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I was surprised to find, after his suicide, that Maguch had kept these 3 letters, an exchange which makes the sad deterioration of the relationship plain. He left my flat... but failed to find anywhere else to go, so lived in his car, and after about 10 days people who knew us both, and had been saying for months that I ought to pull myself together and get rid of him, changed their tune & began to urge me to take him back! So I did, on condition that we made no attempt to be friendly, just lived our separate lives. The dating of this, which I've forgotten, may be apparent in his diary -

It worked. Stress ebbed away. Friendship revived, in a much healthier form. Having somehow replaced his beloved little Volkswagen beetle, he drove me to the station when I left to spend Xmas with my mother. He killed himself 2 days later, leaving a note on his door telling me not to open it, but to call the police. Diana Athill

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