



THE NEW REPUBLIC

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Dear David,

Yes, yes, go ahead. For two years now Sacvan Bercovich has promised me an SA piece, based on Viking's autobiography of two years ago; & I'm tired of waiting. Your magic realism angle sounds good -- but remember to begin at the beginning -- when & where he was born, what he wrote etc -- a necessary concession to my readers -- no, an essential education. I propose about 2500-3000 words sometime in Elul, so we can have it for the fall. Or do you want to do it earlier?

Best --