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EX-FRIENDS

*Falling Out with Allen Ginsberg,  
Lionel & Diana Trilling, Lillian Hellman,  
Hannah Arendt, and Norman Mailer*

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"The Family"

Break with left - late 60's

"Uncle Lionel"

67 Lionel T. - most intelligent person I've ever known  
Deanna - fellow travelers vs card carriers  
(74) her baby story - ugly episode

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Lillian Hellman - "Stalinist"

1987 - Middle Parents - eastern European immigrants  
Columbian Brownsville section Brooklyn  
N.Y. Post. (104) age 13 - member of American Youth for Democracy  
begins school grad. 1946  
Columbia  
Cambridge - 1952  
Army - 2 years 1953-1955  
Germany  
Discharged Mar 14-55  
Editor Commentary - 1960



We've tried to break virtual monopoly that  
my ex friends hold - have not succeeded p21

The Partisan Review

The Reporter

Commentary - founding editor Elliot Cohen - die 1966 - age 30

Trotsky - Jewish - name Bronstein -  
great grandson moved to Israel - West Bank  
(171)

Revisionist  
liberal

Cold War liberal

(69) bloody crossroads

D.H. Lawrence

T.S. Eliot

William Faulkner

Irving Howe - Dissent Mag.

Philip Rabin

William Phillips } Partisan Review

Mary McCauley

William F. Buckley

Dwight Mac Donald

Allen Ginsberg

Hans J. Morganthau -  
reportedly Hammett's lover

Moscow lectures - coverage in press

P230

Reagan telephone call about your article  
in New York Times mag. regarding Foreign Policy p226



Havel - visit in 1988 - Poster of John Lennon p 46

Joseph Heller - Catch 22 - ex friend - Air Force Academy celebrated him p 50

Hellman - died 1984 - said she was blacklisted

"lived in opulent style"

east 82nd street House

Moyunkhan at dinner at my house

she 52 to my 27  
went to movies together  
met at Marler's party

couldn't not admire her writing

she wrote deliberate lies

didn't like commentary term anti-American

Raul letter - Lillian a communist 1938-40  
p 135

I was attracted to her because of glitter of glamour ambitions  
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What is Kroustadt

Irving Kroustadt  
Mqr. editor invited me  
to write for mag (156)

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Hannah - died 1975

Her opinion of me was not high 144

Break came over Eichmann (152) - a banal personality

Wasn't an early Zionist - didn't believe in God

Had lots of Orthodox Jewish Education

Eichmann in Jerusalem - A Report on the Banality of Evil -

strong negative reaction against book

The number - she suggested 4 1/2 to 6 million (p163)

Why did you support the 6th Commandment (167)

\* role of intellectual activity - p177

Quisling - couldn't forgive him even when dead (1958)

Jack Kerouac - died 1969 (age 47) Drugs

Lucien Carr - (Caleb Carr)

(1960) He's going to get violent (Norman P.) at Walter's party (41)

My daughter's friends p48 (Drugs/murder etc.)

A105 = rampant homosexual promiscuity

Fuck and fist me - pornography p54 footnote



Tidlings

strains / watchfulness / touchiness

Better Red Than Dead -

American Committee for Cultural Freedom

home of Arnold Bechman

ugly display of temper over my  
perceived pro Soviet stand against  
their liberal anti Communism. p 81-82

p 85 Making It - Ambition is good - Tidling said  
write another last chapter -  
my publisher wanted nothing to do w. book.

Leon - died 1975? - Pancreatic cancer

Deena outraged with Breaking Banks

intellectual as drawn to "third force" p 99

Deena - didn't go to her funeral -

didn't remember her all that fondly p 102



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NORMAN PODHORETZ

*Doings and Undoings*

*Making It* 1967

*Breaking Ranks* (1979)

*The Present Danger*

*Why We Were in Vietnam* (1982)

*The Bloody Crossroads* (1986)

New York Review of Books - what is it.  
Mary McCarthy - leading bitch intellectual

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Brooklyn - what influence

I was a heavy drinker

Smoked pot - circle of friends with Mailer in Village

Fire Island - 60's - amphetamines

Double life for me - "bad street kid"

sexually provocative

married at 28

stabbing of Adele

Mailer's column - Responses and Reactions - 6 months  
left bad taste in both our mouths

Jackie Kennedy -

Party - Mailer not invited

Fuck you Jackie (prose)

became an  
ex-friend over  
Making It