Appendix
My Dear Francine,

Many thanks for your letter of April 8. Hope all is now as right as possible over copies. The Bookstore must have been crazy to order British hardbound. I expect the Fr Bk Centre charged the freight from London.

Good of you, indeed noble, to let Hao have yr own tapes.

He Towers of silence and the narrator. You could described the whole of Towers as one of the narrator's reconstructions (as, e.g., the whole of the section in Jewel, about Miss Crane). By the time he is writing Towers he has done virtually all his research (as, e.g., among the 'old missionary relics' he is off to have another look at at the end of Jewel, i.e., Miss Crane's relics at the headquarters of the Bishop Bernard Mission. Among these, one might suppose, were some letters from Barbie). He has also by now, in fact long ago, contacted Sarah Perron at home, and perhaps seen the stuff Sarah probably kept, which she inherited from Barbie (the letters addressed, e.g., to 'the girl with the fair helmet of hair'). One may assume too that he has visited the Samaritan.

Clearly a copy of the snapshot that was her favourite has come into his possession (see page 12, Towers). These two paras on page 12 indicate the presence of the man who is writing the book, but otherwise, you're right, he is absent — as he is from most of his 'reconstructions' (e.g., Young; Kumar; The Situation, The Circuit House etc etc)

Fingers crossed for no more hold-ups over your Pakista trip. See you jul/aug. Did I tell you in my last letter that I have had a letter from General Mohan Singh (first IND - see Merrick's lecture, in Towers, A Question of Loyalty, and The Circuit House, in Division), sending me a copy of his memoirs, published in India a couple of years ago? Seems he'd read Towers because someone told him he was mentioned. Frankly I thought he was dead, and when his son-in-law (now in Washington) rang me one day and said who he was I feared Mohan Singh was going to kick up some sort of fuss. Instead of which, a signed copy of his memoirs has reached me, plus a fulsome letter from the
saying how much he appreciated this English attempt to convey the INA situation fairly, and inviting me to be his guest and the state guest of the Punjab Government next time I go to India. (Perhaps he plans to put poison in my coffee????!!!!) But he is now, apparently, a member of the Rajya Sabha, the equivalent of your senate and our upper house. His letter heading, believe it or not, is "General Mohan Singh, INA, MF". If that young historian, Stephen Shenau Cohen, is still in Illinois, he might be interested to hear of this development, because he wrote about the INA in his book on the Indian Army.

Love to you both,

Ever,

Paul