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RE: Alberti, Guglielmo
Switzerland

Dear Madam:

Referring to your inquiry concerning your relatives in Europe, I enclose a communication which the National Headquarters of the American Red Cross has received from the International Red Cross Committee in Geneva, Switzerland, although you may have already heard directly from them.

The Chapter is very glad to be of service.

Very truly yours,

Robert C. Davis

RCD:HM
Enc.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear D:

Sorry this - it is very hot here - hope you are cool happy + not overworked

Love

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[Janice Loeb]

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August 4th

Dearest Daisy:

Please forgive me for being so long in answering your letter. This is the hardest place to write from since it is so interesting and beautiful that it is even hard to paint one merely wants to wander and look or just sit and look. Today for instance without moving from my shack a humming bird and a stellar jay, and an unknown bird with a white streak on his head came to the window, and the junco came in. He comes in all the time to get the dead flies and moths, and yesterday I took a nap and didn't know he was in and he finally woke me by landing on my head. And millions of squirrels and burrowing animals all around the house. I haven't yet had time to deliberately wander, but in the course of goining from here to there around the house found 50 kinds of flowers - and identified them. The flowers are spectacular, masses and masses of them - but the variety is what is so extradrdinary. That in general is what is so amazing about the place. Haven't gone anywhere much but every place is totally different, each canyon, each mountain, and the whole thing totally untouristed. Here I am dying to go on hikes, for the million views and rocks - I used to hate mountains and walking, but nobody ever told me it could be like this.

Spent the first two weeks making two totally dishevelled houses habitable for the family, spent another week cherry picking and sorting on Junior's farm - and I love it the way normal people seem to like tennis and things like that. I expected it to be boring after a bit - started at 6:30 Am and finished at 9, but it got more amusing as one got really competent I must tell you about it. Have generally never been so happy in my life and which I could live here full time. The family's coming sobered me, but at least I did start to paint and it is a hell of an interesting place to do it. Bill had a fine time and Jim got a taste for museums and kept going back on his own. It made an enormous dent, and Bill will have to make the grand tour with each child. Next year Jim and friend want to go alone on scooters. It is so splendid and unusual when things work.

The young Washburn never did come to see us, but would have meant his coming a day early. Your new job sounds more restful than teaching. Lawrence's summer address is: 17 Percy Street, London W.1. And I should dearly love to have the projector back again, Bill has been pestering me for years for lantern slide shows.

It would be kind of wonderful if you would come out here next year in July when there is no rain and no biting bugs to spoil the glory of it.

Love

Janice

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Dearest Daisy.

I've got to London. + it's for me. Feel all the time vaguely as if I were being chased. Started in again on with doctor, opening up. From the first moment here I was writing on me to be as if I'd never left it - with the same horrible feeling of utter frustration + shame. C.B. was very sweet. Has gone back to the country tomorrow + I'm relieved - He was sweet to the extent of making it more than easy for me to pick out of first night hotel for ticket - for, which I'd frightened myself into pretending I wanted to go to. But now my fear of "being seen" out is so great that I refused. Thank god he accepts "my oddity" as it is. face not its real value. We call it agoraphobia + leave it at that.

But in a horrid state of confusion. My sense of sin, my vanity - (oh God I wish I were called + old name miracles), ~~my~~ + all those things crushing down on me ~~are~~ even enough to make me want to quit. Want to stay on - for 10d

I'm leaving Saturday - + would be oblivion to in other circumstances. I've just got to get rid of these cockeyedness which began at the age of 12 + has been going on ever since. Only hope tonight of the length of time it might take.

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knows what reasons - in a kind of holy terror.
It's impossible to make this clear. But inside myself I'm behaving in the most obscene freakish fashion. Do my outward behaviour strikes escapes comment.

Have thought it might be possible to make these writings useful + salutary, so I started writing them down + am writing to you after long days of confessional writing to myself + the rhythm of it is still in the blood. Does this will probably ~~evoke~~ anger from you. (How far new writing is phoney) + please tear it up. Because if written embarrassed me five minutes after posting.

Have decided about the streets there each two days + have all I need. London unlike any other place in the world is found where so hot. + I'd begun to have effects of strong vision induced by London streets. + school is starting till October 5th. Painting has become the so perfect escape that I'm afraid with the help will somehow take it away - if the help is making

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escape has necessary.

Last few days in Paris hellish because family so affectionate, rot + fear of London made me feel like whooping all the time + too much shopping for me to find I couldn't sleep. Did come away with fantastic evening dress from Worth's Rouff (no more expensive than Lord + Taylor) called "Picasso"! But don't know when I shall wear it.

Had general German fun with Rambousers. Boy altogether admirable but so young, so austere + intolerant. + Not orthodox, really. It's awful to be so afraid as I am of falling upon me appears of my general inferiority. He told me his secret wishes for his life etc. + how admirably not find oneself some-like an ambassador, a really good one. Had fun seeing me pictures - on my own I did have time to see in Paris. Great - Too German + burning landscape of Cezanne is very exciting. but best of was it finished + not satisfying - I know one shouldn't say not + about pictures - so that I did it. I only want to

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Rum if you remember it, what you drink.
Father was taken ill + in a fit of megalomania
might want it. The picture of his wife too expensive
even to be drunk neat.

Sam Delmar. Very unhappy + worried.
Poor kids can't blame them. But atmosphere in
Paris does drive one over-crazy about impending
doom. Tho well and she might get museum job.
But makes their situation even more complicated.
Deep down I think she afraid of impending
Jean to U.S. + he is hard to import, especially
into N.Y. + one can't blame her. But this came
out of terribly inviting - she wears maroon
exceedingly well - as only a clam-creature +
an austere New England almost-virgin - can.

Please please throw this away -
+ how are the Palais Idéal pictures + your
+ life + sweetie pie. I hope you're happy

All love

J.

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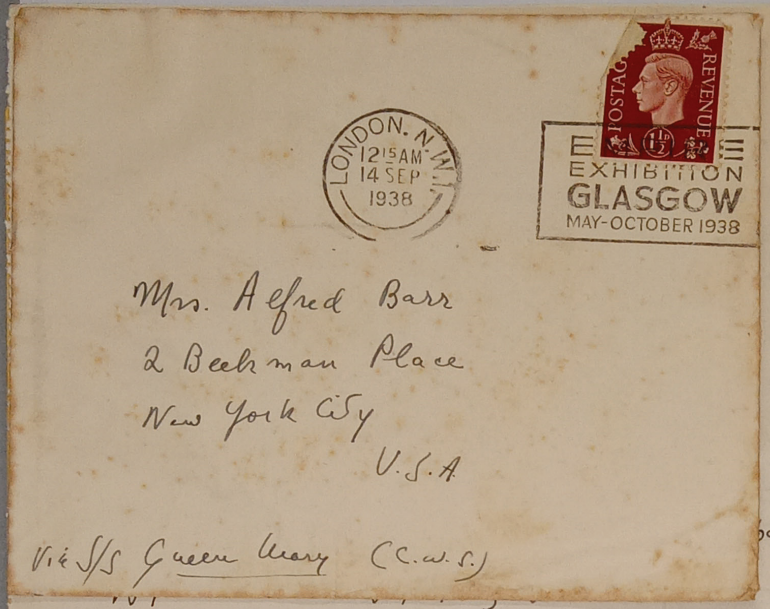

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TELEPHONE 326-254-66

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Best beloved Daisy

Delighted that you like babe - delighted that you are happy about it + frightfully glad of your letter which I fear I won't be returned in kind. Yesterday a letter from mother told me her name was Victoria - I fell almost flat on to the simple explanation all by myself. That, of course, did it require much brightness - but I'm grateful for any small favour from this refractory brain. Hard not to make this letter a long drawn out wail - and I probably won't even try. I'm still deep - deep in the bottom of the sea - and life might be pleasant if this fact didn't make it nightmarish. Except for the shrieking-screaming quality of life at home - all the other objectionable symptoms are here + getting worse. Can't think, can't concentrate. Read page of book three times over + then weep in despair, can't even follow simple conversational argument. + curious physical feelings in head. Problem of finding a mad-doctor now my sole interest. Saw a guy called Glover who's supposed to be good + who's shopping about for one. Haven't told anyone here about it - except for a nice, dull, Tactful cousin upon whom I'm leaning heavily - + would be oblivion to in other circumstances. I've just got to get rid of these cock-eyed nerves which began at the age of 12 + have been going on ever since. Only hope might be the cause of mine is might take.

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Any hint new edits?

All this particularly distressing since the only work I can do here is brain work - not being English. Lawrence had the good sense to marry into the country. Trying to do the brain work in vain.

Have got a place to live, ground floor of house in 51 Gordon Square W.C.1. Nice square - the flat with an enormous room + a smaller one - upon which the measly + expensive electric fires don't make a dent. Have hardly any furniture as yet + no hot water - but this will arrive in time - but is cheap and I was desperate having hunted for two weeks. Bought an immense wardrobe at the Caledonian market, rich with carved fruits + flowers for 3 pounds + now that it's been scrubbed with disinfectant it's my most beloved object I call it "home" + it's comforting. The kitchen and bathroom are together - but that makes it easier to warm.

Will try at once to get you catalogues of Paris shows - I imagine you want the Picasso with pictures. Saw only Pierre Loeb when I was there - everyone else away. Eluard with Picasso in Midi. + a colony somewhere near Prague of Braque, Calder, Nelson, Paris Matisse is, Miro - but you probably know all this.

I told you this wouldn't be much of a letter. Other news best told in conversation as when the fog of approaching insanity has lifted - (+ now maybe you won't write to me again.) Arthur's feelings about the same + working now to write about. That. Seems to have had a good time at ending days in Florence + in good coming back + finished are very grateful. His fascism + related views become more + more embarrassing but it's no longer any of my business. Saw him for two days in Paris - the first day he was all together antipathetic - but please don't mention any of this to him in case you

Shared see him -
+ show us his wonderful objects - + take us again - + will if ever you can - if makes me so happy) - all my love,

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[P.M. 12/9/35]

Dear Daisy

Now I owe you two letters. The first, left me incapacitated. The most impotent making letter one could receive. Said we ought to come, and yet we oughtened to enough, and I don't really want to, and maybe I shouldn't and yet maybe I should. It would of course both be lovely for the course and for me if you did come up and made speeches. Its irregular, and yet might be appreciated, I don't know. I didn't speak to Miss Wadsworth about it because the general tone seemed to be that it was written to put various minds at rest, without conviction, and ending with a more convincing "oh hell, don't bother me". I will of course speak to miss Wadsworth (Sach's Secretary) just say YES or NO. She is so dumb that one can't prophecy a reaction, and no judgement will be forthcoming. I dan't for the life of me figure out how proposition will be taken.-

Letter 2 - Much better. Arthur and I worried much over suggestion that had been made to you, in moment of madness. Then we realized that we might be horribly scolded for our "stupidity". Arthur more worried than I of course, and not as used to scoldings. You are the one friend in the world, and it still is a lovely idea. Try. Also PLEASE HAVE Egg Nogg. I shall be in N.Y. from 21st to after the 1st. Will not stay in parental home any longer than have to. And really need desperately to "read" during reading period. Arthur is still undecided. Last bulletin he seems to hate the idea that he's toying with - to stay in N.Y. about four or five days. I've been urging Alice Rice for weeks, and it seems the most likely thing he'll do.

Been feeling sick, with bad cold and near-grippe, near temperature, but A, and work keep me from doing anything about it. And then I find that I feel better when up and improve faster than when I stay in bed. Also have had a spell of not sleeping and feel more exhausted all the time. During all that unpleasantly worried. Tonight, purely physiological, as above, everything is delightfully rosy. Arthur still completely lovable, and we seem to eat practically all meals together and not get bored. Its only when I have Weltschmerz or am tired that there is slight irritation. All is on such a steady level, that there is little to tell about. Both invited to rather stodgy tea at friend of his Marie Slate. But fun in a way, to hash over, and then I'm curious about all new people, and seeing A's varying behavior. Have squashed most of the stray males around, because I just have NO time for anyone. Recently medical student who calls up every night, although I say hello and hang up, or don't answer phone. He's very young woodiey And very dull. Three papers to do before vacation, and a slight quizz, so that I'm going to go mad before the 20th. At least my madness of this year is just from overtiring and underwork. Not that suicidal madness of last year. Want to see you so much and so often during vacation. Last time, even seemed rushed and unsatisfactory. Terribly sorry about coat situation but glad about cat.

This is so dumb, forgive

Love J.

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for - will be very frail.
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GRAND HOTEL DES ETRANGERS
SIRACUSA (SICILE)

AD. TÉLÉG.: "ETRANGERS" SIRACUSA

Please don't cash Till about Oct 5th -
back empty now
[Poughkeepsie, Vassar, c.1930]

Dear Daisy -
Sitting in Tombs lecture - first and last Time! Modern pty. and 19th are being compare To hellenistic "decadence" and Praxit - Nature never changes - cycles, cycles, cycles - bang - Probably seeing a large Scolari scribbled across the library card & Diculafoy's Spain gave me enough courage to drop modern and Take medieval. He's talked 20 minutes, still no pictures - Agnes is being nice. wants me To do up the "Pret.", I want To do Berruguete (Alonso) Ribera, Zurbaran and modern for the "Review" so that life — art now being compelled substitute for all the blood, flesh, bone things I am hungry for - will be very full. His face with the light on it, like putty maps & the mountains on the moon. How is it that you didn't kill him when you saw he slowly being injured? Now 30 minutes & no pictures". In Coronation of Napoleon David was precipitating himself into a theatrically romantic atmosphere." Does well show it that David was really just a romantic boy at heart but that attendant circumstances made him pt. such "pompy

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SIRACUSA (SICILE)

AD. TÉLÉG.: "ETRANGERS" SIRACUSA

ridiculous" pictures as Horatio & the Sabines
40 minutes. we are beginning pictures.

David "Turns (this) stomach"

This was written two days ago. since then I've gotten your letter and the scarf. Both of which I thank you immeasurably for. And lovely they are too. After five days of complete blankness, I am beginning to think — just embryonically. Thank god for that. I'm afraid of my courses, that Medieval and Spanish will wear away the archeological fervour that now besetts my soul. That my conferences with Porter will always be a lewd attempt on his part to undress me (figuratively - pun) and that what I shall write for him will often be humiliating exposes of my meaningless life and personality, and that through it all will shine the horrid truth that all my emotions are flabby and self generated, that I'm not aware of things lack understanding of any sort, and never have committed a more important action than walking to and from Taylor. Philosophy is a typical beginning course with papers and quizzes. Independent for art will have to be done entirely in N.Y. with family trespassing and poking at my nerves with smeary, jammy jammy fingers.

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I am again passionately fond of Agnes, which is the thing that really sends me into a cold fear about college. I say that it makes things alive, makes me work, but know that in reality is just because I am a person without begi nning or end and that I want to tie myself off somehow, that I refuse to accept my soul as my own, and always need some kind of illicit excitement - and God knows where shall I find it in this vacuum. And very bright- the very bright- friend of mine. Went out and had an affair in cold blood, and is now immeasurably well off for it, and is no longer cold blooded. But then I'm jewish and sentimental. DAMN.

It is nice wearing a cap and gown, my rom is nice though my curtains don't matchMy mozarts are a great solace .Do you know the G Major concerto. I've finished Leonards book, and am frightfully embarrased about what I should do.Its worked on so hard, it has important really important things in it. But it never crystallized, one never feels the people, o r sees them, its tortured without being moving, its full of terrifying subtelties of thought and yet so obvious that you want to throw

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SIRACUSA (SICILE)

AD. TÉLÉG.: "ETRANGERS,, SIRACUSA

a brick at him for insulting the reader.
Parts are incapable of comprehension, parts are
very beautiful writing and others inexcusable.
But above all its DULL. What shall I say. He e
expects a complete answer, but never has and
never will be able to take criticism,he gets
rid of people who try to tell him the truth, and
only is influenced by people who say its marvelous.
He's sick weak and pathetic,, I used to be very fond
of him, and one doesn't care to kick a dog with dist
emper, and this book is his lifes blood et al.
Que faire ? Although he is in many ways a contempt-
ible person, one can be fond of him, though the
book is strangely important ina young idealistic
unhappy way ~~one can't throw it~~ in the ash heap ~~where~~
~~it belongs~~. For Gods sake don't let this out, and
be advising. I'm so grateful for your letter etc.
I told you if I wrote it would be this way, forget
it Deeply affectionate and grateful J
I shall probably bring myself to read the
thing again. What were your
impressions of the squirming gent?
I have a 3½ day weekend
and will probably be down
next weekend to work in the most
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no obligation for you - will probably
be down much to see
Is it Beekman Place or Square?

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AD. TÉLÉG.: "ETRANGERS" SIRACUSA

Dear Daisy-

Were sitting outside of Siracusa at present. Here are barogred houses near the docks and modern nouveau fine churches perched on top of hills in back. Its ghastly hot. I spent most of last night lying on top of the life boat covers - always the most comfortable place on any ship - and much too well up there to have it alone. Sparks in the water - and a very warm caressing wind. Our last evening consisted of going miles for wine. To make rubbings of the identical mosaic designs. Again we past the sea - this time the country was wonderful

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We went to Arcola and saw Today - now is particularly grand

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and often the surprised look of Jonah, our bathing is worth all the mileage. The Michelangelo frescoes in S. Angelo in Formis, at S.M. Capua Vetere, are wonderful. So strangely elegant and graceful. But Mrs. did not have time to look at them because she was copying something like this off the floor  and Mr. C. would not look at them because they weren't architecture. John McAndrew looms large, the Superman, in comparison. I feel the same way as you do about the flowerlet. We went to Monte Cassino - nice mainly for what it used to be but had a napoleon complex

beautiful. But no one even half thought of going swimming - there is such pomposity + solemnity with these ornamental attempts at jokes - I feel so wicked wanting so much to go into the water and PLAY for fun's sake - while they go at it with such dedicatory gleams in the eye. H.P. found his Islamic pottery scattered thru various rooms - there was much excitement. A new kind of game but happening in the same way that it does at most times - ah's + oh's + oh's and he swaying up and down on flimsy ladders and very red in the face. Fortunately there are often very swell Jonah reliefs along with the Pergamon

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in. Two novices were taking vows. It could have been impressive but the music was such muck. and then a baroque interior does steal the thunder from any show. With all 17th century theatrical instincts they made bad theater mistakes. Again I was convinced that Luca Giordano is Lousy. De Lucia good, but impossible to tell from Solimena. The church is better than we had but the same thing. Superstition, too much wealth, too much suffering. What is extraordinary is the (sad) old town wealth and richness sitting on top of abarren mountain. Of course I got my first initiation into a sweet Sicilian custom, when

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in the middle of the night, the party brought in a Scavuzzo for an introduction to the carina figurina Rosalia. Your anti-Wop expressions were useful. — and patience. at last, after much prodding on my part. we went to a play given by a Troupe of Sicilian players. It was called Tendalisina - and marvellous. the acting was wonderfully spirited - they sweated like mad, the whole body working every minute. It was about a wicked noble who ain done right by Rosa - a swarthy curly moustache and an active horsewhip. Rosa calls to heaven to witness her misery and spends

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We're going to Syracuse then up to Messina & then Palermo. and from there, there is talk of going to Tunis - which would be quite exciting -
The last day in Naples I finally did speak to Orfolani about getting me into the baroque pictures room - was it that sweet.
Will write again - mail is being forwarded - I want very badly - to see you before you sail -
Fannie

I shall get to Anderson and Alinari before I leave and try to get those photographs.

half an hour deploring that she can not be a mama (coming by it honest.) The noisy male audience took it all in - what is it that makes the thought of mama mia so stirring?
The best part was the end, when the two fight the noble to the throat and bites him to death - and the noble's legs kick more and more feebly as the curtain goes down - and the hero slings Rosa (well over like rope with blue cotton stockings dropping at the knee) over his shoulder and carries her away to the mountains. Because M.P. always manages to get his pictures and always brings mine - I haven't got a single negative to send as yet.

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SIRACUSA (SICILE)
Propr. Comm. LUC. CAMPISI

AD. TÉLÉG.: "ETRANGERS" SIRACUSA

Dear Daisy—

I love Sicily as passionately as I hate Naples - and that's saying quite a passion. This is a marvelous place - a Tropical city really - broad streets, clean and white low houses and oleanders rising to the first storey with a sweet heady smell. The hotel is civilized - I have a balcony overlooking the movie theater with a free show every night, and the bay - which right now is doing marvelous things in a fiery sunset. And right across the bay - 15 minutes by a beach for swimming - main one we pass as closes by - God. M.C. gets very loud - [redacted] (I've said these things to you) He's not only a snobbish - his taste as the devil. "harmonious space" sounds like a postcard. and once in my innocent days I thought it sounded nice - he's forever saying things like "a simple story simply told" - I'm so demoralized I don't even bother to powder my nose anymore. The cathedral is fine - the inside lined with Doric columns of the old Temple. There is a fine Greek theater and Greek frames - very romantic with deep caverns and weird ideas high walls.

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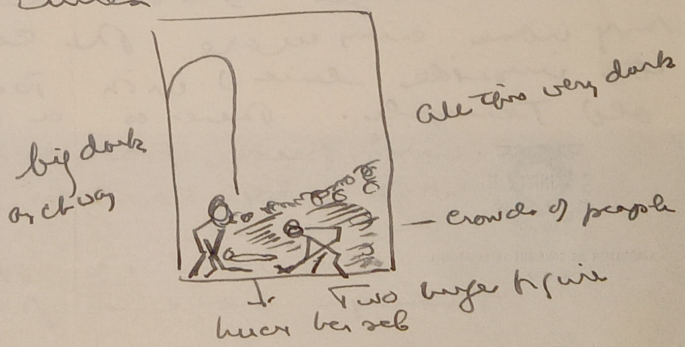
completely baroque and the warm yellow stone. Strange mixture of influences - some straight from Rome - with Borromini bulging pierced prize pigeon chests and then some Portuguese palazzi and splendid balustrades with horses, lions and silly females supporting them, dissolving into fancy foliage. Our church - a perfectly innocuous church but ~~and~~ chapel ~~altar~~ with delicate gold decoration - pure Bavarian rococo - asymmetrical design. and then the white stucco flat with some spots punched up by accents. Domes with pine cone elliptical plans and often the architects use pairs all around the building with end of first being bigger. The whole place is fat and prosperous looking - a whole street with one piazza after another - all kinds of stage effects. and then the country is marvelous - wonderful olive groves and cactus and green plains and snow covered Alps. This is hurried and dull - I've kept the R's waiting for 15 minutes - and I'll go on tomorrow.

P.S. I saw Caravaggio's martyrdom of St Lucia - in St Lucia. Sad condition and probably very much repainted - but swell composition - and must have been very wonderful. I don't even imagine a photograph exists unless in Rome or such.



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II Messina

Dear Daisy -

Forgive the messiness of the last section - and that of the one to come. Right now I'm deep in a hot, itching sleepless night - but I don't give it - it being Sicily. We spent last night in Taormina - the most beautiful place in the world tho frankly a resort. It's on a high spur with sea all around - and cypresses and jasmine - too wonderful to go into - and a bewitching starry night and on the ocean, fishing boats with flares - so beautiful that I just take here not having anyone around I cared about - and had to write a letter to a very ~~ex~~ best-beloved to help out the terrific stirring inside. Enough sent went with Lucent to raise a steam engine.

Regular and medical had even better stuff, also the whole Stadt Leid does it come up to Nato. More different from Roman stuff -

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wives than a U.S.
small town - and more energy
for violent bad taste - but
is Gothic, Moorish, Gothic, romanesque
neo-Norman + German relief-work
Too sickening to be amusing.
In the museum there is a so-called
Carnaggio Nativity - also really
better than the photograph and when
I took a photograph it meant it's
bad - But the picture might be this
too marred by ample repairs.
Also for repairs to the rest I
the stuff here but nothing to write
home about. And the Cincfixe
is nice, also again a bad paint
job - and something I never thought
about the Torso - in this case
the photograph is better.
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inclined to sell the Lord
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carving inventions. In Modica
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quite handily - and the interior
speckled with gold, glittering like
silver peppermint balls on cake, and
blue and rose stucco - not really
good - but so pleasant. Also what
I think German baroque must be
like. Catania was a won-
derful town, broken with the baroque
set more resplendent - a
stupid monastery + broken entablatures.
S. Nicolo a strange megalomaniac
failure. Incomplete above the second
story and mammoth Corinthian
columns flanking the doors.
This is a dull stupid town -
all rebuilt since the earthquake
in 1908 and therefore the most
excruciating kind of stuff.
Some fishers and various

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done. I passionately hope will
get back so that I can see you.
if there's a chance I'll wire
Sicily sweetens you does wonders
in spite of all odds. I go crazy
with regard the R's and then
feel sorry and feel I'm doing
a lot of the dirty work - sometimes
when things nice I feel I should
spank myself - but my God -
I like him infinitely better than
her now. But I won't go on with
this. I shan't read it over because
I feel hot & sick & dead tired
& no chance I shall. By the way
we are watering this - praise God.

Very fondly & a bit
patronizingly Janice

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FLEMING'S
NEW CLARGES HOTEL,
HALFMOON STREET,
PICCADILLY,
LONDON, W. 1.

Dearest Daisy-

Arthur left this morning, and I hope I can catch the Berengaria mail this evening. You will have heard all about my having gotten sick - that rotten joke. But I don't think it spoiled too much. not for me certainly and I don't think it was as bad as it might have been for Arthur, who, after all, is the only one to consider in this matter. I'm glad he came + I think he's glad he came and that's a lot.

The first two days were pretty bad. I did'nt quite realize he was as far gone and as broken as that - afterwards and even then he was lovely adorable, perfect everything in Arthur that makes one ever care for him was present in its purest undiluted form. Caused great renascence of affection in me. He made things easy for me, also, in his unique way. But I think I managed to be definite - had been bitten too hard not to change my way of behaving. Did'nt hold out anything out of kindness or evade

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things.

A is not the kind where one needs or wants to break; as such situations must usually be handled. His coming here made the thing less obsessive, rather than started up again. He's ready + psychically capable of enormous compromise, of accepting very little - which is rare. It's usually the very little you offer that grows into a major cancer. All A. wants fundamentally is to have his love-lives relieved, and I just do it better than anyone else, all he wants is to be in the presence of someone with whom he can be comfortable + own his ego - so that seeing him at intervals is not only better than no thing, but very much better than no thing.

He knows I'm very fond of him - (I was sure of that when he was here) and that we can see each other at intervals when I live in New York. Deep down I know how hard that will be + that they won't be frequent. I was very definite about marriage or any other close + continuous relationship. I admired the great possibility of other diversifying interests. I was definite about not coming back before Egypt + hope in that to make it finite clear that I wouldn't change my plans in any big way for him. I don't see what more I could have done.

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I know that he's scared of growing old - therefore more desperate about trying up to hold on to me - We didn't speak of it, naturally, and I can't do anything about it. We did'nt go into the many reasons why I didn't want to marry him, it would have been cruel + unnecessary. I did say, and it is very important, that if I were married I wanted it to change me + not just be a continuation of my "independent existence" + my nature as it is now. I also said that I hoped I could be in love - I mentioned something about children.

Mostly, in this letter I want to clear up a few things that Bronia interpreted, in case bound to pass somewhat. My reasons for going to Egypt as staying up with the 2's are not as complex - riddan as he would have them be. His natural vanity had to make them so To ~~out~~ explain my refusal To do him the favour I coming back earlier. Vanity (which is healthy + needn't be shattered) his Total incomprehension, except as an abnormal factor, of why a person who is naturally independent need stay as in a place as do things she doesn't actively like + with people she does'nt actively like,

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make me seem more cock-eyed than I am. but you can understand that.

He will probably make the 2's sound worse + my state more miserable than it is. I'm not miserable at all. The 2's don't bother me any more than they interest me. I feel that there is hell of a lot in Paris that I haven't tried - there even plenty to see in the Louvre. I do feel that America is nicer, that New York is more alive and a better place for a working activity, and the few people I care for are there though there is also my fly in the ointment family. Paris will probably go crabbed but it certainly has it reached the screaming point. Penrose has just called me up - because Yvonne wrote to him that I was sick + he should come to see me - the 2's are really very nice to me. (on reading it over I see that I'm apologizing too much - that is usually a mistake)

I seem to have said all this - terribly much as I said before. The fact that I have no definite feelings about it makes one use up a lot of words.

We spoke about everything - mentioned Freeberg - Don't expect Roland to see the point of this." (In fact, I like such silly people that no one else can bring me out. It just so happens that you don't with Roland finite exclusions - but there very few people in the world who don't).

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LONDON, W.1.

it's over - but Tortured letters still come + I feel sicker + worse about his plight than A's - A can be helped in some ways + in those ways that he can't so not my fault + I tried my damndest. It is the best cure against ~~it for~~ doing things out of twistedness + viciousness + wanting that one desperately wants to, and against playing up with fire. I'm very fond of him even if he's boring in the long run, has no tricks to make impossible situations possible like A, has a ridiculous voice + accent. But he had a beautiful body that went into ballet dancer poses - + was young - important although it did it feel me with concupiscence, + pretty fine morally + intelligent. It's horrid to have crippled that - I destroyed his feeling of superiority + pride - which he so badly needs - But ha ha - one that score - it's risky to write about how badly one feels because someone is in love with you + I was so nasty.

This week restored me - scraped off some of sordid accretions of Paris - Felt newly washed ready for my ascent to heaven - ~~Feel with~~ Wonderful Palme Beig in This World where the Rewards are horrible + boring + ~~oneself~~ clean shirts each day by the washing

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will write you again about London - Shall stay hours or five days after I'm up (which will prob. be Tomorrow) shall go after Pics. see Penrose &c.

Spent exaggerated sums of money by being rich - but will manage by taking some of the reserve funds + so avoid too many explanations. Must write to family now and have to do so from London - idea will become v. London for few days - half-need of change - half - work for Zervos - arrived say three days ago - took flicks (to explain expense + avoidance of their friends) am now well again + can start work - Love your daughter - Heart of H - concealed - This is just in case Wolmer speaks of my having been here -

Feel terribly homesick for you - impatient for April when I shall see you - love to Alfred + you, ever wordly -

J.

P.S. H. was stupid about speaking to Constance - leakage bad enough. (Don't reproach him with it tho). Have learnt to hold my tongue - Sorry you + A. as my two boarders well.

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PICCADILLY,
LONDON, W.1.

Dearest D -

I'm about to set off to a pretty stinking volcano + you'd better know about it before it happens because it leaves future plans in suspense etc. Have had a divine time in London - made me happy, courageous + sane. Come to conclusion that should have come to long ago. Except that matter had it come to a head. In spite of all kindness Zervos showed to me in spite of the blood + gore that will be caused by it, for the first time in my life am going on side of family + have told father - after vague former letter explaining - by Europa mail - to stop loans to Zervos. I don't know how much you ever knew of arrangement - at any rate, the father has already lent ca. £1,500 - he is now being asked for rest of the rest - it would eventually be £10,000 for the year. It is impossible

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To speak to Z about my worries in this respect - God knows I've tried. I don't really have to know more about things. but as I see it - it's absolutely impossible for him as things are now - ever to be able to pay it back. He has no intention of cheating he is still essentially honest - but really only cares about the books + probably unconsciously feels that ends justify means. We also began with thought that I would remain his pupil + "disciple" for many years to come - each year the debt would be cancelled - and during that long period "something would turn up"! Even my suspicions that I was in with Z for life could not be talked of. very little can be said without making things hot. All this needs long explaining that can't do now. Again Z - (once we broached subject) confidently assures me that he will pay that he won't touch profits of £9/10/- + Picasso book - I don't believe he can - quite its a hard to many existences.

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What I've observed + what I feel makes me certain that father is pouring money into a bottomless well.

1. For father's sake had to tell him. For my sake had to stop him since it's increased + overburdening mind abt ed mess to him. He's still not exactly in a position to throw money about. There are a million things wd be doing with it + if it were mine I'd know in a minute what they were (if it were mine, by the way, I'd leave things as they are + call it a bad job) but the money is not mine to lose.

2. I know it will make a horrible stink – even if we were in the right + as things are now we won't even be in the right. because I have it you defrauded. I know he'll blacken me all over Paris + make life hell as long as I stay with

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him after this. My small consolation is that he is still all of Paris is very popular in Paris. But in order to keep this - the price isn't worth paying.

3. Purely personal situation will go from bad to worse anyway. By the way, if I need his friends - one can always buy pictures &c. It's not very hard bartering them.

I've asked father to write directly, to think up a reason, if possible, in which I'm not concerned. Of course Z is no fool. But if humanly possible I would like to finish my work there. After all he never would have the patience for mechanical job I catalogue + I can still be of use to him in that way. I've also asked father to write immediately since it's only fair to let Z. decide whether he wants me in Egypt or not. Especially now I would like to go + work like dog. I don't think that Z is being kept hopelessly in.. the lurch - Temporary

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dis comfiture surely - but there are
other arrangements - very nice ones
dawning ahead of him. and it's a curious
fact - I think - that, except for worries,
fathers money would be a great advantage
to him. He just does'nt care enough about
making money to put to use advantages
he might have had with this kind of
advance loan. If I were someone I
cared a lot about and someone who
really intended + cared about keeping
obligations - I should do the same thing.
I'd see it as a terrible burden hanging
over him - whereas his advances to
book sellers - though they make his profits
small - are cancelled off the moment
he sends them the books. The profits
he might make this way are just used
up for another book a year or so away -
+ what we're really doing is saving I

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financial worries + 2) financing a book that isn't really necessary to the world anyway.

Can't go on but there a lot to do. Blessed D. please write when you get this - even if this approaching by. (I hope desperately you won't suffer in it as "my friends") - because when it breaks it will be a fine hell to be in. I'm burning a lot of bridges I know + I hope you think I'm right. It's probably the best decisive act in of my vague + [illegible] life. Well write if London [illegible].

All love - oh God help me -

Please speak to family - if you have ideas on subject - although I know you have nothing to do with this at all.

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Angelic D-

This will be very short for will write a great length when alone. Thanks a million times for bag - wonderfully useful + to the point. Was still using my summer one. A. will tell you all facts - pretty ghastly - as well as funny in some inhuman way. Do not accept all of A's interpretations as face value. such as job - complex. Hard, impossible, to explain to him that he is important enough to make me want to make any great changes in my plans (through plans not ones - allowing) for his sake. matter of principle, matter of honesty, also desire not strong enough. Will write of everything

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in first detail notes - don't want A.
To know I'm writing now -

Has been lovely, wonderful, darn
all this week, endearing as never before.

Hope I've been firm - have tried
very hard. No "firmness" in his case
does not mean ~~complete~~ breaks -
he's willing to compromise so readily.
+ will go a very long way in compromise

Thank you, again, forever, for having
been so nice to him -

~~All love~~
J.

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Feb 28

Dearest D-

Your letter of the 15th - I was going to explain my late love coming till I got them - but you deserve one sooner. For I had planned + rejoiced in getting back to a N.Y. window family - but now a most fabulous time in London is being offered me + I can't resist. Will therefore brave family murderings + miss being able to rush straight to you via stories + sail on the-de-France from England - March 2nd - arriving 30th. Met Chris Bell during last days before crash up - I was having a fabulous time - all keyed up at the moment awaiting crisis. We had several surreptitious dates (because I was being so lying + foul-mouthed anyway) got along splendidly - howled + shrieked + talked. He is 56 + looks it - bunny + flabby - Diabolically accurate picture (tho he is infinitely more simpatico + very different in manners.) in story Huxley wrote about him "After the Fire was out" (Brief Candles) - after smash up - who sort of smashed up myself. Hadn't been able to sleep

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for a week. :. after Terrific + virginal resistance of that new converted post-London, post-abortion creature you don't know as yet- went sonn with him - ref. postcards. Ten days of that happiest + most exciting in my sloppy career. Restored me to life + seems to have made psychoanalisis permanently unnecessary. So there is no reason not to go to London. And loads of reasons for it. Shall be shown about as young U.S. cunst historicker as discreetly as possible - and God knows it will be fun cracking those highly civilized gates. Will be a lion hunting paradise + snobs paradise + a continual orgy of the best Talking I've ever done + the most howling + shrieking. C.B. is seriously awesome + takes me whole (what a blessing not to have attempts at reform made by my nearest + dearest - you excepted) ~~C.B. is~~ C.B. is for me best thing so far. in back way + above the best. Altho I am pretty unfortunate about ages.

Please don't be horrified by all this. and keep it under your hat as you've never

I will be through with this one weeks

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Kept anything under your hat before.

Don't be sorry for me about Paris.

1. Infinitely worth four years of college + less expensive - learned a great deal - not in books.

2. Since London - over a month ago - have had greatest time of my life. Way + above necessary divine compensation for first three months of drab hell.

Came back here for a week - didn't want to look as if I were fleeing - threw my last bolt at Z. and he's dropped his revolting, gutter-warfare talk. Also am moving out + mildly making a reconquest; though my only deliberate moves have been to be at the store four times a day. When I can work alone (impossible to make friends, carefully insulated by Z's) I take - even here - (also I take + took better in London) leaving Wed - March 3rd

Arthur is a hell of a problem - mostly

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because he is practically no problem at all. When he left London I had no desires or prospects ~~[illegible]~~ am of anything except chastity & solitude for next year. So why shouldn't he have his weekend share? comforting + the ego-warming I'm so good at. If C.B. continues it will be more difficult. Because he will be in Italy when I am this summer + may come to look at America in the fall. This can all be made to look perfectly proper + innocent - that is why I urge boredom - well behaved.

God bless you - don't abandon me -

Ever love

J.

London address:

Royal Hotel
Woburn Place
(Bloomsbury -)
London (W.C.1.?)

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Sunday -
June 10th
[late 1936]

Dearest D

After Two nights and a day of labour pains, much gore, writhing & yelling to myself into the night, feel wonderfully bright-eyed and resurrected. Hope to God it keeps up, and hope also, touching on wood very hard, that the baby died - it was a nasty baby, anyhow. See the doctor tomorrow. Will tell you all details when I see you, and when I'm sure that I'm not permanently disabled.

anyway a real desire to write letters is something, and after months of death in a bottom less pit, even one morning of being up in the fresh air is encouraging. I even feel like working, writing, having ideas. It makes such a hell of a difference, feeling well or not.

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Zervos not knowing that I was in
a bottomless pit for so long. The idea
that my nature is to go dully about my
dull business. They've been making
nasty remarks about my going home
directly from the office, but was so
exhausted + headachy all the time that
I could it help it, and I cannot explain
explain. Three days of grippe - were
accepted as proper + fitting, and I hope
the Troubles are over and la vita
comincia domani.

Forgive this stupid letter - but I
have so much energy this morning,
even if my belly aches, that I
had to use it up somehow -

Pray for me + God bless you
+ all love

J.

P.S. Found these post cards in my desk
the one seemed right - more-likely fitting, the
other was a bit too nice for scrap basket.

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P. S.

Catalogue is a wow. Hall left it in the Office because everyone is so interested. Edward clamoring for it. Edward thinks it's splendid - Hugnet is worried about his article asks countless questions about the "Bullet in" - whether it is big enough to include it, whether there will be illustration, etc. Various rumors that Breton is still making mild fusses. Zervos upset by inclusion of Felipe Morris and so many Arps and as usually slightly sour grapey about the work of others, and that his exhibit in Tanguy - the greatest that has ever been, was not mentioned, but it is, says he, an grand effort, and being so far away, a few mistakes may be forgiven - but his annoyance also is a back handed compliment -

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am anxious to see if I can cook up a good American voice ? Cohen's D'art when I come to America. Have you any ideas - Have a few art could use others.

All love + also to Alfred

Janice -

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Dearest Daddy-

Hysterics which created such a stir have disappeared. Your blessed letter came with W.E. enclosure for which I'm very grateful. Made me feel good + sent me off into new spell of day dreaming + about a golden past in New York which just didn't exist. However, since it is only ~~my~~ I can't anyone else with real pleasure any Tidbits you may [illegible] in future will be gratefully accepted + stored away in relic vary. Have lost my ~~new~~ address + don't think I'm still a member. Would it bother you too much to give them mine with my address. The bank says one ~~this~~ this misadventure ~~will~~ ~~be~~ ~~a~~ ~~year~~ ~~on~~ ~~me~~ ~~.~~

Nothing really new has happened to me. See a couple of old people + am painting + go to my class weekend [illegible] when I have pleasant enough time.

Just in Stephens - daughter of my landlords + now living next door to me till she goes to Cambridge. Spent hours morning in Florence mostly with B.B. She's a heavy girl + has both comic + mistricks not trying developed. She knows Alb. + Johnnie + seems to like me a mite. all I gleaned

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about all. Was sad he seemed to want to marry because he adores kids, about Johnnie and his wife is considered very dull by everyone. Ancient history. B.B. household gleaned from Vir. Woolf. That Geoffrey Scott was lover of Mrs. B.B. + that Mrs. B.B. tried to make Karin (her daughter, my landlady) go to bed with him to keep him in the house where he grew fond of her. also, because "we just can't afford it." Amusing story with much subterfuge of V.W. going to visit Vernon Lee + finding Maud Cruttwell there, a nice provincial Norfolk daughter, sewing + one thing & another. Vernon Lee maybe passes as Raverat Bell. Some of this really good enough to use.

V. Woolf is writing life of Roger Fry and wants to know about how + why he was sacked at Omega. Do you know any thing about it.

Have you Julian seen V. Woolf's newest friend E. Thomas (must join ours) + has it turned up.

Your devoted boy.

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I'm not scared about the war. No intellectually concerned. Don't feel there will be one I hope we do if there were one I'd be forced back to N.Y. Taking my fate out of my hands. a relief not. But those personal feelings are not for publication. One can't help having them, though shameful. So far the world has shown more intelligence + less high-minded nonsense than one would expect. It is remains a clever crook. Maybe a crook - Hitler on the side of progress. but I've taken to buying evening papers.

Hope all.

Love J.

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Jan 12

Dearest D

Thanks endlessly for your letter. Feel freer writing - now that you + A. have come together. Baby was a false alarm - sent you cable after first operation painlessly gotten over with and then child is born with further cables. Had to in case of Arthur because he might easily have come in the midst of it, or, in case the medicine had failed + the first try been completely useless (saw no way out but to go to Germany find # + do it over again). Told Arthur about it in the first place to prevent him from coming + to let him see that I would be much freer to be with. He also watches you on essential discussion. Abortion done at home, by # with my moral support - was it going to kill you - but doctor has finally examined me and said that all was well. Knew no one in Paris to ask. Felt I could it better than with man, knowing him so little. Went to various doctors who would do nothing, make hair-raising speeches - it's all so frightfully ugly at first - can't even get addresses of midwives - finally broke down and called up Jean - during weeks of hunt.

Delmas

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bleeding + advice did not tell this intended and was an angel in a hundred ways. He finally told me that he had done it himself six times and after ample directions decided to try my luck. Knowing at least that it would be a clean job. Didn't hurt at all, was so comfortable in fact that I grew suspicious - but packed 7 lbs for the rest of Europe anyway. Learning by first experience had been too careful and only loosened it - found an angelic female doctor - who prescribed expensive medicine + rope shipping Skipped with rope took medicine, took medicine of quinine, shipped more rope, got fevers Lobar pains + after three days child arrived - a good three inches long. Still have cramps, bleed, but doctor says that's a good thing + that I won't need a curettage, prescribed simple treatment + cod-liver oil, says there may be a slight infammation but that if does it matter. Feel swell + pleased at being child-less again.

P.S. Sue - forgive me for having kept quiet on that - he was behaving like a fool towards you - but begged me not

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To speak of him or the possibility of his coming over. Seemed the least I could do for him. Feel terribly grateful to you for having so generously taken him under your wing again - You see how desperately he needs it. Letters grow more + more diffuse, more less + more increasingly definite + dissuasive things - Said a hundred times that I didn't want him to come + then it got to the point of desperate cabling. I always answered in as dampening a way as I could. and you probably know the rest + the postponements and now his possible arrival on the 14th.

Thus - may have written more on subject to Arthur than to you because he is more on outside - but doubt it. I don't call him outright dishonest etc. (Arthur speaks of him with some heightening, as he does of communists, + your part in separating us) Has just very very shabby, has it a single quality worth living on compensating for the rest. He does fill me with disgust + contempt. Feel vaguely worried about Father's money but not enough to make a definite statement on the subject 1) because is now shabbily + badly 2) he expects to hold on to me indefinitely 3) feeling of how much good that half cent - half promised

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I is full of pretty discouraging - of course that I won't go into now - they are pretty sick making - but not enough to raise a row about.

+ as for the friends they are always the same - plus a few shabbier freaks + arrivistes - they do worship + sitting with those corpses in cafes for hours on end with the "best years of my life" ~~disappearing~~ slowly slipping out of the floor glass doors till 2 in the morning, is no fun -

He does know the loveliest people - Can we bear to do some exploring + find others + want to try that before I leave.

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money could do any where else + what wonderful schemes I would be potent to launch 4) obligation to foster + dependence is further increased by this scheme 5) Leader position I'm in (described parts in previous letter K) accentuated by each satisfying work I do. as rich girl who is there because papa is useful. about Egypt explained it as best I could in other letter - vaguely + unsatisfactory because that is not my whole problem.

Don't want to quit because I have nothing to go into if I quit. Too horribly conscious of my inadequacy + directionless-ness (especially since having left Cambridge, study etc.) + too depressed whenever I realize how little I do, to change what I have, as yet, for a condition in where I'll be doing absolutely nothing - Besides, have felt sick as a dog - with an upset or energy - what with semi-fiasco, two months of baby (all the time Zero is here back) consolidation for 7 etc. - for the longest time + that may have made a difference. Should hang around now that I'm beginning to feel alive again.

Return to Paris - should give him no hopes, of course. We talked about him sufficiently during my affectionate + vindictive moments, so that you know how I

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feel about him. marrying him would be a sort of spiritual suicide, a supremely defeatist move, that I do'nt want to make at Twenty-three. Want to marry, unconsciously, admit that to myself + want to, more in fact than I ever have before. The problem of falling in love, or even loving, respecting, handing over bunks of ones inherent - is very great. So also is problems of being fixed up sexually (but others have, so why shouldn't I) They go together anyway. If some strange miracle of that sort would happen - especially finding a husband who has just dismissed his secretary, it might do everything towards fixing up my bowl, directionless soul. and lousy way of life. Don't count on it, or expect it. Still is a serious business + I would want to take it seriously (even to the point of cried rum) but its silly to talk about it here or in detail.

- But the last thing I want to do is marry someone who has stopped living or fighting long ago - who wants contentment, twilights, relationships clothed in pseudo erotic gauze in house

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with air proof lining of cotton wadding. Dons want a relationship that exists for the purpose of charming + companionable adultery. if I'm incomplete, dragging-spirited now, would be more so, then.

Don't look into my future with much optimism either; but not because I can spot the holes in people. There are plenty of people I would gladly work for + with. Having capacity To + opportunity To - that's most difficult. not hard spotting holes in Jews - then isn't anything else - if I have spoken harshly of P.J. let me only say that I now think of him with respect. He had some shape at least, even if it was round + mathematical like (ref. B.B.). Z has certain

business sense
common sense
common-garden intelligence
cultivated intelligence
understanding
Taste
Ideas
Taste
sensitivity of civilized kind
learning
knowledge
self consciousness
manners

courage good kind
etc etc.

now is he well
dark + handsome

if he is sometimes
feverous, sometimes
friendly, sometimes
produces something
good by accident

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That is the way I all thoroughly amorphous objects.

His wife still O.K. but so much an extent his wife that she cannot be considered as separate entity -

Ernst delighted by catalogue - Hugnet pleased pink about bulletin

Love to your lovely + much respected husband + even more To you - in fact you can't divide the whole business between you - ca 35% - 65% or which ever way it seems best -

Also this letter is about as fed damned amorphous as Z - but I just ate a too ample self cooked supper + am in bad with a not-needed hot water bottle -

I want nothing as much

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as to be chaste for many months - unless it be a job + hidden talents for me to appear very light. Also I don't want any one else to love me unless I feel signal. That won't happen - I mean to him whom I feel signal -

Z (as you so fittingly say about frustrated cats) is dog in manger, is unpleasant - than this a peck in the dark is rebuffed and returns unsatisfied to former attitude - poetic unpleasant - This is fittingly stupidness -

again all love

V.

Why does every thing here i.e. work have to involve your private life, it's rules & unclear - my unwillingness to hand these

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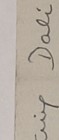
it seems to Z stands probably more than anything else makes harmonious useful working together possible.

Cables to Paris have cost $35 to date.



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I love the Mgm. Rgf
I love New York City
I love New York State
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" " " working hours"
" " " " apple pie + coffee.
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Dearest D,

I can't make this a long letter, and I've repeated the endless story with all its complications that I can't begin again to you. Since I took the family so terribly by surprise and they were such trusting angels, I shall try to pull myself together and write them details. I shall ask them to pass this on to you if you wish to see it. You must add some things that I won't write them and read between the tactful lines, tactful in comparison to the disgusting business this has been. I shall leave out such things as Z's foul mouthness, and my strong conviction that they are worse than dirt. Daisy, my love, you know how hard a thing it is for me to do, what a sucker nature I possess, so that you will understand the strength of conviction behind what I did. Besides, this is a rare thing for me, I was completely intelligent throughout. (It was wonderful, instead of planning my speeches after the fact, I planned them in bed the night before a nd actually used them.) I'm telling you about the business of my being intelligent, because you may think that the terrific bloodshed involved could have been avoided. It couldn't, it was all produced by Zervos. I still have everything under control and am perfectly safe and perfectly in the right. Although I've had the wonderful time tha t comes out of decision and plot thickenings, and Oh what superb plots, and doing something so out of cha racter, I'm pretty exhausted now and shall go away for a few days, then come back and begin the reconquest of key people in Paris. I shant make a single boner. (granted I was a total idiot 20th before Saturday)

What I want to write you about really is this. You may hate to do it, but be intelligent, please be intelligent and believe I know what I'm talking about. Zervos is such a swine that he will try to destroy everything connected with me. And that means you and Alfred above all. Paris is difficult anyway and you know how much you need it, everything he can mess for you, he will. I have nothing to lose if you do what I say. Please disown me. Write him a letter saying that you've heard from my family etc. that they say it was I who did it, and that you don't understand and feel terrible about it (I told them anyway that I never wrote a nything bad about them to you before I became decided in London.) After all you brought me

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there and feel partly responsible for having caused him all this chagrin and irritation. About later disowning ????? wait, I can probably vaguely find out how he ta kes it, e ven if I'm in America. Have organized spy system. This may seem silly to you, and most people have a n inkling of what he's like, and then I expect that my reconquest will help, but you don't know what a fiend he is. He can't blame anything on my father, so you will get most of the spanking that doesn't fall one me. PLEASE DO THIS.

Can't write much more, beginning to be anxious to come to New York. In this superior state I'm in could even triumph over family, and then the thought of see ing you, and telling you the many things that haven't gone into ~~xxxx~~ letters(and I've had a marvelously gay time in London a nd since London) - fills me with rapturous joy. Love to blessed Alfred and all to you

J.

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Dearest D

You are a wonder woman. On basis of your description I spotted BB right off in crwded market place. Tonight again at "Flastaff" (most gay, most Italian, very splendid and of course Toscanini spinning magic as always) spotted the lovable imp. So that I went up to him and said hello and he liked very much my having done that since there were several thousand people that he might have bea submerged under. He liked that, at leas if nothing else, it rated me an invitation to I Tatti and I am to write to him to London and give him my Paris address, he is there in mid October. He is quite as you said, completely captivating. He began right off wanting to know what I was doing "Zervos' books, said he, reflect the barbaric taste of our time, I devour the photographs and the text does no harm, but tell me, my child, is he a gentleman ?" There was a sotty english boy there of whom he spoke of Mahler, Picasso and Joyce as angels become devils and very wicked, and of that awful man in America called Panofsky who was not even wicked but a fake and those he spoke to morons.

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I saϕd nothing, not even that I knew him, but he told me to take a purge if I had ever been in contact. He is being ~~xxxxx~~ obsessed, isn't he. And then to me "Is your family poor and honest, or rich and dishonest." Lovely man, does one address him in letters as Mr. Berenson, and what is the Settignano address?

Little more has happened. Marlene Dietrich has vanished giving place to the crown princess of Italy. Our addresses are:
from 25th to morning of 28th Hotel Dunapalota, Budapest and till about the 4th Hotel Bristol, Vienna. BB would not have called me, anyway because ~~xxxx~~ it takes half an hour to get anyone by phone in Salzburg, and besides he says he is leaving.

Oh Daisy, will I ne ver see you ?

Love

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Iriela B. was finally rescued from Canada in airplane to Tangiers.

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Dearest D

Your most blessed letter came today. What a boob I am not to have telegraphed. I thought of it and was prevented by those hundred idiotic prohibitive delicacies (whatever that may mean) anyway didn't know whether you wanted to come out of your well earned beach sunning in Portofino, and felt plan was too beautiful to be true, and felt full of inhibition about doing such things when ~~one is~~ not a free agent. Basta. (by the way, horrid thought, my pa and ma told me to telegraph you at the time)

About Zervos and family. It is all very fine. I spotted Zervos on a morning when we had taken a ride to Monte Carlo, seated at the more expensive gambling ta ble (not too expensive). Thought maybe that would be a perilous moment to introduce him to papa So I carefully avoided him, but then they saw me (held there own consultation about whether I should be reognized or no) and then there was nothing to do but say hello. And family was very much impressed by them. Sehr gediegen, shhr nett. There was little they could say to each other, but after that it was all fixed with no obstacles. I am a lucky lucky boob. Every night before going to sleep I think about how I have a job (even if none paying) how I don't have to go to school anymore and write papers born out of a night of auto-erotic love, and I shall work very hard and it will be fun. Glory The family are now outspoken about the fact that they WANT me in N.Y. and that I should get married to a nice American (the latter still discussed as family joke) and that they will come to Europe in April, blast them, and I can join them when I want to. But what of it, its all too lovely to fuss about

Saw the Zervos' for tea at Nice. They are so nice and so kind and so patable. It is not that they, or most of the nicer people in the world are not good conversationalists. It is just that you and others of your ilk and, even I, am so much older and more sophisticated and unserious and unbelivers than they. It is curious to feel so aged versus most conversations and people. They all still believe in some aspect of Santa Claus, the twinkle in his eye, his beard or his red belly,

(Zervos does not much like Fini - said you were not Buon Fratello - To tell her of Bernard + Maurice Longue - The best -

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I am to do all documentation for Picasso catalogue. Besides my other U.S. duties, which he seems to forget, am to hunt up all Picassos for Vol II (Will save time to hunt for All Picassos) in America But then I shall see you and that will be lovely. I hope that the weather is suitable for Lily, the car, and won't you come places with me if I have to make voyages into the countryside? There will be a meeting between Pa and Zervoz in Paris, with me as interpreter thus leading the conversation besides cool pastures. Father was all for giving the money himself, but I'd rather he didn't although other alternatives are anything but clear in the head as yet. Jean Delmas, (whom I wish you would appreciate more, because although he spoke too much at lunch and is in certain respects a Santa Claus believer is yet very wise and very nice, and of unbelievable kindness and helpfulness,) ~~Anyway he~~ will cast a wary eye into the Wehye situation for me, leaving my name out and the actual problem out, and when he is in America will, I hope, learn much of use to me. (He is capable of it).

Zervos spoke much about you and Picasso. Maybe he told you. But they wanted so much for you to get the appointment. He is seemingly a fiend to them also. They love him, Z has known him for 26 years and still gets treated badly and must redefine the word friend in connection with Pic. Zervos has plans whereby I must work on Pic for several years to become useful to you re Pic. Very sweet of him to have concocted it, but may not be of any earthly good or use. (please forgive general messiness of this, but am writing it first thing in the morning, sleep-drugged and coordination doesn't come till about twelve noon, ever) Gossip, the value of which I don't know, - & messing opportunism & carelessness were both mistresses of Ernst before Kiki - who's M.O.?

Arthur just wrote again, still before getting my letter or sending telegram. He was sweet and gossipy. His beloved Dudley Poore is reappointed for a year. That will, at least make A happy one night a week. Johnny Walker was in Cambridge, don't know if A saw him.

It is exciting about B.B. is that celestial encounter takes place shall do as you say, but am deathly afraid of it. Don't really know enough gossip to keep B.B. amused.

How awful that you are sailing so early, if

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you change plans please te ll me. I shall let you know our various addresses tomorrow when Father learns how to spell hungarian name of our Budapest hotel.

Men, everywhere, to gaze upon. Significant that I didn't notice them when last in Italy. At this point found them attractive and damned interesting, even the bullish ones in their olive uniforms, though not for me, were compelling enough for three or four good stares before the trains pulled out of those tantalizing stations. Here the men are less spine twinging but equally wondrous to gaze at. Too bad I am not a free agent. But because they are here for Mozart they are "distinquished" they look well in grey hair and tails. There are also some laddies in Tyrolean get-up with very sunburnt fa ces and Frances Lederer central European laughs that do things to one. I saw a God climb into a runble seat and drive off into the mountains.

Mr. Wolfe, that southern idiot of the Lafayette is here, feeling bohemian in kafés and speaking the little german he knows with a pungent admixture of Georgia and Vienna accent. Because I had nothing better to do went out with him last ngith. We sat at a café of course and the conversation with him and the two who played Die Kunst de Fuge before we got here was dull. Then occasionally that brilliance observable when he read handwritings coming out in pedantic and infuriating character revelations. One evening was enough, except that I shall probably do it again and take letters along to have him analyse.

Marlene Dietrich makes life very exciting. Those eyelashes, said the coiffeur, were taken off each evening are very easy to put on. She has long purple red finger nails with no white showing at all she invariably wears black and white and looks wonderful up to the hat which is ridiculous and makes her look German. She is very german often Her face set in that curious way that handsome german women have, and set as well when she smiles

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the curious grimace of a people by nature unseductive and unsophisticated, who have learnt how in Paris, New York. It is hard to define it, but it comes out in the broad day light when her face has a pasty look. She has lovely thin brown arms.

Had ring side seat for a wonderful scene in the lobby of the hotel. An old and fat and gushing German lady brought her plump daughter in Salzburger tracht to see the great lady. M.D. came in all thin and hard and New York and the super-cleopatra of the wicked metropolis. She quiet pounced on the fat young girl, dissolved in giggles and exclaimed very self consciously upon her beauty, smiling at the mother, wie schön sie doch ist, wie himmlisch schön. Then much kissing the girl nuzzling her face into the quantities of blond hair of M.D. kissing her arms, M.D. hugging in return, the fat lady weeping as she always does when she remembers the great actress as a little girl, the great actress distributing signed photographs of herself gazing upwards from under a Spanish veil. Marlene cannot hear music because it upsets her too much, and the villages hereabouts are so beautiful that it makes her weep. The little girl so glückselig. The little girl turned out to be married, but even her first orgasm could have been nothing to this. It destroyed the Dietrich glamour, but was worth watching. The race of actresses still give me a profound Stage door Johnny kick. Also seeing Helen Hayes and Charles MacArthur wandering about. He is damned attractive in a way that may wrongly be described as Irish, and I don't blame my little friend Frances one bit. His emanation is not bogus, is New York and hard boiled and infinitely to be desired.

In fact this is whole-heartedly, and I see it in spite of family's presence, a wonderful place where you and Alf. and John (or some better male also) must come, and we must get invited to Leopoldskron where there are parties of the winchy ones like M.D. and the stodgy ones who sing in opera s and the dated ones like Rheinhardt's and Thimig, and all so thoroughly Central Europe and therefore different and therefore worth a look into.

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For the city itself, but you probably know it, is of wondrous enchantment. I haven't gone into much yet except the Mirabellen staircase. But it is so full of the very nicest day-time period in history. And in the Konditorrei's the protoplasmic goo that gave birth to the Mirabellen Garten and Mozart and Fischer von Erlach and Donner and ~~xx~~ schlagober is still quivering and creating and inventing. Wanderings here that sweeten ~~x~~ the soul, and few Americans except those that like Mozart.

We went out to St Wolfgang yesterday. I love that sunny, Wiesen und Dörfer, country and the swimming in the lakes is warm and doesn't taste of brine but of apfelstrudel, and there are no glaciers in sight. The Pacher altar a glory of gilt wood carving and the paintings so daftly of the north plus Ferrara, and the rest of the church blinding with a wealth of baroque accretions. (My first ~~fan~~ sy[illegible] of German Baroque) The weather is just the right warmth and the sun so yellow as it used to shine on Weimar and the one period of the Germanic race that was civilized, gallant, and held everything at arms length.

So far have had Fidelio and Orpheus. Toscannini can do something with anything, and he did Fidelio. From the height of my ignorance find myself bored with that, slightly, but not a bit with Orpheo which is sweet and like bells and like Salzburg. Wish I'd se en New York version, although I ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ was glad I hadn't when stinko-Wescott told me about it. But here the choreography and settings were Teniers - Wiener Werkstatte "modern", with memories of Wigman, diluted, memories of Bocklin, made more palatable, and therefore less so. But the people who sang were off the ~~xxx~~ stage and those on were beautiful and the person who sang Euridyce was both thin and beautiful. That is important, and you know it. In fact the degree of beautifulness that one can muster is the most important thing in the world. It is almost worth being a damned fool like Marlene Dietrich to be as beautiful as that even on photographs. if mostly

In order to be up on America and be able to understand Europe, am reading my first Sinclair

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And all love and write again and bless you, and give my best to your mother. When you leave I want to send her postcards, but it cramped my style when I found out that she sent them to you. J.

I Want To see you before you leave!! How?

Lewis, Anne Vickers, and now see why I didn't read him years ago. He is so subtly dated, also. Horribly sentimental, a Santa Claus believer, again. With such phrases that shock one's snobbish sensibilities like "she scampered off to school". The donversations are embarassing because one can see through the key hole of the way he wrote them, and the points he wanted to make and how self conscious he was about their historical accuracy. Yet its fun to read and very easy. Read Voyoage au Bout de la Nuit. So authentically depressing. Better than the neurotic catholic moralistic depressingness of Gide and Mauriac. So that twice as depressing really, but somehow a good book as well as a book with no point to it. And it is curious to read Sinclair Lewis on top of that and to think also that one has friends who are just plain nice people, and even some who are wonderful and marvelous people, such as God would not be ashamed of having created even though they spit up at the sky at him, and it is funny to lift one's head from that slough of ennui and futility and poison ivy discomfort and realize that for two month in Cambridge one was happy without stopping, and also in Paris, and that there are such sunny places and haysmells and pine forests here in Austria making one happy even though a msoquito bussing war-war keeps at one especially when one is trying to figure out how swell it is. This is all nonsense. And Celine is right and Sinclair Lewis is as blindly wrong as is one's educated family, and that you are wrong to make people and things-to-do sound divine and glamourous, although your talking is about the best reason for living and ta king care of one's health and combing one 's hair, that I know of. It is maddening that Mundes (which probably inspird that exclamation on Barak beautifulness) should not have been finished swell book.

And forgive this rush of words, and don't say its another proof of my halfbaked Teuton being. I am not germanic, I am not teutonic, oh God. I will learn not to speak so much of my inner states I am fully aware of how revolting it sounds. It is a thing to overcome in Paris. Shall count to ten before I speak and then I won't speak. But I am not germanic, do you hear.

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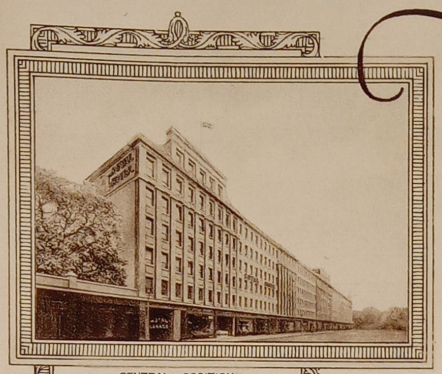

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Dearest D-

Yours later this morning - God bless you.

Please save News and romantic things letters - did he speak about T. in them?

I have hoped for possibility of his not knowing the name. Even if I'd been pure in heart + act. in all winter - he would have made up some monstrosities.

The business of everyone knowing about my so-called private life is hideously distressing. I was stupid enough about it - A's confidential talk to Constance was unforgivable - the rope is called for D - is half forgotten - because naturally I concede to

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it out on him in London - & what good would it have done. By the way - Cambridge now has it that I've been Picasso's mistress + (not too flattering) the naked lady depicted in his latest (actually 1934-35) paintings. I suppose as things are now I'll have to find it amusing + learn not to give a damn. That will be hard since my insides automatically shrivel up + groan.

There is so fantastically much to tell you - London has been unbelievable, of course. The first five days packed with things. Remind me of Virginia Woolf + Vanessa Bell. Though impossible to forget. Probably gayest + happiest time of my life - though emotional situation below levels of laughter is profoundly frightening. To be fair to it - instead of cold blooded observer I was before is troublant as it can be. All this will freeze the warm for poor Artaud - I know your feelings towards him. Justified but still — it seemed so easy

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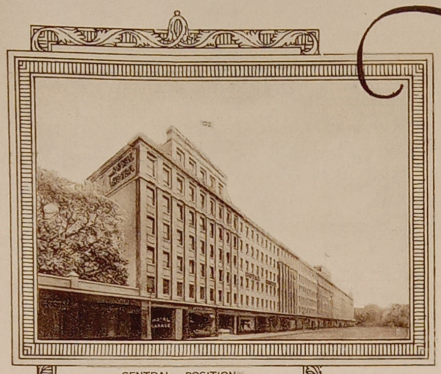

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To fit them in to most possible arrangements. But this makes it difficult - I'll have a new crisis on my hands. It is hunt + silent in Italy - no worry any more - a few dear rabbits, that is all.

Shall be having dinner with the Kennard Clarkes - this evening - hunt + more gossip to bring home.

What with life becoming ever more dangerous - don't abandon me, even in wisecracking capacity.

I never expected and certainly didn't want family to drop you in on 2 business. regret exceedingly

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Have always ardently desired that you should have us Touch with them all - but I suppose some unpleasant contact couldn't be helped. Having spent about a hundred $$ on cables during the year - did mention that they should phone Tell you about burial & smash up. Hoped that would be all. by world phone news +

Surely coming home 30th. Thanksgiving (weighs 108) and don't really look it - & may be scales in these barracks are wrong. Thought you will be only thing to counteract nausea when first seeing granite cliffs of this, my native land. Scared silly of family - but will try to be STRONG

Love

J.

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Dearest D.

You deserve so much by way of letter and this will probably be a very bad one. The Z's have left for Spain, oh beamish day. Have brought my typewriter to the office and write letters, and get everything done by six so that I may have a long bath, and get twice as much done. There is little dirt that I can report. Have not been very conscientious about discovering it. In fact, keep away from the Flore and the spanish plottings, for will have to go back to it when passing Americans stop passing. Seems that I shall stay in Paris a long long time if Picasso is ever to get done. It is still a mamouth mechanical labour. Have about 1500 small photographs all classified and surely twice as much still to go. Do it between times when not at printers with Z. or other odd jobs. Now can do it whole time. There is little to say except that work is brainless and much fun and that I am purring and quite happy. Opportunities will be taken later on to do more head work, too lazy now. Can, in fact do anything I want at any time from editing issue of C. D'A to editing a book (what about Mannerism, really hot stuff and the great writing the prefaces (for next summer) or doing articles or book reviews. Injustice that I should be offered all this and prefer pasting and filing for the present. As for fantastic Z doesn't speak about it any more which is just as well.

Have seen very little of Pic. He had also heard that I had said that I did not repsect him and was not scared of him. But things will be arranged if I do see him again. Otherwise there is nothing in the air but Catalonia which has just established a delgation here with Yvonne as a sort of muse. There is even a spy attached to the outfit appropriately blond and handsome. Means that every other evening there is a great meeting and the Cobla from Barcelona plays fantastically beautiful folk music with Strawinsky plus Siberlius effects on queer acid instruments, or very bad nineteenth century music which turns the whole thing into something fit for the Roxy organ. And everyone stands up and they sing the Catalonian hymn and the International. At one of these say Jean Frois again who wants his book but will get it only at the cost of an aperitif. He is admirably attractive in a loge with light from above.

Had tea with B.B. finally it was both good and bad and could be both intensely depending on how B.B. took it. I have sad doubts about it. Shall tell you the story some time. But still love him with great love especially after siege with Z. He asked if you were really NICE internally, found you damned attractive, spoke of slimy girl who ruined one of your dates and then said to everyone that B.B. had fallen in love with you. Frank seems to be the link between I Tatti and the Morgan lib.

Ernst I know is coming to U.S. during winter, don't know about Fini have not seen her. Recieved wonder long letter and Camera instructions letter with million thanks, this so jerky because I read them the while, and answer when answering seems best. Get the New Yorker, other things are too much of a nuisance. All museum news you write me sound tragic and hope it is not as bad as it sounds.

To send Cst well in thanks

From now on PLEASE no word of any of these things to anyone, at all or references to them.

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It maddens Arthur that you should write him not to go to Gib. I won't give in on the Arthur question but believe in painless operations. PLEASE don't ever let on that I spoke to you of him in any but most usual casual and flattering terms. And such knowledge justifying your advice about Gib. implies such conversations. So I beg you. It makes me out cheesy as hell and hurts him without illuminating him and he doesn't belive it anyway. His letters become more and more painful to get. But don't do anything about it.

Also because Zervos is so generous and so kind and so honest, do not speak of crises and sieges in office. He is a complete damn fool with a heart of gold that prevents one from being bitchy. He left for Spain in gooey melodrama leaving a sealed letter giving me C'D'A in case he gets shot at. (Yvonne that angel winks and giggles) In fact he wants to give me the mag. some day, so he says. It is all pretty much hell and exhausting. He is Very very in love, (or so he says and one somehow believes him) as only once before in his life with a lady in Berlin. I stave him off boldly. But he mopes, is the kind that looks sad so that one asks him what is the matter, or if one doesn't ask him he tells you four or five times within the same hour that he hasn't slept a wink for days and has a headache and his enthusiasm for work is gone. God. But things the last few days were much better and Spain may clear the air. But ugh. the moping and sighing and the reproaches. Yvonne understands most of what is in the air. She is a fine wench. I never have a chance of seeing her alone. Haven't once for more than two and a half minutes since Z hogs. But unspoken understanding very fine in winks and giggles and jokes around and gently touching the subject. She must not know how far gone he is though because being very pure in heart and chaste and with only one great love in her life, Z. It might do damage. Care infinitely more about keeping the peace between us and am therefore extra glad that I was firm about Spain. And then Freedberg is also in love, so I see a great deal of him because he is clean and fresh and young and strong, though not exciting, though not intriguing conversationally, and always very bad conversationally except when one is completely alone with him. Otherwise such a lovely being that I wish I could be nicer about him. It was my using F. as stave-off for Z. that caused the major crises. But I am gald that Z knows that for the present he hasn't got a chance. Z is horribly jealous and for my American outings must use other end of Paris. But of all this didn't really want to write about, but then I always do to you, so please please not a word and forget it.

Hear a lot of music, have no time to read and less to sleep and less even to write letters. But will some time in the future become worthier ocrresponde nt. Love to the wonderful Alfred and immense love to you fore ver and ever Amen.

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Dearest Daisy

I can't describe the bliss I am feeling. It needs going into at length. But I'm so justifiably exhausted that I should crack up. But there are no inducements to loss of consciousness. So I've turned on the light in my luxurious looking bed, and gaze at bookcase, which for the first time in my life is the right size with shelves tall enough for the most pretensious Kunstbuch. There is also an electric clock which works, and a hidden nook to put keys in so that one is never shut out. And a million other incredible wonders. I'm figuring that if I write nothing in this letter, at least I'll know what to put in next. The main point is that ypur letter was such a joy, that joy can be added onto what is already there is not to be believed, but it does happen. Point two: saw Thyroid. Lovely date on Thursday. I was ready for a let down, and the fact that quite the opposite occurred is also unbelievable, and much to Thys credit. He really deserves it. So you must come back to old appreciative view. Besides the bracelet and necklace are really beautiful. Same genre and practically matching the Troi Quartiers scarf. There are many amusing things which I must tell you later, when not as drained out. Also picture incident discussed, closed, and useful for speech making. Anyway what the hell. My only worry is a possible leakage, eventually, through the Levys to my cousins (whom they do see, and weekend with), whence it would be immediately reported to Aunt Adeline -Oh boy Oh boy Oh boy and zowie. But I shall do all in my power. John had to call for his car in Boston so that I drove him up. It was fun having him, except that being squeezed into a corner made driving agonizing, which he was typically oblivious of, and only saw the results in the driving. He was pretty unhappy and hypochondriac with cold.

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All chances are that on A's return from N.Y. history shall repeat itself. Will let you know when he knows you know. And don't be mad any more. I have to have some one on my side.

You know, although it can never be said completely, how much both you always and the trip back in particular meant to me. And how grateful I am for both so deep down that it can't be rung of on the surface of the typewriting paper. What you said about people filling glasses, keeps on reminding me of N.Y. catholic churches with shrines where you pay 10 cents to burn a cxandle. And there are many little pots differently filled with wax and differently burning. And I want more than anything in the world to pay a dime for small pot in lower right hand corner second to the left.

There is still much to tell and I will since now there is a divinely blank interlude till classes Wednesday.

All love
J.

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A ngelic Daisy,

Nothing much to report except tha lifehas improved considerably. In fact I'm loving it at this point. Head buzzes a gain. Read a great deal, find people here, as before, rather superior to most of home brand, and am completely seduced by process and everything else about psycho. I suppose it takes most people that way. Still wa nt to chuck art, but may take pre-med. courses a t University College next term if thats possible just in case I'm serious about it. I very much doubt if I am, of course. Business itself painful but a wa ys interesting. My family is resigned to all of this. Marie, the wondrous maid, writes that they have sworn to treat me with kid gloves, ad no longer insist on my coming home. In fact, their letters are much better than before, and my muggy feelings about them somewhat dissipated .

Greatest joy in my life are two five week old kittens, now growing fa t with highly differentiated characters also one orange and the other black and looks like a wombat, whom I've called because of resemblance after the witch doctor a nd by simple process of associating the other one is Juan Juana la loca.

Matisse makes Rosenberg pay him in pounds or dollars, much to the annoyance of P.R. A man called Boase (I think) is new hea d of Courtauld, don't know anything further about him. New National Gallery "Giorgiones" are unbelievably lovely. Have a charwoman whose son, the policema n rea s Santayana, and yesterday borrowed Bread and Wine, Live in house once enclosing entire tribe of Stracheys where a lone feminist survivor wanders a bout in a most peculiar fashion. That seems to be a bout all

love to you, Alfred and Babe

G.

+ suppose must be alone ...

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Dearest D,

Blessings for letter and card. Don't remember quite when I wrote you last and what I said in letter. Psych. goes well though and you needn't worry about it. Glover is (plus Jones) head of Psychoanalytical Institute here, went to him automatically at the beginning and he sent me to Matte (the Chilean) with high recommendations. Glover himself would have been too expensive, besides didn't like him much scotch (how the hell do you spell it -native of scotland) full of jolly bedside manner and learnt by heart conversation and what they call "porky" over here, don't quite know what it means but it seems to apply. Think I am impressed by chilean, he's quick in the head, and generally intelligent, liked him a lot, at this point don't so much, but maybe its because he's turning into my brother or something. At any rate one can change at any point in the game with great advantage, and after a couple of months more expect to anyway, because have taken great fancy to woman psych. called Karin Stephen (some vague relation of B.B's but thats no matter) and want to try her out some time anyway. Go six times a week now, fee has been doubled because family has approved and they are to pay other half. They are making fine fools of themselves having sicked a N.Y. Psychoanalyst on to mine who now has the cheek to ask him to report every two weeks. He can of course go to hell. Matte is surely Freudian. Haven't asked but that's what whole institute is and that is what it sounds like anyway. They think nothing of Adler over here and not much of the later Jung. He is also honest, I suppose he has wide interests, it doesn't matter very much, and I shall change if it does doesn't work. Has worked now to the point of making me happy and enjoy life. Now seem to want to stay here for several years. If I want to become witch doctor myself, which is all highly problematic, should take M.D. here because its much easier and less harassing all around. Still wondering whether I should begin doing that in January. Have acquired friends and am pleasantly busy as it is. Adore kind of life one can lead in London - VERY diff. from Paris that way. My family's coming over some time anyway so that psych. will get full blast of that. And when I went I was miserable enough not to need family to show him what it looked like. He thinks, in fact, that its best to do it when I'm less nervous and full of emotional excitements

+ suppose was or alone ... ?

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This is a pretty dull letter. Can't hink of anything else to say. Ha ve you enough blue writing paper? My cats become more heavenly every day. Love to you and Alfred and babe and Walker if you ever see him, do you ? but specially to you

J.

Note address

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IT seemed so much more sensible. But blessed be yours reasons, what ever they may be, for Taking Northern route!) I've written the Compagnie Générale a letter - or rather father did, full of 1st class billionaire persuasion.

2) Family passionately fond of you. from first - or rather second. Especially when I show them Pieces of your letter which warm me to keep away me in tolerably good humours.

- funny - nasty

foolishly super-sensitive.

4) Re.- hypocrisy + A. "You" means me in editorial sense. I being of an enforced asceticism all summer -

Will write soon & a million thanks + love

J.

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My Typewriter broke
∴ illegibly + extra
incoherence.

Royal Hotel, Winter & Gstaad Palace

SCHWEIZ GSTAAD SUISSE

Dear Daisy -

What bliss, what joy. I was so afraid that John would address you on Cote Grande. It seemed so much more sensible. But blessed be your reasons, what ever they may be, for Taking Northern route. 1) I've written the Compagnie Générale a letter - or rather father did, full of 1st class billionaire persuasion. 2) Family passionately fond of you. from first - or rather second. Especially when I show them Pieces of yours letter which warn me to keep away me in tolerably good humours.

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from chocolate + wine + every we got mad. So
that long before you wake they urged me
to ask you to stay with us in Paris - while
there (I didn't want to write before I heard.)
Do as you want about it. No obligations - even
for breakfast. 2) When told of financial
difficulties - father offered you the best willing.
said if you needed it right away he would
send it - even told me to telegraph you - which
I did not.

We shall be here till the 22nd. thence
thru Zurich to Hague - (passing right thru
Switzerland without stopping. - Colmar !!)
for about 5 days - then Brussels. will
be in Paris by 30th. again 5 Prince de
G. - I hope you can come - I also hope
we in tolerably good humours.

"Vieux Docker"

2.

3.

it will be we pocketing
Bon way life is beginning
1) Italian not our train, no
To resume broken conversation
Grand Valley. Mentally
chaste.

2) Sweet French guy has
a noisy Time - but how

3) Trap? in normality
overwhelming abstain for
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3.

it will be the packet sine earlier than 3rd.

Any way life is beginning to pick up, somewhat.

1) Talvin met me Train, returns from Just abroad To resume broken conversation on walks thru Forest Valley. Mentally agreeable + immensely absorbe.

2) Sweet French guy for dancing + having a noisy Time - been here for past three days.

3) Step? in normalizing in process - quite overwhelming absorbing for beautiful + stupid work. I am wondrously proud of getting adjusting D.H. Lawrence - after my more wayward jitters + my inability To feel anything but cerebral excitement over works - provided of course that They exhibit the same pictures I do. Have an awful feeling that once normalizing in we in tolerably good humours.

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completed - shall need relearning. But for the present refreshing after 9 years nervosity.

However will be glad when we get away from this freezing climate + self conscious scenery. Ardently desire something smoother + more civilized than Holland. But that will have to do + there are, after all, only 16 more days to Lafayette + 11 to Paris.

Whereee - - - !

I feel deeply sorry about John + your mother + a vague responsibility. It is always incredible to me - that other people will use like someone I'm fond of + discount his tedious demerits - but, I course, I've had enough experience in failing to make great big happy families - to know. Will write again soon. My last (?) abscess is draining - + I'm over over overjoyed All Love J.

P.S. Will of course be to Hanoch line on 30th or 31st Aug -

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Aug 25th

HOTEL MAJESTIC
GRENOBLE

TÉLÉPHONE 3-90 & 17-38
TÉLÉGRAMMES
MAJESCOTEL-GRENOBLE

Dearest Daisy.

It wasn't till yesterday that your letter came - of Nimes - + not altogether surprising, it made a considerable difference to the day - to life in general. A curious and terribly strong dependence on you is probably the only permanent fact in my amorphous character. Did it arise because I too was sunk - horribly emotionally exhausted from every kind of New York siege, did it arise also because of feeling pretty much a fool + you in the right

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2.

especially about work. Was "homesick" + being super-vulnerable when you conceived (well, not exactly - but you can paraphrase it) for weeks. Had been so anxious to run away that I ran without thinking or rather thinking that everything would be right if only I ran - which of course does it work. Running away is idiotic business - I won't do it again - if America were the only place where I could get a real job - it might be so stupid - but it is + that must be faced.

Of course, the national Lab. scheme had fallen through, but I knew that

3.

anyway + preferred not to believe + drumming up a substitute thing (probably somehow about Picasso) without any conviction about it was bad business. Writing of course is the only thing I can do in England - + as you say it's not the proper thing for me, at all. Can't really write intelligently till I've settled down (around Sept 10th) + beginning living whatever life I shall be living in London. Last three weeks Tour de France + in September Paris + exposition about which I'll report.

London was so nice as it could be though + diffused guilty conscience

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+ really don't think that this was a damn fool enterprise as far as work problem was concerned.

This is a hell of a letter, saying nothing. I can't sit down a second today - much has been fun - Blessings on you. I worry about you so let me know about babe - I shall send along with other candles one for you to keep you from twins + other kind things. Shall be writing more entertaining letter soon I hope -

All love

J.

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Telefoon 117406 (5 lijnen)

's-Gravenhage, den 23rd Aug 193..
6, Tournooiveld.

Dear Daisy-

I'm of a horrible Tiredness - just arrived after years spent on trains + walking down alleys of bad Dutch pictures. But family again urge me to write to ask you to reconsider staying with us while in Paris - are heartbroken + grateful for your attempts to make a lady of me + also wonderful hospitality and moral support of last summer. But do as you wish - Just received message from Compagnie Générale - who are pleased to inform us of berths in Cabin N° 500 You probably received the same information, as to the pleasantness of which I am in complete ignorance ✗.

English bad due to great difficulty I have in setting weary pen to paper. Forward becoming more excitant towards end - Hooks consist of available male population left me in tolerably good humours.

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afternoon spent in Zurich in boom)
Swiss relatives. Service over packed of sight
& crowd demanding no attention - so hectic
+ unsatisfactory for everyone. Museum
promising some Pigs etc + other things - closed
with all pictures off walls - + Swiss guardian
of gate was a woman embittered by
life was not able to crack. Amsterdam
from 2:30 to 5:30 - most of the time
spent in Stedelijk. I thought what was its
arrangement + chronological consideration - owed
rebirth to your fine passion for V.G. but failed
in most cases - with the drawings - enjoyed
landscapes + those where the strokes not
convention - (((c. very bright + all that - but
don't like it. Re delicate Rembrandtish
ones mist - Same thing in pfg. those with the
"brush strokes" best - except the latest things
where personality so compelling that have
no time to get bored - like that with ravens
& Swollen landscape called Herbst ended
best - But no mutuality of excitement as pfg.
I don't know what I'm saying - Because
satisfied. Love - J.

Regards to inst. meeting about Hague - Wer Gallery etc. adjourned

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ERRATA

Dear Daisy.

This is not a letter - just to excuse check.

1) Distracted by irritating visit of family now gone

2) hated Agnes Morgan extremely; and don't want her of all people, buried with me. a) because of anti-A. attitude b) because of her association with

① Kuhns
② Sachs contingent
③ Ben Raeburn.
④ Library staff

the world probably been interested enough to notice if there is something to notice + attempt to draw conclusions.

No-body "does it like her" - that I can see

3) Agnes does think that Ben is queer. I feel (being so sensitive about household like Kuhns. reminiscent of Park Ave + objects Westchester) that anyone who likes + frequents them is somehow "queer" to me + you + everyone on the other side of the bench. It was really a way of saying. not to be taken literally. With of course appreciations: Such as A. loving + trusting him + Ben capable of making - funny - nasty remarks about him at Kuhns. My boy actually is becoming positively super-sensitive.

+ $5000 I.

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Dear Daisy

Did you or did you not get last note to Greensboro. I shall act as if you had, which leaves me with scarcity of news. Thanks for postal. Had to write to Povolosky anyway, so got you an Austrian Baroque Arch. book which is coming under sep.cover some time when I have the energy to park beloved auto vehicle near Brattle st.

A favor of you, which should not come at this part of letter for good psychological reasons but I want to get it off my mind. Uncle Ralph came up for the day leaving me with resplendent check, a headache, and a belief that all liking is relative. That after some time Not spent with family, even he loses his charm and is apt to irritate. But I suppose he's full of negative virtues that the others don't have so what the hell. Re check. Can now buy myself that Dinaphone, much longed for. So when you have time could you be an angel and tell Miggie Mies to order me one. And I'll send the check down to whomever I should immediately. Also if you think expensive kodak is right idea to train Loeb in, could you do the same - though about this there is no hurry, at Kodak shop when you go there, any time during winter. Or should I wait till Europe to get myself one? Advice also requested.

Life continues in peaceful and happy manner. Papers are now to be written, so that there is a tiny shadow over the sun, which will probably be dispersed as soon as the first has been finished. I ardently desire Ben R's respect, and that all seems a job. His Oriental, although I suppose conventional, is fascinating enough to almost justify the Saturday class. There is little, that can justify the existence of Guido da Siena, but he does all he can. Already have heavy Museum course assignments, even without Sachs. And the idea of really learning about practical things like dust filters, fills me with joy. Have been invited to Kuhn's Sunday dinner, but got out of it this time using Uncle R. as excuse altho he left Saturday.

A continues to be angelic, must talk over a lot of things with you. So far, Fogg exigencies are amusing, and our behavior of some safety. Only news item: Had double date with Letitia B. and Panofsky protege called Jansen (who gets along well with A. understanding the flavour, and who is becoming slightly difficult as regards Loeb, because I once cooked him a dinner, he seemed so lonely, which was the first "to satisfy" since he's been in America. Also the first time anyone had offered him Port and Sherry instead of high ball. And you know how suceptible the German is through the stomach. His mind is a Panofsky emanation. Which amuses A, and me, in a different way, no end. And in background Kultur in every type of equipment way beyond both Harvard students and faculty.) I've been hedging about getting around to L. because have no formed ideas on the subject. Howls of internal amusement when informed that she would join us for dinner after tea. Was pleased that I was slightly more attractive in at least the obvious ways. She is slightly winchy, but I do not find her objectionable at all. Don't like that physical type, but, my mind being simple and puerile, as you know, am rather predisposed to like anyone, at this moment who appreciates A. Anyway she is bright, and amusing, in a way. More on subject later.

Toured the Boston Museum today. A pleasant enough place, and the Oriental part highly satisfying. This is a dull as ditch water letter so forgive it. COME UP SOON

Love

J.

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Dear Daisy

To avoid beginning work, I shall write, and write and write. even if I repeat the same thing endlessly and then take an enema and then probably go to sleep and begin same procedure tomorrow. 1. I am also virgin to Rainbow room 2. It is heartbreaking about Kitty Day, I shall have to come and fetch you by force before it gets too cold, because I want to talk endlessly. I have a homesickness for you which knows no bounds. 3. Letty Bobo did not seem very malignant snake in the grass, When I saw her in a more relaxed mood today for about five minutes, liked her less. But because I don't want to say evil things about her in my tactless moments will continue to accept her. What should I be careful of as far as she is concerned. All your advice so far is passionately treasured so expand. 4. Austrian Baroque is present and very cheap anyway. (By the way HOW did Letty B. last so long, still curious, or is it the females that usyally get sick of A ?) 5. Ben R's Orientntal is still the light of my life. His Sienese was dropped will explain what I'm doing instead verbally since you will disapprove if I write it to you. And want to preserve long distance approval, also want to see how it is going to work out. A. had me in to tea yesterday so that I could get a start on Ben. We are going out to supper next week, so more on mystery man. Today A did same by me and Updyck. Saw Dudley Poore at end of tea yesterday and didn't have time to speak to him so don't know what I think. As for Opdyck (don't know how to spell it) was amusing and in a strange way rather attractive, but feel deep down that he's hard as nails.6. S knows you know all. In fact thought you did long before you did because of some cryptic remark you let fall in Paris. You must write to him so that you can tell me what he writes back. Although I suppose he'll be guarded you can probably read between lines. I so much want to be able to figure out my status. Since I am having success with what males there are about (Jansen is getting difficult, and with the watchful eye of an "attracted" specially at that age is the worst danger) adds something to my stature as far as A is concerned. How else he feels it is impossible for me to figure out.7. A got scarf at Chatham, must have told me a long time ago to thank you.

So far been sort of angry because work isn't starting and now sort of worried because it has. For the rest have a social time. Haven't seen philosophy girl for ages. Once again saw Mrs. Morize whom I still like very much. Tell me to tell you about Portugal Smith, one of A's students, I don't know enough about him yet and have no more energy to write. Crush spasmodic fears because am a day late for curse already if figure 28 days. And last time it was 22. Maybe thats why I'm late this time. Anyway several days ago took about 15 ergo aps. and if tomorrow night nothing has happened will start all over again with Castor oil and Colman's mustard. Anyway can't think about it much because A should not be worried in front of and worrying alone is too devastating. Whenever I haven't a hold on myself and the other part of me comes to the fore, find A terribly unsatisfying (that by the way, in all ways). But usually am enchanted and attracted and foolishly fond. I suppose (though I don't always think so sanely) that its lucky he's a thermostat.

This is a hell of a lousy letter. But you don't know how yours please me. Come up PLEASE some time somehow.

If I don't get the curse soon Will see you in N.Y.

"Love"

J.

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1. Don't forget to send me those negatives of your + Alfred etc. Communications with Wertin charles - so far unpaid-for, as reminded me of it.

2. A. is going to be 40 and I don't thought you might be interested in accurate information. I am so curious about age of your Boyfriend with Pappy. Did research on this in Harvard Class book

at the lethargy of the Museum class. Couldn't boldly tell her it was *dull,*** and that we didn't get together, because there is no one in it, except Janson, worth getting together with, or else a man called Pope who comes out of the night and vanished back to his wife. She was also disgusted, veiled-ly, thatP.J. had sworn her to secrecy when he told us all, anyway, and everyone at the reception.Of course he would

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Dearest Daisy

Thanks for note, it was joy and remorse inducing. Why, oh why are you going to mothers. When she suggested it to me, I said impossible. Daisy never goes anywhere, and you can't have her without me. Of course it will please her enormously, but I doubt how nice it will be for you. Mayers are nice, but not that nice. In fact I disliked her intensely when I went down to N.Y. But then there will be a lot of their friends, and these are unknown quantities to me, so that there may be some hope in it. Better, undoubtedly than the known quantities. I will probably not go to Hartford, without Mabry. and certainly not to the ball. The day, Sunday, you are coming up is also the day of the arrival of that hypnagogical shadow, Anne Beckham. I don't know what that will do to A. I am desparately curious to see what she's like, probably good. But certainly can't see her alone. I don't suppose I'm to be known about, at the moment anyway. She may settle for good, or not, or a month, no one knows. A is bewildered, but feels more like God, and Casanova than ever. Nice for him. In a way, the whole idea rather pleases me, as a self-explanatory temporal separation, not accomplished by me. But I hope to God, she won't stay on in Spring. I suggested a short drink with you in on it, and I would be "one of the two friends from N.Y." but this idea may be repellent to you. Don't let him know I've told you all this. Lunch with Agnes M. quite nice, she is a good person. Was horrified at the lethargy of the Museum class. Couldn't boldly tell her it was dull, and that we didn't get together, because there is no one in it, except Janson, worth getting together with, or else a man called Pope who comes out of the night and vanished back to his wife. She was also disgusted, veiled-ly, thatP.J. had sworn her to secrecy when he told us all, anyway, and everyone at the reception.Of course he would

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That is all, must now go back to Japanese Sculpture. Am making an outline of the course, a thing I haven't done since Freshman year. Have decided to begin to think of a ~~pp~~aper to write. Instead of stewing about Orals. You see the horrible whining only happens when I'm not working. Can always get 2o Course credit for it afterwards. Hope Anne Peckham comes and stays two months ! A. (after present of his beloved Better Wheat wafers, that he decided couldn't be gotten in Boston, and a pair of gloves I gave to cleaners) came around to a more friendly telephone call. I suppose I shall have to see him Saturday, also must make a jaunt with Mrs. Kingsley Porter Oh gracious Jesus, all of which I haven't time for.

Love, love

J.

I hope with "passionate ingenuity" that you will stay with me. Think of the money saved, the delicious breakfast in bed, and the joy that saved fills my soul. You may even have your own key.

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Dear Daisy

Lovely to get your letter this morning. Since its Monday, there hasn't been much progress in courses. Have now changed again and rather luckily.- The more I thought of the Vienna Genesis, the more ill I became at the thought of a year spent in the very depths of darkness, and then Ben Rowland's Oriental was put back in, so that I'm taking that. T. vague on B.R.'s queerness, saw the girl (this told to me without provocation Never mentioned) who was in Constantinople, unbelievably plain, called Betty Dow or something. T. thinks he drinks, that's the only illumination on that score. Still listen to Kohler's Christian Art. Terribly funny and rather bogus his disease, the too-too tootonic that I know so well, he tries to squeeze Raumgefuhl out of the Ch. of the Nativity at Bethlehem and the ground plan of old St. Peters. But few here have ever read German so that the splendid spectacle escapes them. Listened in to Arthur's opening of Baroque, just to see. It is rather a wondrous performance, worth the effort of keeping awake, full of undertones, and very strange. It amuses me so watching him go through the motions, that I shall listen into Bibliography till it gets too boring. And besides I seem never to have heard of any of the periodicals that are mentioned. A gentle hint may lead to untold treasures, who knows.

Got T. out into the country, wonderful places to walk and drive through and unbelievable Arthur RackhamAutumn with Rainbow effects.So far all rather lovely. You are spoken of with much love so that I shall type out an envelope. Although I still do not react properly, it is amazing how shameless one gets in such a short time, and I thought it would take years to overcome Mother's upbringing.I have to let all this out on someone, and it has to be you. There seems little more to write, Please come up. I want to get you properly conditioned to idea. I shall cook you a wonderful stew of fruit with sherry, and there will be much gossip

Love j.

Writing in a day or two

Tonight shall tell T you know + you must by all tacks holy - repeat to me what you hear from his end -

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Dearest D.

Couldn't resist writing after warming postal. The same unbelievably dull museum assignment is still to be done. I've deliberately wasted the morning. And till the end of November there is a string of these going towards a crescendo of excruciating painfulness. But bliss and laziness continues. It is strange to find myself alive, the wonder of it hasn't warn off, after many years of masochistic misery. October is still flaming and there are many jaunts into the country with wonderful tea at Concord supper alone or with one of A's pals at 11:00. He keeps on being surprised at how much he's enjoying himself. Very gratifying. Feeling for him increases and reaches the apex which his thermostat personality and my understanding of it allows. Leakage and consequent explosions expected seems to have been false alarm. Great relief, although any price is low to pay for resurrection. I dread the arrival of the Sachs contingent, especially (forgive me) Agnes Mongan's. Horror of it increased by Sunday dinner at the Kuhns, with an objectionable guy called Noyes of the English department, mixture of hearty American drunk, plus institutional ethos. Also several undergraduates, Hetty (Kuhn or whatever they call her) is something I am all too used to and pretty awful, and Ben Rowland. He's the type that frequents the Kuhns as well as being strange and fundamentally alone, he enjoys it and seems to love them. They see him as Benji -good-egg. There are many such, and to me he seems a traitor. A. trusts him too much. If there is a leakage he will be responsible. He doesn't of course know anything definite. Raced down to tea at A's after, with strange pupil called Robert Smith. A too used to the type, that grows over Cambridge tea cups, but to me very fascinating. Pale, everything but the technical signature of queer, in the most exaggerated form, and yet good because all his passions are sincere, conceived in loneliness and ~~therefore~~

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not as part of a fashion. Drang nach Portugal, breaks out into song and epic in Portugezse. I understand A's told you about photographs. Is devout catholic, believes in the Almanack de Gotha (never seen it spelt, forgive) passionate on heraldry, and most interesting part of conversation which will have to be told is his, via Proust and Magic Mt., refusal to believe i in neurosis or anything of that kind. f.i. "Would you think me deseased if I said I once saw a Gothic statue so beautiful that I could never fall in l love with a real woman of the 20th" etc. etc.

Jansen gets better and better. In every way an emanation of Pans in t the strictly metaphysical sense. But strangely civilized, humour, and that touch of lightness -every once in a while. After class Jan. and I once aked A. out to coffee before another class. A. overwhelmed, anything like that had never happened before. How funny people around here are. And then Jansen in comparison with the rest of the students is passionant. You would probably not like him because of very german surface qual. But I do. About Smith afternoon, followed by long supper afterwards where A. let out his irritation generated by abstract tone of conversation (he standing in complete silence against mantel) by tirade against intellectual woman funnily ferocious and directed against me. Pleased when I admitted he was very right after dismal and tipico dinner given for female grads. in fine arts at Dean of Grad. Sch. (of that some other time.)

Gurton Worcester -damned attractive, although eternal company acting, fluctuating between insulting and flattering audience. Insists on making you put yourself on show. You would be interested. Dudley Poore - unattract ive flabby queery, who strangely enough is very lovable and as human as an unqueer. Really like him best. He's a passionate worshipper at A's shrine. Probably only one of his friends who takes him seriously allk the way through G.W. couldn't do that with anyone because he is so enchanted with his role of "observer" and his own tremendous superiority. Really most surprising thing

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about A. himself is completeness, when you and everyone else believes that there must be a definite split between company appearance and rest of him, and that there must be some hypocrisy somewhere. I don't know if I'm wrong, but theres none, anywhere. What makes up for it is his terrific and peculair kind of cowardice, and what it results in - guilelessness called stupidity by you and much more rarely by me.

Frightful conscience pangs about Agnes who writes such long and terribly sweet letters. The weight of being actually cared about and necessary is great.

Most of all feeling of existing (in all things) down to arrangement of drawers, the way I want to. And finding out that its pretty perfect. There's heaps more to write about, but I have to do Mus. Paper. Please write, I want to hear from you more than anyone. I might come down the weekend of the 1st. either incognito (which means no family only date with you and then rush back) or not. Probably I won't come down at all, and certainly not Thanksgiving. That's why I want so much for you to come here but understand pathology and female domestics. But think about it often and something may yet happen. It would be fun, you know it.

Love ! j .

Victrola is heavenly, send me a bill quickly. I've gotten Bach Concerto (Menuhin and Enesco,) and one with Cortot Thibaud and FlautistE (needs an e for proper tone) and Mozart Quintett (Pro Arte.) Can't buy A. any more jazz musik.

Family (Pa + Ma) coming Sunday.

I get cold with Rows of the Thoughts

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Dearest D.

Letter just received. Have a minute before Mother comes over from the Continental to fetch me. She came yesterday at six in the morning, staying through part of Saturday. Has been better than expected. Can manage her alone and on my own ground, quite satisfactorily. It is only when such things as summer, "you know no young people", you have no family feeling, etc. are discussed, that I feel the spiked coker descending. But other wise has been exceedingly nice.

A has been having intestinal flu for several days, is now well. Over the cooking of cream of wheat, our relationship flowered again. I take to my new status, have regained deep fondness for A. Who, in his turned, as found that it is neither safe, nor justifiable to take Loeb for granted, even if not, as glamour girl. Also realizes and will compromise on my deep need for escapes from him. Part of which the hyp. had. provides on her every other weekend, and it is easier to stay home. Tried out a lot of people last weekend, in an adventurous mood. But all flat as pancakes, so I return to A. Poor guy, is so perlexed and worried. Has always wanted the cake and the eating of it. Now has it, but will soon shift, so that there will probably be neither cake, nor hunger satisfied. Must have her, must have me, must have her, must have freedom. Must in fact do something slightly unpleasan not to be left alone in a desert island. And so I hold his hand on week-days, and are curiously understanding of each other.

Vacation seems to be from the 26th or 29th to the 6th of April. PL EASE DON'T BE AWAY . Four of those days are spent with P.J. chasing about to collections. Otherwise free as air, I suppose. I wish you weren't so sunk, wish I could hold your hand. Mother has just come in "So that is the way you get ready". And so God bless you.

Enormous love

j.

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Dearest Daisy

So swell to have seen you. Sorry I irritate and cling, and ban. Only wish A. hadn't appeared for lunch. The triple combinatkion doesn't work well. Also I wish to hell I knew what it was that I should have done. Terrific need inside me to do it. Neither prayer nor imagination seem to help.

Didn't realize he really meant that about marriage. Very dazing idea. Proposal took such an extraordinary form that was convinced after period of skepticism that A. is an adorable and wonderful guy. It reeks of exquisite sanity, in a lot of damned important ways. But I still can't make the idea penetrate. Oh, suddenly to be ten years older. A lot of lttle girls would jump at the idea, why can't I. And you can't expect a guy to want to wait around till you've vombed the world for ten years, with chances heavily stacked against him. Its strange, suprising, and also of a God-conceived funniness. It seems to mean anyway, that if he does want me about that much, ~~[illegible]~~ I'd better come back next year, and forget about the Courtauld. (Also toying with the idea of living in town, in some queer way I might get some work done, since it saves travelling time late at night. And if I went home each night, might manage to get to Widener at 9 in the morning instead of 2 in the afternoon) .

Summer plans are also complicated, now, because A. wants to come to Europe and see me, which probably means that I shall just have to stay over in London for most of the three weeks ~~[illegible]~~ without family. Right now, I'd deeply, and honestly prfer to see you, if you are available, Austrian Baroque or something else. But somehow ~~[illegible]~~ can't exactly tell that to A.

Oh Daisy, I HAVE to lean on you, and if you can't take it, you'd better tell me, so that I can go out and find myself a tree. I admit that it is profoundly selfish of me that I can't bear having you go to Europe.

Beaumont Newhall was up here the other day. Spoke to him at length about you and museum and Alfred. He spoke with much love. A. spilt the beans about having seen you. I told him that you'd come back during weekend because Alfred had to see doctor. Was that all right ?

God bless you and love

j.

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Memorandum

To Debbie

From Rona

Date 5/16/91

Re

I think that this is possibly a MSB carbon of a letter, perhaps to Janice Loeb (?) whose next letter was clipped to it. Also possibly, both letters might have been originally found in the same envelope.

Rona

See F.F. Letter (unidentified) - MSB 1920s-30s

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Dearest - Thank you the usual loads for your letter with all the comparison and study of dates, It is very enlightening and it will be great help to me. I cannot even now say anything precise for the infernal book on which I should work during vacat. is being refused me on all sides an yet I am hoping and hoping to get something to exert myself upon so that my vacat' may be fruitful and I may get credit for this second semester course. I shall know what is happening on Friday and as my desire to come is great I shall do my very best to fit in Washington and that in the largest proportion possible. The bills of course will come by that time and my entire situation will be clearer to me. I fully understand your p preference for the 28th and will do my best about that. Let us say anyway that even if all this near future falls through we herewith make oath to get to gether soon. Your depicting of office mood was clear to me for so many thousands of times I have written letters in office hours in Rome and taken a pleasure of forbidden fruit in it- sometimes even under the nose of the divine Castleman. When ill gitimate there is no form of entert inment more pleasant than letter writing and I hope that emptines ses may ofeten occur in your office routine and that the outcome of you otia may be to my advantage.

I am really very desirous of telling you of my last week end in N.Y. rich in psychological incident from every point of view. I took with me a little sophomore by name Frances Finch than which I cannot imagine a more unfortunate one. I had taken a fancy to her long ago and once she came to lunch and I heard enough of her biography to give a great wish to do something for her. It was not out of moralite' or the idea that after all I spunge from every one and never give a jot in return byt just merely like that because ~~xxx~~ I thought that it was a rotten shame t that one so young etc.... you know. So as Mrs. Van announced her evacua) tion for the week end Frances and I went down together and took possession. f Frances and what we did there is very little to say except that I ob served as you would observe a phenomenon . She was so terribly servi ceable so perennially willing and unaffirming of her desires that I reached paroxisms of embarassment before we got back Sunday night. She will not be a friend as far as I can foresee. But behold on Saturday morning Russel came for bre kfast, so late that we were all done . Yellow sweet peas on the table and toasted briches and marmalade and talk talk about how this and that and the other unknown had asked me who I was and that the question of Dr. Cook's assistant was becoming a current topic of conversation. Of course Russel exeggerates outarageously but I suddenyl got a dire sensation of being back in Rome again with every one watching my every step. Except for manners of the most elementary kind, He was very nice. He insisted that I escort him to the Met. for he was metting some students t there and I did. Sunny morning and smoking in taxi. The girls were all of the well pimpled type and decidedly morne looking so I left him to his own fate. The rest of the day is unimportant except that I went to the Lord and Taylor Exhib. of Modern decorative arts and saw some delicious things with few pernicious ones thrown in. I think that the French will forever be miles ahead of the rest of the world for originality and taste. There were some divine Lalique glasses a very bad Kissling and a fascina) ting bedroom for a man so utterably irresistible that it makes one pine for a husband just to have justification for sucha a room. I have realized that the fashion in pillows has changed entirely to the triangular prefe- rable in charmeause velvet with on one of the sides a plain strip of velvet, not padded but just sewed on double of a contrasting color. They lie very flat on the couch and often have many small triangular satellytes. But for the first time this year I donned my pink painted dress that evening and after a blissful and entire hour of self beautifyying , an occupation in which alas I have no longer reason to indulge I departed walking on air at ~~x~~ 7 p.M. with Russel. We went to dinner in a F scinating Hungarian place called the Chateau on ~~fx~~ 92 and 2nd Ave. An extraordinar

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place with red tablecolths and the young Kreissler depicted through all the stages of infancy and pennilessness learning to play from the gipsies. We had pate de foie gras and Wiener Schnitzel and Apfel Strudel and I assure you I began to feel quite European . From thence we betook ourse lves to a pantomime given by a rather hermetically clsed set of N. Englanders which are many of them related to R. It was very nice and Boleslawsky had superintended it . Was introduced to dowdy dowagers an and commented with him upon clothes with a detail and connoisseurship that I thought only possible in Mario. How much family lore came out , how many generation were retraced in detail abstract and material I can n t tell but by the time the Hitchcocck Saga was half told we were again at the chateau, now more merry and musical . That and every other topic under the sun was pursued during the evening wiht notation from Proust and James and Morand and Virginia Wolfe, verses from Dante and snatches of popular German songs and in new and unexpected forms considerations upon life and people and clothes. There were many H ungarians and the musicians were of the kind that keep for ever tugging at your hea tstrings so that your civilized nerves are uninterruptedly exerted in a desperate resistance. a dignified one really when all around are getting spoony and homesick. Russels manners and mannerisms were deplorable , and though he looked more civilized in a tux his beard was noticeable even in that island of Central Europe. We danced but rarely and the others dancing and the music were just an incentive for his volcanic talk. It was amusing to see him change mood and drift from thing to thing uncon) sciously while I was so very perceptive and perceiving. When we left it was raining and we hailed a taxi . I feared . But an arm was put around my shoulders in the nicest way . Long silences and then : PeterJs will seem very drab after this. I am glad we have had this eveing It has brought together many scattered thoughts and has put our past talks in closer connection . Something of that kind. He was perfectly angelic, at one hard bump the arm departed. That was all he asked me whether I had enjoyed myself. I purred and he deposited me before me door and watched me go in. I had to wake Frances to open the door. It was dawn on the piers and the ferries were moving like ghosts in the fog. I have naver past an evening of that kind in my life. I know the first thought that may occur to you but my answer is absoutely negative.

The ensuing Sunday I had breakfast and studied all day at the Shelton without any nourishment but cigarettes till the evening when we departed on the collegiate 8 p.m. and found snow here . I ate sanwiches and mediateted realizing that there was nothing I could do for Frances Finch.

That is all and I hope I have not bored you Please , like all that surround me here do not think me a nut and also please do not mention this episode to the gang. It is desirable that It should not become a prey to gossip.

Ever so much love,

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Nov 4

Angel Daisy

Your letter came just as I was about to post mine, but I must thank because it was so fine to get. Your babe is extraordinary it has a real face and a wonderful face, most babes don't for years. Also it looks like fine new English movie star in Pygmalion. What you write about A. depressing, it is trying protecting one's pleasure in a sentiment (french sounds better) against friends. Why the hell doesn't W. come over, would remove one reason for my perilous and frustrating journey and out weigh those for going which would be a good thing. Just heard from my brother that he has bought a farm 240 acres in New Jersey and there is a little house on their gorunds for me "overlooking a valley". In spite of proximity of brother, this excites me no end. I most passionately want a house and believed I should have to get married to get it, Will be able to run away from New York at will, have increasing passion for country and country things, and feel my brother may improve if he becomes a farmer and stops talking wisely about Horowitz and painting and substitutes cows which can be interesting. Funny thing is that they bought it off Lloyd Wescott and the rue Conde weekend cottage is just around the corner. That is mixed blessing, and a bit embarassing. But please will you stay in my house when you are fed up and in the summer Sweetie Pie can play in the valley, and

love — always [illegible]

concentrated

D.

Now beginning to feel so terribly guilty, about Nov 5th sitting. If it keeps up much longer am done for — unless I can see you in the meantime.

Photographs are so wonderful — hundred thanks

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snub, my proabably impossihe niece-nephew who is about to take place.
Cb and Cb. All right. C.B. continues to do all to make life pleasant for me, and since I'm very happy now, though not manic (a new state) it is pleasant, see him about three times a week and talk painting or other things I should be happy talking about with anyone. He's very very nice, Its O.K. but more blood than ever will be shed when the time comes which I view with cold equanimity. Co. not very present these days. See Raymond and nice Partridges who like me, the family is in Cassis. The whole bunch is beginning to lose its grip on me though not its charm. Am growing up to point of no longer being wildly jealous of other peoples lives, and feeling despair that mine will never be as good. Now feel that if I'm bright about it mine will be just as good. This takes away lots of misery connected with them and also ties me less to London. Pan's hypoxthesis about crise accepted more or less by left here though lots of people think its boloney. I think that if something was trumped up it ran away with itself at one point, But that a lot went on behind scenes that we don't know about and stinko Cham. knew all about meeting before he began his speech etc. Reading the paper these days is horribly depressing.
Sad about your dinette life. Come and live in my house. You could read all day and sleep till twelve and eat omelette and lemon. Terrific story about Sol the chauffeur being put in prison but can't [illegible]

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concentrated

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understand what it is all about. Am sick and horrified at what i gather of fam's sadistic attitude. W.D. is very pleasant these days and I tell my dirty thoughts without a moments hesitation, and full of confidence and affection, also feel that I must keep on as long as possible because it will improve ptg.

Thats about all. You can't imagine with what joy I devour your letters, and how I think about mail everyday hoping there will be something. As for W. writing, it is inconceivable .

All love

famie [Lee]

love — always greater & more concentrated

D.

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[Loeb, James]

Dear Daisy -

Problems of perception became so complicated. I waited for a copy - : they filled the orig mail away & put my name on the back. and marked the orig. horribly. So I'm sending you back with frantic apologies for this + lateness & you'd better choose, which one you want. Be one I shall call for. Because I'm surely coming down weekend of Nov 15th. Will write soon.

> can I bring your books with me.

Love — always grateful & more concentrated

J.

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