, Peter, of Belsize Park Gardens, 2003 (personal letter)
Nikholaevna, Vassilieva Irina (Russian academic and reader), 1989
Nolan, Liam, 1976 (DL is asked to contribute to *Human Potential*)
Northern Kentucky University, Sally Jacobsen, 1997 (re: Margaret Atwood & a put-down from DL)
North Yorkshire County Council, 1999-2000
Nussbaum, Enid, 1983 (re: Nikolai Baranov, prisoner of the KGB)
Nyerere, Julius Kambarage (President of Tanzania), 1972 (re: Abdul Rahman Mahommed)
Oakeshott, Robert, 1993-2000 (personal letters; assistance in Southern Africa)
Ochting Press Ltd, 1985-1992
Oehling, Rick, of Wisconsin, 1994 (discussion on DL's works)
Office of Arts and Libraries, 1990
O'Hegarty, Cian, Radio Telefís Eireann, 1994 (re: Writer in Profile series)
The Oldie, magazine, 1995 (re: interview request)
Old Parsonage Hotel, 1998 (re: reservation)
Omni Magazine, 1987 (re: the New Age Movement)
Onk Agency Ltd, 1998 (re: publishing of *Shikasta*)
Open University, 1999 (re: honorary degree)
Opie, Wayne, 2003 (in search of an article which DL supposedly wrote on gender)
Orion Books, Katie Pope, 1996-1999 (re: permissions)
Ornstein, Robert (Bob) (psychologist and writer) & Sally, 1993-2007
Osterreichischer Rundfunk (Austrian Broadcasting Corporation), 1994 (re: interview)
O'Toole, Laurence, 1998 (DL asks O'Toole to look at a manuscript from a non-professional writer wherein a child is rescued by a pederast)
Oxford Research Group, 1986 (re: armaments)
Oxford Student (newspaper), Tom Sperlinger, 2004 (re: interview request)
Oxford University, 1999 (re: honorary degree)
Page, Martin, 2004 (the Left Club in Rhodesia, and Harry Friend)
El Pais, 1997 (re: interview with Rosa Montero)
Pankow, Gottwalt (antiquarian bookseller in Hamburg), 2004
Patton, Matthew (music composer), 1991, 1998
Pavlinič, Andrina (Croatian translator), 2003-2004 (includes personal correspondence)
Peake, Sebastian (reader), 1997 (re: a Times article; philistinism)
Peet, David, 1985-1998 (re: Nigel Hinton; Welsh radio and TV; Peet’s breakdown; Dilya Powell)
PEN American Center, 1983-2007 (re: US visas)
PEN English Centre, 1989-1998
PEN Croatia Centre, 2001
Peng, Tiqiang, Guangming Daily, 1993 (interview request)
Penguin UK, Simon Winder, 1998
Penman, Brian, 2000 (thank you letter)
Peonides, Panos, of Cyprus, 1997-1999 (re: *Love, Again*)
Peretz, Elena, 1987 ("a very sad letter" from Israel)
Perrin, Marianne, 2000 (bookgroup member)
Perry, Herbert B. (reader), 1992-1997 (re: Zimbabwe)
Pessarrodona, Marta (reader), 1987-2004 (re: Jane Somers from *Diary of a Good Neighbour* and *Rufus, the Survivor*)
Peter Owen (publishers), 1991, 2004
Petty, B. Andrew (reader), 1995 (re: books and tapes for the visually impaired)
Pia, Anna Maria, of Reggio, Italy (student), 1991 (re: bibliography on DL’s works; interview request)
Pichler, Viktor (admirer), 1996 (finds DL’s chubby legs the eighth wonder of the world!)
Pick, Martin, 1999 (re: Nou Mitchison)
Pickering, Jean, California State University, 2001 (re: the assembling of an edition of A Home for the Highland Cattle, and The Antheap, and historical documents to provide context)
Pier Productions West, Keith Slade, 1996 (re: BBC Radio4 Book at Bedtime)
Pilsbury, John (calligrapher), 2001 (re: scroll work done for DL)
Pilsworth, Isobel see Jonathan Clowes
Pininska, Mary, 1987 (re: appeal for Poland’s independent publishers)
Piper, Anne, Lady, 1998 (re: DL is requested to review David Piper’s books)
P.L.O. 1974. (Christmas card)
Poems on the Underground, 1992
Point du Jour (French press agency), 1995 (re: documentary)
Poivre d’Arvor, Olivier, Ambassade de Frances, Londres, 1996 (re: DL gives a talk)
Ponsonby, Julia, 1996 (get-well postcard)
Porter, Maureen, 1988 (re: permissions)
Powell, Marilyn, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, 1980 (re: interviewing DL)
Prentice Hall, 1988 (re: Pickles Family Circus, U.S.)
Preslan, Laura (high-school student), 1990 (re: The Diaries of Jane Somers)
Preston Manor High School, 1999
Pretorius, Sue (relative), 2004 (re: request for money to be sent to South Africa)
Pudgeon, James, 1983 (re: NASA and artists)
Prometheus Publishers, Mai Spijkers, 2007
Publishers Group West, Jennifer Fraley, 1998 (re: anthology)
Pullein-Thompson, Josephine, 1998
Pulitzer, Gary, 1996 (re: Arcadia Books and DL’s attack on him)
Radio Telefis Éireann, 1992
Raine, Kathleen (poet), 1989 (in praise of DL’s works; India)
Rau, Albert (teacher in Germany; editor of DL’s works), 1991-2006
Rausch, Barbara, 1989 (re: books in braille)
Reynolds, John, 1996 (re: Maoris, genocide & napalm in the Rhodesian war)
Rhoads, Bill, 1985 (re: his new novel)
Richman, Stella, [1992] (re: a play on love)
Richards, Jocelyn, 1997 (re: Peter Whitebrook and his book on John Osborne)
Riley, Anthony, 1995 (re: Under My Skin, Germany and DL’s personal life)
Rise Phoenix, 2001 (re: theatre group for refugee children)
Ritchie, Harry, 1986 (re: literary scene in the 1950s)
RNIB (Royal National Institute for the Blind)
RNID (Royal National Institute for Deaf People)
Roberts, Peter, Norton & Roberts, 1997 (re: out of print books)
Robichaud, Paul, 1997 (re: Idries Shah)
Rodker, Joan (friend), 1990-1996 (personal correspondence; recommended sketch artists)
Roger Bolton Productions, 1998 (DL is invited to be a guest on My Sunday, a Channel 5 programme)
Rogers, Jane, Faber & Faber Publishers, 1996-1998
Rohwer, Jörn (journalist for Berliner Zeitung), 1997-1998 (re: interview arrangements)
Rollenso, Kath (re: Observer article by Barbara Ellen)
Rosen, Martin, Nepenthe, 1993 (re: filming of The Fifth Child in the US)
Rosner, Victoria, Texas A & M University, 1999 (re: permissions)
Rountree, Cathleen, 1997-1998 (re: women turning 70)
Royal Academy of Arts, 1998-1999
Royal College of Art, 1999
Royal Free Hospital, 1987, 1999 (re: DL’s donation of a landscape painting by John Blandy)
Royal Literary Fund, Fiona Clark, 1997-1999
Royal National Theatre
Royal Over-Seas League, 1999
Royal Society, 2006
Royal Society of Literature, 1996-2000
Rubenstein, Roberta, 1972, 1977
Rubinstein, Michael & Joy, 1999-2001 (invitations; notices of Michael Rubenstein’s death)
Rubinstein, Roberta, 1972, 1977
Rubinstein Callingham (solicitors), 1988-1991 (re: rights of Memoir of a Survivor)
Rushdie, Salman, 1989-1993 (DL comments on the Rushdie affair; included are a couple of postcard notes from Rushdie to DL)
Russell, David, 1997 (re: “Angry young men” writers of the fifties)
Russell, Dora (author, progressive campaigner), 1976, 1977, 1986 (letters from Russell commenting on the Four Gated City, on mental health issues of the Russell family and on child-rearing; includes an article by DL on The Tamarisk Tree. DL and Russell discuss political views)
Russell, Robyn, 1993-2004 (personal letters of life in Australia & Zimbabwe; married name: Lewis)
Russell-King, Menina, 1989 (re: The Diary of a Good Neighbour and typing of The Diary of Jane Somers)
Rutgers, State University of New Jersey, 1993 (re: honorary degree)
Saadawi, Nawal El, Arab Women Solidarity Association, Cairo, 1988
Sachs, Bernard (South African author), 1972 (includes an article on DL written by Sachs; comment on The Golden Notebook; and correspondence from Nadine Gordimer)
Sacred Literature Trust, 1992
Saffron Productions Ltd, 1990 (re: DL says “no” to a programme about her)
SA fm (radio), Joy Cameron-Dow, 1996 (re: interview)
Sage, Lorna (author), 1998-2001 (correspondence from Sage; DL’s remembrances of Sage)
Saidi, William, of Zimbabwe, 1992-1999 (re: books and reading in Zimbabwe)
Saint Phalle, Thérèsa de, Éditions Stock, 1987 (re: preface to Thinkers of the East by Idries Shah; Sufism)
Salmon, Mary, 1987 (DL recollects Olivia Manning – for Salmon’s biography)
Salwak, Dale, Citrus College, Calif. 1997 (re: contribution for an essay collection)
Salyk, Ivan (Ukrainian journalist), 1972 (re: translation of DL’s books)
Santos, Lilian Fernandes dos (student), 1999 (re: the representation of women in DL’s novels)
Saracino, Maria Antoinetta (Italian translator of DL’s books), 1990-2001
Sarvan, C.P. (Zambian writer), 1976 (review of Sarah Millin and other African writers)
Saturday Telegraph Magazine, 2003
Sayle, Murray (journalist), n.d. (provides a Japanese address)
Schaefer, Herman F., 1998 (re: Alice’s cancer and treatment)
Schlueter, Paul & June, 1982-1989, 1994-2007 (includes a galley proof for a biography; refers to DL’s early crude works; The Doris Lessing Newsletter; death of DL’s unofficial biographer Carole Klein)
Schocken Books Inc., Barofsky, Seymour, 1976 (re: foreword to The Story of an African Farm
Schwartz, Tracey, 1995-1996 (re: piece about parents and viewing the past)
Schwartzman, Stanley (poetry writer), 2001 (re: courtesy letter)
Scott, [--]. Miss, n.d. (DL writes about her friendship with Miss Scott)
Scullion, Val, 2002 (biographer for an internet encyclopaedia)
Seaward, Belinda (novelist), 1996 (re: her first novel Avalanche)
Segal, Elaine, [19-] (re: permissions sought for the transcripts of lectures)
Seibel, Anne-Kathrin, of Berlin, 2000-2003 (personal correspondence)
Sels College London, Y. Raiss, 1999-2000 (re: assisting DL’s Argentinian friend find a job)
Serpent’s Tail (imprint), 1988
Sevenoaks School, 1998
S. Fischer Verlag, Frank Scheffter & Arnulf Conradi, 1982-1983 (re: Shikasta; and Idries Shah)
Shaftesbury Productions, 2000 (DL contributes to a film on Proust)
Shah, Amina, 1980-2001 (introduction by DL for A Tale of Four Dervishes; photographs of Amina Shah)
Shah, Idries, 1983-1986 (comments on the MS of Kara Kush; translation of The Seeker After Truth)
Shah, Saira, 2003 (re: The Storyteller’s Daughter)
Shah, Tahir, 1998-2004 (DL provides a review on the Sorcerer’s Apprentice, set in India)
Shakespeare, Nicholas, Daily Telegraph, 1990 (includes a personal letter by DL on her past connections with communism, and a review on Afghan Caravan, edited by Safia Shah)
Shapiro, Anna (personal letter), 2003 (mentions a publishing party; English culture; health; her cats)
Shariatmadari, Helen, Laughing Buddha Productions Ltd, 1997 (DL declines to be part of a television biographical documentary)
Shawcross, William, 1976 (biographer of Henry Kissinger)
Sherman, Rina (reader), 1996 (re: her trip to Southern Africa)
Sherwin, Henrietta (reader), 1993 (re: African Laughter)
Shi-Jing, Qu, Institute of Literature, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, 1989-1997
Shoa, Myrna, 1993 (re: DL is asked to participate in a think-tank on education)
Sigal, Clancy (American novelist & screenwriter; former partner of DL), 1984-1989, 1997-2001 (Includes special letter to Peter Lessing)
Sigurdsson, Birgir (Icelandic dramatist and writer), 1986-1988, 1997 see also Stefánssdóttir, Elsa
Silva, Janet (reader), 1992 (in praise of In Defence of the Underground)
Silverstein, Harry (friend in Chicago, Ill.), 1997
Simon & Schuster (publishers), Michael Korda, 1999
Singh, Kalu, of Cambridge, UK (reader), 1994 (comments on many of DL’s stories and books)
Sirotà, Bararaba J., Media Consulting & Production Services, 1998 (expresses a wish to meet DL again)
SIRS, Inc., 1998 (permission to republish material on an electronic database)
Sjölin, Thorsten, Biblis literary magazine, 1998
Skarveli, Lila (reader), 1990 (in praise of DL’s writing)
Sky Arts (television channel), 2007 (DL is asked to introduce an arts programme)
Slowfall Projects, 2003 (talks on art, science, history, parapsychology, & culture)
Smart, Elizabeth, 1986 (memorial service)
Smith, Angela, 1993 (re: Nervous Conditions)
Smith, Chris, Secretary of State for Culture, Media & Sport, 2000 (re: National Theatre)
Smith, Harry C., 1984 (re: the publishing of depressing books)
Smith, Prudence (pioneer in distance education), 2000 (obituary and letter from her son)
Society of Authors, 1984-2000 (re: Salman Rushdie)
Sonder, Tevfik, [1998?] (thanks DL for granting copyright permission)
Son et Lumiere, 1996-1997 (re: meeting and interview with Paule Zajdermann for a filmed programme)
Sonoma State University, Jonah Raskin, 1996-2004 (re: “Jack’s” real name; personal correspondence; reviewing Love, Again; writing a book on DL’s Africa writings; Raskin’s mental health)
Sonzogni, Marco, 2004 (DL contributes to an anthology)
South African Embassy, 1991
South Bank Centre, 1991-1997
South Bank Show (edited and presented by Melvyn Bragg), 1987-1988
South Hampstead High School, 2004 (DL gives a talk)
Southworth, Helen, University of Oregon, 2001 (re: works of Virginia Woolf and Colette)
Souvenir Press Ltd, 1999-2000
Spark, Muriel, 1992-2004 (DL describes her financial support of her family, 2004) see also Penelope Jardine
Sperling, Dan, 1986-1987 (re: Afghan Refugee Fund proposal)
The Spectator, 1991
Sperlinger, Tom, 2004 (script of interview with DL)
Der Spiegel, 2002-2003 (interview request)
Spire, Peter and Bobbie, 1994-1995 (re: cats, including Butchkin)
Stambuk, Drago (Croatian poet), 1984-2004 (re: publishing his poetry)
Standpoints (magazine), 1996
State University of New York, Earl Ingersoll, 2000
Staunton, Frank (former resident of Zimbabwe), 1993 (re: Jeff Pearlman; the author Irene Staunton etc.)
Steer Forth Press, 1998 (re: Edith Anderson’s memoir)
Stefánsdóttir, Elsa, 1992, 1998 see also Birgir Sirgudsson (personal correspondence)
Stein, Alexandra (“Newy”), 1996-2002 (re: anti-cult)
Stein, Sylvester, 1996-2007 (re: publication of Who Killed Mr. Drum?)
Stephens, F.N. (Steve), 2002 (former lover of DL, see also letters 040, 041, and 052 in the Whitehorn letters)
Die Stern, 2003 (re: interview arrangements)
Stevens, Douglas F. (reader), 1996 (re: love and Love, Again)
Stewart, John, (research scientist), 1996 (re: writing and science)
Stieber, Laurie A., 1997 (re: the making of a film on The Marriages of Zones Three …”)
St James Press, 1971 (re: inclusion of DL in a reference work of contemporary novelists)
St Mary’s Hospital Medical School, 1987 (re: caring for the elderly)
Stonington Free Library, 1997
Stowell, Hilton (neuroscientist and biologist), 1995 (re: human brain activity)
St Paul’s Cathedral, 2000 (millenial service for London)
Strandberg, Karin (of Trevi and then Forum publishers), 1998
Strauss, Gertrude, Black Sash, 1990 (requests DL’s contributions for a pocket diary for women)
Strehlow, John, 2002 (re: assistance denied from the Royal Literary Fund)
Streitfeld, David, Washington Post, 2000 (re: Robert Gottlieb’s articles – not included)
Suffolk Book League, 1995-2004
[Surname unknown], Alastair, of Downing College, Cambridge, 1998
[Surname unknown], Ann, 1997
[Surname unknown], Annette, 2007
[Surname unknown], Charlotte, n.d.
[Surname unknown], Charlotte, of Mostyn Rd, Merton Park, London, 1996
[Surname unknown], Claudia, 1993 (mentions going to New Orleans to talk on Mexican and Canadian poets)
[Surname unknown], Colin, 2006
[Surname unknown], David, of New Malden, Surrey, 1995
[Surname unknown], David, of Caldwale Rd, London, 1982-1983
[Surname unknown], Didon, 1998-2004
[Surname unknown], Donald, of Massachusetts, 1993
[Surname unknown], Dorothy, 1995
[Surname unknown], Elizabeth, (a would-be writer), 1987
[Surname unknown], Elizabeth, 1994-2000
[Surname unknown], Elizabeth, of Gower Mews, London, 1996
[Surname unknown], Eric (re: distribution of books), 2001
[Surname unknown], Evie (re: the death of Dorothy), 2001
[Surname unknown], Ginny, B., n.d.
[Surname unknown], Heather, 2001
[Surname unknown], Hilary, 2000
[Surname unknown], Ian, 2000-2001
[Surname unknown], Jacqueline, 1996
[Surname unknown], James, of Bungay, Suffolk, 1993
[Surname unknown], Jane, of California, [1994?]
[Surname unknown], Jane, of Dunsfold, Surrey, 1996-1998
[Surname unknown], Jane D., of Chester, n.d.
[Surname unknown], Jinny, (re: publishing of paper on Shikasta)
[Surname unknown], Jocesh, of Rainville Rd, London, n.d.
[Surname unknown], John, of 20 Westfield, Harlow, Essex, 1993
[Surname unknown], Jonah, 1997
[Surname unknown], Joyce, of Harley St, London, 1997-1998
[Surname unknown], Judy, n.d.
[Surname unknown], Juliet, of Tenterden, Kent, 1997
[Surname unknown], Julian, of 8 Dartmouth Park Ave London, 1993
Surname unknown, Larry, of London, 1996-2002
Surname unknown, Lena, of the South East London Community Foundation, 2004
Surname unknown, Margaret, of Ealing, London (DL’s second cousin on the Tayler side of the family), 1996-1996
Surname unknown, Martin, of Madrid, 2002
Surname unknown, Martin, of St Albans, n.d.
Surname unknown, Martin [Wainright?], of Leeds
Surname unknown, Mary, [1994?]
Surname unknown, Max, of Brighton, 2000
Surname unknown, Michael, of Benington, Hertfordshire, 1995-1997 (personal letters)
Surname unknown, Michael, of Canada, 2004
Surname unknown, Mireille & Richard, 1999
Surname unknown, Nikki, of Minehead, 1996-2001 (personal letters; mentions John)
Surname unknown, Oliver, of Tregunter Road, London, 1994
Surname unknown, Pam, n.d.
Surname unknown, Pat, of Worcestershire, 2000
Surname unknown, R., n.d.
Surname unknown, Rachel, 1996-1999
Surname unknown, Richard, of Llanosy, Wales
Surname unknown, Robin, 14 Ladbrooke Grove, London
Surname unknown, Roger, n.d.
Surname unknown, Roger, of Poland, 1997
Surname unknown, Rory, Jane and Sarah-Jane
Surname unknown, S., of Wedmore, Somerset (Principal of a 6th Form College in Egham, Surrey), 1975 (re: Memoirs of a Survivor)
Surname unknown, Sagè, 1994 (re: photographing DL with her hair down)
Surname unknown, Sani, n.d.
Surname unknown, Simon, 1997
Surname unknown, Suzette, n.d.
Surname unknown, Tackie, of Zimbabwe, n.d.
Surname unknown, Yvonne, of Hull, 1997

Surrey County Council, 2003-2004
Survival Kit, 2004 (re: the bare essentials DL would take for survival in an isolated place)
Suzman, Janet (South African actress and director), 1994 (re: City of Life)
Symphony Space, see Tours, Princeton, 1990
Ta Nea (Greek newspaper), 2004 (interview request)
Tarot, Olivier (PhD student), 1998 (re: DL is asked to read his thesis)
Tate Gallery, 1998-2000 (membership and events)
Tavistock & Portman NHS Trust, 1998 (honorary doctorate)
Tay, Simon, 1993 (draft biographical article by Tay on DL for the Singapore Times, mentions Chris Bigsby of UEA)
Tayler, Keir & Callie (family), 1996
Taylor, Bing, London Festival of Literature; Phoenix Press, 1999-2000
Taylor, Tanis (daughter of Bing Taylor), 2004 (requests a short story on an environmental theme)
Taylor, Debbie n.d., (re: Americans views on Africa)
Taylor, Emily (reader), 1990 (DL offers advice on what to write about; she mentions the changes she has lived through)
Taylor, Mandy, 1998 (Taylor thanks DL for having her to stay)
Taz – “Die Tageszeitung” (German daily), Jens König, 2004 (re: interview arrangements)
Telegraph Group Limited, 2002 (re: automation of contributors’ invoices)
Telegraph Magazine, Nigel Horne, 1992 (re: inaccurate interview with Andro Linklater)
Temple, Norman, 1996 (re: The Good Terrorist)
Terry, Philip, University of Plymouth, 1996 (re: contributions for an anthology)
Tetlow, Betty McGinnis, see McGinnis, Betty Tetlow
Tewarson, Heidi Thomann (Professor of German Language and Literature), 1993 (re: material for a publication)

Thomas, Kay (formerly Kay Cotton, Communist Party member), 1994 (includes a 1950s letter from DL)

Thompson, Dorothy, of Worcester, 2000 (re: DL's comments on the radio re [the arts])

Thompson, Edward P. (author & activist), 1984 (re: KGB Today: the Hidden Hand; 1993 obituaries)

Thompson, Jenny, Friends of Blackheath Concert Halls, 1994 (re: DL's attendance at their literary evening)

Thomson, Pippa, 1994 (re: the hiring of a theatre box for Salman Rushdie & friends)

Thorne, Victor, C.R. (editor), 1998 (DL is concerned about the lack of progress with editing)

Time Out Guides, 1998 (re: publication of a selection of walks enjoyed by writers)


Times Newspapers Limited, 1975, 1992-1999 (re: animal welfare; the future of "the arts"; DL denies she owns a farm in Zimbabwe)

Tintenfass Magazine, 1987 (re: likes and dislikes)

Tolstoy, Vladimir (great-great grandson of Leo Tolstoy), 1998-2003

Tomalin, Claire (author) & Michael Frayn, 1996-2001 (personal letters, mentions Naomi Mitchison? and Miles Malleson)

Tom Petzal and Associates, 2003 (The Queen's Golden Jubilee organisers)

Torch, Chris, The Swedish National Theatre Center, 1994 (permission to use the name SHIKASTA for a theatre ensemble)

To Vima (Greek Sunday newspaper), 1996 (re: request for an interview)

Tracey, Andrew, 1993 (re: his father Hugh Tracey, a Zimbabwean musician)

Track Record, Julia Eisner, 1997 (re: radio programme Words and Music)


Travel Aid, 1987 (re: fund-raising campaign for refugees)

Tregenna Castle, 1999 (Christmas reservation)

Trevor, Sarah (Zimbabwean reader living in Canada) 1996 (re: in praise of DL's writings)

Trowell, Angela (a friend of DL's daughter), 1991 (re: Trowell's manuscript and plagiarism)

Türkiye Yazarlar Sendikasi, 1999 (re: support for earthquake disaster)

Turner, Mike (re: The Good Terrorist, squats and lefties in the 70s)

Tuttle-Mori Agency, Inc. (literary agency), 1993 (re: progress report)

Twose, Eric, 1998 (personal letter concerning his fiancée)

Tynan, Kathleen, 1990 (DL recalls her memories of Ken Tynan)

Tyrrell, Ivan, 1993, 2004 (re: interview with DL on cultural insanity for the journal The Therapist; quote for Dreaming Reality)

Tystad, Jan, Norwegian Save the Children Fund, 1992-1999

U.K. Year of Literature and Writing, 1995

Ullman, Liv (actress), 1996 (DL contributes an environmental awareness letter for the book Letter to My Grandchild see also Medwin, Michael)

UNED-UK (United Nations Education & Development), Angela Mawle, 1996 (DL is invited to speak at a seminar in Istanbul – she declines)

Universidad de Alcala, Madrid, 2001 (re: interview)


University of East Anglia, 1984-1985, 1991-2007 (re: advisory committee for the Arthur Miller Centre; honorary degree; Chair in Creative Writing)

University of Edinburgh, 1995, 2000

University of Exeter, Geoff Fox, 1995 (re: contributions to journal Children's Literature in Education)

University of Liverpool, 1997-2006

University of London, 1993-1999 (re: honorary degree; Virginia Woolf leaflet)

University of Natal, Margaret Daymond, 2000 (re: interview and Ben in the World)

University of Newcastle, 1996

University of Nottingham, 1995 (re: offer of an honorary degree)

University of Oxford, 1995-2004 (re: honorary degree; correspondence from Marilyn Butler (Rector, Exeter College, University of Oxford); & mention of a stalker sending 'James' £120,000)

University of Rhodesia see University of Zimbabwe
University of Surrey, 1992
University of Surrey Arts Committee, 1996-1997
University of Texas, 1993-1996 (re: talk on John Rodker; holdings & copyright of DL's archive)
University of Ulster, 1990
University of Warwick, 1993-1994, 2000
University of York, 1994
University of Zimbabwe, 1975-1982
Updates Conferences, Simon Powell, 1994-1998
Usiskin, Maggie see Harper Collins
Utkal University, India, 1990
Vaché, Jean (author), 1997 (re: Julie, or the New Holoise; & Claire de Duras's novel Ourika)
Vavra, Robert (writer and photographer), 1995-1997 (re: Remembering Africa)
Vega, María Teresa Fernández de la (Vice President of Spain), 2007
Vianu, Lidia (Professor of British Literature), Bucharest University, 2000 (interview request)
Video Copyright Protection Society Limited, 1982
Viking Penguin, [1993?] (re: poor promotion)
Villiers-Adam, Marion, of France, 1998 (re: keeping up with DL via radio etc.; Clancy Sigal)
Virago Press, Owen, 1977-1988 (re: Vera Leff's novel; a book on fathers and daughters; young writers' award)
Von Kruse, Ingrid, 1992 (re: portraits in photography)
Vonnegut, Kurt, 1972 (re: review by DL; and Albert Schweitzer)
VPRO Television, Wim Kayzer, 1996
Waage, Peter, Dreyer's Forlag, 1983-1986
Wade, David, Institute of Cultural Research, 1975, 1997 (re: personal breakdowns; people who have "reassembled" themselves)
Waitte, Tim, 2001 (re: dossier on comics)
Walker, Brian, 2001 (re: Walker solicits DL in a project of the Quakers)
Walpole, Chris, 2000 (re: DL's memories of living in Dartmoor in the 1960s)
Walsh, Mary Jane see Brody, Hugh
Walter, Natasha, 2001 (re: feminism and an article for the Guardian)
Warndorff, Clara, teacher in Zimbabwe, 1994 (re: books for Zimbabwean schools)
Warner, Marina, 1995 (requests DL to take part in a seminar in Cologne, Germany)
Washington, Peter, 1991 (re: Idries Shah)
Waterstones (bookshop), 1999
Watkins, Leslie, [198-?] (re: Alternative 3 and the weather)
Watkins, Susan, 2007 (re: second Doris Lessing International Conference)
Watson, Garry, University of Alberta, 1996 (re: D.H. Lawrence)
Webster University, 1995 (re: request for a contribution to a book)
Weidenfeld & Nicolson, 1996, Rebecca Wilson (re: biography of Gertrude Bell)
Weil, Dede, of Chicago, 1996-1999 [connected with Brian Aldiss] (personal letters of invitation)
Weiner, Howard L., 1984 (re: the publishing of his novel The Death of Abraham)
Weinhold, Christina, 1976 (DL provides answers to questions about her African themed novels)
Weldon, Fay, 1997 (re: Amnesty International)
Wellswipe Press, John Cayley, 1995 (requests DL's assistance with publishing a Chinese translation anthology)
Die Welt, Alfred Starkmann, 1997 (re: interview for this German national daily)
Weltfriedensdienst, 2003 (publishing of short stories for peace)
Wesker, Arnold, 1969, 1972, 1989-2004 (re: personal life; Salman Rushdie; article on The Merchant of Venice; LA antiquarian bookseller Michael Selzer)
Wesley College, Dublin, 1992
West, Clare, 1990 (re: CV for this young director)
West, Julie, 1994 (personal letter which mentions Reuben)
West, Nigel, 1999 (re: Soviet espionage)
West, Rebecca, Dame, 1982, 1995-1996 (includes review of biography by Carl Rollyson)
Westdeutscher Rubdfunk, Luc Leysen, Foreign Desk, German Television, 1996 (re: TV programme on DL)
Western Sky Over Indian Country, of Greece, 1984 (re: efforts to publish his books)
Westlake, Christine (reader), 1997 (re: Love, Again)
Westminster School, David Hargreaves, 1996-1997 (DL is requested to talk to Sixth Form students)
W. & G. Foyle Ltd (bookshop), 2000
Wheeler, Sara, 1996 (re: dinner at Robyn Davidson’s; Wheeler’s proof on Antarctic exploration)
White, Donnard (reader), 1987-1988, 1990 (re: DL assists this unemployed man)
Whitebrooke, Peter, 1997 (re: John Osborne)
Whitehorn, John, 1993-2000 see also the Whitehorn Letters

- Four letters between DL and Whitehorn concerning DL’s letters to Whitehorn (The Whitehorn letters) and her letters to Leonard Smith (9/11/93, 14/11/93, 19/11/93, 19/12/93). In his letter of 19/12/93 Whitehorn states that he will leave his 1940s letters to DL or if she is not alive then to the University of East Anglia. As it turned out, DL did not want the letters and passed them directly to UEA.
- Two letters from the University of Sussex (29/9/93 and 19/10/93) to John Whitehorn telling him of their receipt of DL’s letters to Leonard Smith (Smithie) and asking him if he would also like to deposit in their archive the 1940s letters he has from DL. Included with the letter of 29/9/93 is An Introduction to Doris Lessing’s Letters to ‘Smithie’, by Smith.
- General correspondence between DL and Whitehorn.
- In a separate deposit, two letters from DL to Whitehorn were deposited by Francis FitzGibbon in March 2016. The letter of 17/3/00 describes in detail DL’s visit to Buckingham Palace to receive the Companion of Honour. She writes of meeting the Queen. The other letter is dated 5/1/00. They have been added to this collection.

Whitehorn, Katharine (journalist, writer & columnist; sister to John Whitehorn), [19-?] (mentions Brian Inglis’ bereavement)
Whitehorn, Marion, 2003 (writes of the death of John Whitehorn)
W.H. Smith (publisher and bookseller), 1998
Whyte, Margaret (author), 1998 (in praise of DL)
The Wildfowl Trust, 1989
Wilkins, Sandra, 1998 (encloses photograph of David McFadden)
Williams, Sian, 2003 (re: poetry tour of Russian poets)
Williams, David ("a poor maniac"), 1984
Wills, Christine, 1997 (re: donated books)
Wilmer, Val, 2001 (re: recollections of Lydia Lovell or Lydia Hammond of Holbein House)
Wilson, Colin, 2004 (re: documentary on Atlantis & interview arrangements)
Wilson, Marie-Rose (reader) 1998 (describes her experiences against the backdrop of Love, Again)
Wilson, Robert Anton (novelist and mystic who interviewed DL), 1983
Winder, Robert, The Independent on Sunday & Granta, 1992-1998
Windlesham, Lord see Hennessy, David
Windrush Mill, (Historical Collections Group), 1998
Winer, Lise, 1988 (re: Prisons We Chose to Live Inside; milgram psychological experiments)
Wisdom, John, 1984-1985 (re: transferring funds via Keith Madders and Martin Rushmere)
Wisdom, Peter (relative of DL’s first husband Frank Wisdom), 2004
Wispers School for Girls, Surrey, 1998-1999 (DL is guest of honour at Speech Day)
Witzmann, Rupert, 1996-1997 (re: feminism and a request for a preface for Witzmann’s book)
Wojak, Helga, (German who established night schools for workers and women in Zimbabwe), 1999 (re: request to meet DL)
Wolpert, Lewis, 1994 (re: his book)
Woman (Austrian magazine), 2003 (interview request)
Women in Management in Publishing (WIMP), 1990-1992
Women’s Library, 2001
Women’s Link, (housing advice charity), 1994
Wood, Pamela, Fair Lady, 1995 (re: details of DL’s daughter)
World Population Foundation, 1999
Wright, Susan, St Catherine’s College, Cambridge, 1989-1990 (re: Seminar for the Study of Commonwealth and International Literature 1990)
Writers and Company (CBC radio programme), 2003 (request for an interview)
Writers’ Guild of Great Britain, 1996-1997 (re: certificate awarded to DL)
Wronowski, James (author), 1997 (thanks DL for being an inspiration)
Wyatt, Ian (TV film producer/director), 1994 (re: interview for TV production)
Yi-qing, Liu, 1995, (re: a collection of translations including DL’s *Briefing for a Descent into Hell*)
Young, Brian, 1997 (re: Lena)
Young, Gertrude (typist), 1983-1984 (re: typing of *The Good Terrorist*)
Young, Lena, 1998-1999 (personal letters)
Yoursalway, Eve, 1997 (writings from ‘Kaleidoscope’)
ZDF Zweites Deutsches Fernsehen (German national public broadcaster), Lucie Hermann, 2002-2004 (DL grants an interview)
Zeeman, E. Christopher (mathematician), 1991 (re: comic books, graphic novels)
*Die Zeit*, 2004 (interview arrangements with Bernadette Conrad)
Zimbabwe Educational Tust, 1993
Zug, James, 1994 (re: Betty Sacks & DL’s time at the Guardian in Cape Town)

**Invitations**

**Letters from readers**
1 file.

**Proposals and requests**
1 file of requests for interviews, lectures, written contributions, etc. - to which DL largely refused.

**PRIZES, AWARDS**

1 box.

African short story prize (Heinemann and Guardian), 1992
Booker Prize, 1989-1993, 2000-2007 *see also* Maschler, Tom
British Literature Prize, 1993-1999
Caine Prize for African Writing, 2000-2005
Commonwealth Writers’ Prize, 1995-2001
Companion of Honour, 2000
David Cohen Literature Prize, 2007
European Literary and Translation Prizes, Glasgow, 1990
Independent Foreign Fiction Prize, 2001-2007
International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award, 1997-2001
Isola D’Elba Literary Award, 20/9/1986
Los Angeles Times Book Prize, 1995
Mondello Prize, 1987
Nobel Prize for Literature, 2007
Pen/Faulkner Award for Fiction, 1994
Premi Internacional Catalunya, 1998-2003
Prince of Asturias Prize in Literature, 2001
The Shakespeare Prize, 2007
Women of the Year, 1992, 2000-2001

**FESTIVALS, SEMINARS**

3 boxes.

20th Century Science and Science Fiction Conference, Nice, April 1991
Adelaide Festival, 1996-1997
Aldeburgh Literary Weekend, 2003
Arvon Foundation National Literature Initiative, London, 1990-1995 see also Hughes, Ted
Bath Festivals, 1998-2007
Bjornson Festival, 2000 (Molde, Norway)
Blackwell Literary Festival, 1990
Brighton Festival of Literature & Debate, 1994-2004
Buxton Literary Festival, 2001
Cambridge Seminar: the Contemporary British Writer, 1985-1998 (invitation for DL to visit Dr Anthony Chennells, University of Zimbabwe in 1987 - DL did not attend)
Charleston Festival, 1999
Cheltenham Festival of Literature, Harriet Harvey-Wood, 1989-2000
Chimanimani Arts Festival, 1998
Clarendon Lectures, University of Oxford, 1991
Dublin Writers’ Festival, 2000
European Arts Festival, 1992
European Literary Symposium of Sarajevo, 2001 (DL declines)
Festivalletteratura, Mantova, Italy, 1998-2004
Guildford Book Festival, 1999
Hay-on-Wye Festival of Literature, 1990-2007
International Festival of Authors, (7th: Harbourfront, Toronto : 1986) & 1984-2001 correspondence Greg Gatenby discusses relationship with Ann Beattie; DL thinks she will die of a heart attack rather than cancer)
Jerusalem International Book Fair, 1998
Key West Literary Seminar, 1999
Lambeth Readers and Writers’ Festival, 2007
The Last Word: a course of lunchtime lectures, (Louisa Lane Fox), 1994
Literary Lunches at ZENW3, 2004 (DL gives talks in support of the Shooting Star Trust Children’s Hospice)
Literature Year 1995 (re: boycott by Swansea writers 1995)
London Literature Festival, 1997-1999
Mawson 1990 Midwinter Invitation (Antarctica), 1990
Mole Valley Literature Festival, Joan Koenig (König), 1999-2000
National Festival of Music for Youth, 1992-1993
Off the Shelf Literary Festival, 2000-2003
Reception of Nordic Literature in the UK, Finnish Literature Information Centre, 2004
Richmond Literature Festival, 1997
Scriobh Literary Festival, 1998
Somerset Celebration of Literature (literary festival), Queensland, Australia, 1993
Southern Writers’ Conference, 2004
Sydney Writers’ Festival, 1994-1996
Turin International Book Fair, 2003
University of London, opening of Arts Faculty Building, 1992
Ways With Words Literature Festival, Dartington, 1997-2001
World Science Fiction Convention: 1985-1989
Writers and their Work (series launch), 1994
Writers’ Day, 28/3/1987
Zimbabwe International Book Fair, 1997-2001

WORKS BY DORIS LESSING

1 box.

Doris Lessing’s works and writings. Includes scripts and articles written by DL; and reviews, criticisms and correspondence relating to her works

A Doris Lessing checklist (bibliography), Agate Nesaule Krouse, 1973
Advice from the Famous, 1990
African Laughter, 2003
Ben in the World, 2000
Canopus in Argos Words (includes press cutting) [by] John Silverlight [1990?]
The Diary of a Good Neighbour, 1983
Diary of Jane Somers, n.d.
Doris Lessing: from the theatre of anger to the metaphysical novel, by Mahmoud Kassem, 1988
Doris Lessing on Henry Handel Richardson, The Spectator, 19/9/1992
Doris Lessing on our collective cultural insanity, The Therapist, no.3, vol.1, 1993
Doris Lessing Reader – preface, n.d.
Early works from Southern Rhodesia, 1949 (contains 4 items)
The Grass is Singing, 1992
In pursuit of the English (stage adaptation), 1989-1990
The intelligibility of scientists to the rest of humanity, 1991
Learning to love books, New Society, 1985 (re: teaching literature)
Love, Again (correspondence re translations; correspondence with readers), 1995, 2000
The Maimie Papers, The Literary Review, No.1, October 1979
Mara and Dann, 1998-2003
Menopause can be a change for the better, Independent on Sunday, 1991
Naming Horses (poem), The Spectator, 26/9/1987
Necessary fictions, The Independent, 19/10/1989
Never the Whole Truth? British Journalism Review, 1990
Play with a Tiger, n.d.
Playing the Game, Financial Times, 13/1/1996
The Pleasure of Reading (Bloomsbury & W.H. Smith), 1990
Politics and Alister Warren, short story by Doris Lessing, The Labour Front, September 1948
Prisons We Choose to Live Inside, 1987-2002
Rhino poem by DL, n.d.
[Scientific and Artistic Cultures], The Guardian, 1991
Shikasta, 1996
The Stare (short story), The New Yorker, 7/7/1997
The Story of General Dann and Mara’s Daughter, Griot and the Snow Dog, 2004
The Sweetest Dream, 2000-2001
Tales of the British Empire (preface), 1990
The Thoughts of a Near-Human, Partisan Review, 1993
This is My Best, 2004 (DL contributes her writing to this Quality Paperback Book Club publication)
Two Doors Down (unpublished article), n.d.
Under My Skin, 1995
Walking in the Shade, 1998
Writers – stressed childhoods (a piece written by DL), [199-?]
Zimbabwe struggles to make old customs match new laws, The Independent, 19/1/1989

PRESS CUTTINGS

Press cuttings and articles by or about Doris Lessing
Press cuttings on books and writing
Miscellaneous press cuttings and articles

Press cuttings and articles by or about Doris Lessing
My first book, article by DL, 1981
Doris Lessing on feminism, communism and ‘space fiction’, by Lesley Hazleton, New York Times Magazine, 25/7/1982 (includes correspondence)
The Good Doris Lessing, by Margaret Drabble, [1986?]
An Englishwoman abroad, The Independent, 16/3/1987 (photocopy)
DL’s 68th birthday, The Independent, 22/10/1987 (includes photograph)
Quite cheerfully out of her world, Ham and High, 4/11/1988 (re: opera of The Making of the representative for Planet 8)
My Week [in Texas], The Independent, 1988
Frankfurter Allgemeine Magazin, 1989
Strange encounters in the highlands of Zimbabwe, Natal Witness, 15/9/1999 (2 copies)
Doris Lessing by Lorna Sage, n.d.(chapter from an unidentified book)
The barbarians can read – they just don’t bother, Richard Hoggart & DL, n.d.
Books for the 21st century (reviews the Fifth Child), Canberra Times, 2000
Animal instincts: Doris Lessing revels in a smouldering allegory of sexuality and power in D.H. Lawrence’s The Fox, n.d.
Out of Africa: … the most significant books to have come out of Africa, TLS, 17/8/2001
Lessing laments slaying of the publisher’s dragon, Times Online, 28/10/2002

Press cuttings on books and writing
Snaps (miscellaneous writings), 1991
Philip Larkin’s will, [198-?]
Prizes of patronage: how writers survive, Sunday Times, 14/2/1982
Books that truly did furnish our minds, The Observer, 28/7/1985 (Penguin books)
[American takeovers of English publishers], Sunday Times and Observer, 1987
Contemporary slang, 1989
Animal passions: Angela Carter’s budgerigars, Telegraph Weekend Magazine, 1989
Nicholas Ashford: obituary, The Independent, 12/2/1990
Better beware of being Barbered, The Independent, 1991 (interviews)
The miracle worker, San Francisco Review, 10/2/1991 (literary lectures)
Publishers put critic on fiction list, 1992? (re: publishing industry & Michael Holroyd)
Making a literary lunge into a new millennium, New York Times, 21/2/1992
Authors throw the book at their publishers, The Sunday Times, 7/6/1992
Britain’s new literary lions fail to raise a roar, Sunday Times, 10/1/1993 (re: writers 1983–1993)
The very special agents, Evening Standard, 19/8/1993 (literary agents)
Walter Allen (obituary), The Independent, 2/3/1995
Why books are so full of mistakes, The Sunday Telegraph, 28/5/1995
A layman’s guide to being Wylie, The Independent on Sunday, 13/4/1997 (re: Andrew Wylie, publisher)

Miscellaneous press cuttings and articles
Rules to identify a typical cult, by the Americans’ Citizens Freedom Foundation, n.d.
The personality of Oliver Cromwell, by Desmond Henry [19–9?]
Take as directed, Ron Jones (re: the ease at which students can be indoctrinated), The CoEvolution Quarterly, 1976
Playing to the galleries, [198-?], (London’s art dealers)
Direct action, [ 198–?], (artistic directors)
Lincoln at Gettysburg, [198–?]
The sexual revolution and the manner of naming, Legal Briefs, 1981 (re: naming of children)
Big ape linked to early man, Vancouver Sun, 2/3/1987
Harry Mulisch’s assault on World War II, International Herald Tribune, 14/5/1987
Myth of CND logo, The Independent, 4/5/1988 (nuclear disarmament)
Ever-increasing circles of bewilderment, 1990 (re: crop circles)
Too damn good for the lot of them, Daily Mail, 23/11/1990 (re: Margaret Thatcher)
Some women confine themselves to the nursery pool of life, The Independent, 20/12/1990
Ecological disaster map of South China, 1991
Revolution in Moscow, Independent on Sunday, 25/8/1991
The 9 to 5 terrorist, éLAN, 2/9/1991
Death of a dissident, 9/5/1992 (Cornelius Cardew, Composer)
Tibet News, July 1992
Milton called on to save paradise, [1993?] (re: Rooi Els, a biosphere reserve in South Africa)
After the gold rush, The Observer, 30/5/1993 (re: George Soros)
Goodbye, goodbye, Lorenzo Pickle, San Francisco Examiner, 18/7/1993 (Pickle Circus)
The Silent woman, New Yorker, August 23 & 30, 1993 (re: Sylvia Plath)
Oscar Lewenstein (obituary) Times, 1/3/1997
Cut the Director: Ronald Hartwood was appalled to find a German director had added new passages to his play, n.d.

REVIEWS OF AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO OTHER WRITERS’ WORKS

Includes introductions, forewords, prefaces and contributions written by DL for other writers’ works; personal references; correspondence; and book recommendations and reviews made by DL

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Books of the Year/Favourite reads, 1986-2003
A book that changed me, The Independent on Sunday, 1990
Review/Books Literary Supplement to the Weekly Mail, 23-29 August, 1991

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Abu Bakr, Muhammad bin Tufail, Hai bin Yaqzan, n.d.
Ackroyd, Peter, Plato Papers, 1999
Ahmed, Leila, 1992
Al Khemir, Sabiha, The Blue Manuscript, 2003
Arandall, David, 2000
Atasü, Erendiz, The Other Side of the Mountain, 2000
Badenoch, Lindsay, 1988
Bancroft, Marjorie, Najam, 1980
Bielenberg, Christabel, The Past is Myself, 1984
Bird, Isabella L., Journeys in Persia and Kurdistan, 1891
Brody, Hugh, 1992
Brown, Barbara, Looking for Doris, 2003
Chaet, Eric, 2000
Chandraratna, Bandula, Mirage, 2003-2004
Chinodya, Shimmer, 1994 (reference)
CoEvolution Quarterly, 1976 (re: article on Sufism; includes letter from Robert Ornstein)
Cooke, Miriam (editor), Opening the Gates, 1990
Coppard, A.E. Selected Stories, Cape edition, 1993 (also letter from David M. Gracer concerning Coppard)
Crandall, David P., The Place of Stunted Ironwood Trees, 2000
Dankelman, Irene and Joan Davidson, Women and Environment in the Third World, 1988
Davidson, Robyn (Robbie), Desert Places, (Indian travel book), 1995-1997, & correspondence
Davie, Donald, Older Masters
De La Mere, Walter, The Three Royal Monkeys, 1985-1986
Dostoevsky, Fyodor, 1992
Doubleday, Veronica, *Three Women of Heart* see Gall, Sandy
Encyclopaedia Rhodesia [1980] (re: biographical questions for DL)
Fainlight, Ruth (poet and librettist), 1993
Faldbakken, Knut, 1991
Farah, Nurudin, 1993
Fielding, Henry, 1992
Fitzgerald, Penelope, *Blue Flowers*, [198-?]
Gall, Sandy, *Agony of a Nation*, 1988
Garrow, Jeremy *The Last Elephant* see Boothe, John
Godwin, Peter, *Mukiwa*, 1995
Goodwin, Jan, *Caught in the Crossfire*, 1987
Granta, (Bill Buford), 1984-1985
Greene, Graham, n.d.
Hall, Tarquin, *Mercenaries, Missionaries and Misfits*, 1995
Hamsun, Knut, 1992
Handl, Irene, *The Sioux*
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WHITEHORN LETTERS, 1943-1949

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The Whitehorn letters are a collection of 110 letters sent by Doris Lessing to RAF servicemen John R.M. Whitehorn and Coll MacDonald. Some of the letters are addressed to both of them, others individually, and some she asks to have re-directed.
Doris met these two young cadets and their friend Leonard Smith (Smithie) while they were training in Rhodesia (Zimbabwe). At the time she was married to her second husband Gottfried Lessing and she was a member of the Communist Party.

The letters concern Doris’s life in Rhodesia: her work typing for Parliament and a firm of lawyers; her involvement with the Communist Party and a left wing study group; general politics in Southern Africa, England and Soviet Russia; her relationships with family, friends and lovers; other people’s relationships; the progress of her first novel, short stories and poetry writing; literature in general; domestic life and motherhood.

The letters have been scanned and may be viewed on CD-ROM. A detailed guide to the letters is also available on-line.

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