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Dear Ken

Thank you for sending the Comparison version. Useful for reference. It was a pleasure however to read the Final Draft straight.

You are a true professional. With deft touches you have now ensured that the tension in THE THIRD TWIN is maintained through every page. It will never cease to astonish and delight how a class story teller can transform, often with only one word or phrase.

A few final thoughts to share. With proof stage in mind.

As you are reading the proofs, could you perhaps change one or two of the 'embarrassed's. When such a word is used fairly frequently it can catch the eye and distract. And 'ashamed's?

P19 a small point but I think the US spelling is 'willful' which in fact would give the right emphasis!

P238 This has been nagging me. 'Nothing wrong with being a stewardess'. Rephrase perhaps? Something like 'She may be seeing the world...'?

P343 Ghita. Forgive the repetition please, but would she not at least say that she too would lose her job. For sure...?

P351 line 5 'Obell' Caught my eye.

Jeannie I now like. So I'm sticking my neck out. Your fans vary in sex and age. That is fact. It is also fact that this novel will have a mighty appeal to a new young generation. But please do not let there be any danger of not appealing to any of the legion of readers who have followed every word of Ken Follett for 20 years. UK readers especially in mind. All your readers will want to relate to Jeannie. On 3 occasions it can be difficult.

P345 'Kill, Jeannie, Kill'. Overly aggressive? do we need?

P465 'Jeannie fucking Ferrami' Yes the alliteration is appealing but is the phrase?

P504 'Sex on a stick' 'Offto church' 'winked at herself' Sorry, but such arrogance is hard to take.

I'll now shut up. I promise.

With every good wish in the world to THE THIRD TWIN. And to you. I do so hope that the film world is responding with enthusiasm.

Thank you for the fascinating, challenging hours. I shall endeavour not to become a bore about the mysteries and enthrallment of DNA. But I shall certainly be spreading the word about Your Book.

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