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Dear Dr Boyer

Here is the little essay I promised you yesterday. You will find William James, The Varieties of Religious Experience published in paperback (The Fontana Library (Collins) 1960-1963; on page 94 you will find the beginning of a discussion on the Once Born and the Twice Born which permeates the book. That Eliot knew this book it is impossible to doubt, as it was a standard work in my youth; moreover there are straws in the texts ~~that~~ that make it certain - when Sweeney says "I've been born and once

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"is enough" is me, and I have just come upon another as I skimmed through it again; I find the unusual word 'snicker' that occurs in Profrack, on p 145. However

I don't know for certain if Wystran ever read James, though it would be strange if I had not mentioned the book to him when he was my pupil, as we were both (from opposed points of view) interested in religion and psychology.

Any how it was a pleasure meeting you and I hope your book on WITA will be exciting to write and slowly received. Would you be so kind, when you get back to Philadelphia, to give my affectionate regards to Herbert Howarth, and let me know if he ever got some books I sent him? Say I am most grateful for his excellent Eliot work.

Yours sincerely  
Newell Johnson