

LETTERS

From Whittingham to Fleming

The White House
Oxshott
Surrey

6th May 1961

Dear Ian

I do hope that you are mending well, doing all you are told, and none of the forbidden things you would like to be doing! My main consolation was morphine, and I'm not too sure that I haven't been hooked!

Following the suggestion in your letter, I have asked Freddie Holdaway, who is the legal adviser to my agents – Christopher Mann – to get in touch with your lawyers, and this has been done. But very understandingly, he was told that you are not to be in contact with the outside world for a while.

I am recovering slowly and impatiently and hope to be off on my travels for a new film at Whitsun.

Best wishes for a complete and speedy recovery.

Yours
Jack

From Fleming to Whittingham

As from the Clinic
4 Old Mitre Court
Fleet Street, EC4

10th May 1961

Dear Jack

I am horrified to hear that you have been on morphine and not only that, but that you are already contemplating your next stint at Whitsun. Is this really wise, or can you take the new thing on in a fairly leisurely fashion? It seems to me that you are getting back into your professional stride a bit quickly!

I am so glad that your legal adviser is now in touch with my solicitor. I don't wish to sound ominous or to pre-judge anything, but I do think from what I hear from the legal cohorts on our side, that a graceful composure of such differences as you and I may have between each other might be wisdom.

However, as I say, this is all on the 'Old boy' wave and the main thing is that we should both be in good heart (!) again as soon as possible.

Again with warm thanks for your kindly letter

Yours

Ian