

One last, for the moment, (!!!)

High over Germany

Trainer input technique: THE AFTER
COURSE LETTER.

11/07/98

Dear H., J., A., M., L.,
A. (moi utēelka), V., G. and Na,

Some stray thoughts. Right after we closed our group
malis R. from (A) asked me to tell her about Anja's
work. I was so full of emotion I could barely tell
her about the Having/Being distinction. I was in
~~not~~ state to teach anybody anything.

Thank God for supervision. With S. I started
in a sensible, controlled way, telling her you had
all given me sincere "go-ahead" feedback on
the 5.45 pm "TRAINER TALKS TO SELF IN FRONT
OF GROUP" work. I told her how your ^{group} ~~OK~~
would allow me to try this again and try new
ways of doing it. Then I said something that
triggered the volcano inside and I broke into
massive crying. Suddenly 10 powerful groups,
all now in history, flooded back, with their
pain of parting, especially one in 1988 that
an Austrian participant closed with a
slow Greek circle dance. I asked her ^{Sally} "why should

I work ~~so~~ hard to help groups to come together ⁽²⁾
just to die 12 days later?" With a couple
of deft sentences Sally helped me see that
in your case there is a long "before" and hopefully
a long "after". And the sets subsided.

I think, personally, that supervision is a vital
part of the "hygiene" of my work. How many teachers
would be saved from all sorts of shit, like
burn-out, if they had this help available to
them?

R " I was really relieved to see you with
your "younger" face on Friday, ^{and} also to feel you
sat of leading the Friday "independence movement" in
the group.

I sensed, A, that a new mood came over you
on Thursday and Friday. Not sure what, but it seemed
something was happening. I sensed it too when we
said goodbye on Saturday morning.

J " I was grateful to have been allowed, somehow,
into the hall of your house where I think I found
patience and pain. "What are the specific signs of
this, mano?" I think what my voice and body felt
on ~~Saturday~~ Friday (1st Friday) when we had a 90
minute 1-6-1. ^{The signs were in my body.} I do wonder what results the 2 weeks

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may possibly have had for you in, say,
6 months' time. It would be really good if you
wrote that article.

Galina, have you yet fixed a clear time-table
for getting together the materials for your language
teaching methodology book? Please keep me
posted as to progress.

V. I hope that when this reaches you, you are
really deeply rested. I know it cost a lot for
you come on this course straight out of the
school year. I will remember your entranced
replay of what your Group A trainer told you
about her lesson, which you had not seen,
I will remember it for a long time.

Can an agnostic trainer really train a person
with a strong religious frame to all she does?

We discussed this, L, and I have much more
thinking to do, within my agnostic belief
system.

H, I am sad you had to leave, in a way,
just as our work deepened. I suspect there may
have been 10 times more learning in week 2
than in week ~~one~~ 1. Honeymoon is lovely and fun

but the real work often comes after some storming.

Good thing, though, that you caught some glimpses of the serious part of the course.

N. , as time passed I felt there were more and more similarities between us. I found myself nodding vigorously in inner agreement at much of what you said in the group. This is a bit dangerous as there was a danger of paying you "approving attention" rather than respectful but neutral attention. "Approval" carries the seeds of "disapproval" in it.

D. , I reckon you know a lot and I just wonder how you are going to "sort" these last 2 weeks in your head and in your heart. I'd love to get a couple of pages from you on this, say after your August Summer School.

Thank you for having played me well and sometimes created good music from this old oboe. a big to each, 12