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Dear Poppa

Whee! What a day! Your luffly, delightful, paternal, angelic, adorable, nice, gorgeous cable just came (Jimmie called me up and read it over the telephone). You are a sweet pie, pop. As it happens we finally arranged the U.S. Lines ticket business I think. They agreed to try to make the New York office pay you back, as a special case, although they said usually you get refunds where you paid for the ticket. Even though they might have given me a check for dollars, cashing it would've meant getting francs. So I told them that if they couldn't do it the other way I'd kick & scream. I gave them your address, so you'll probably get a letter from the N.Y. Office in the not too distant future. It was sweet of you to offer us both tickets, my lovely poppa, and we accept with grins of delight the Anchor Line treasure, but the other one also is just too much money to bear - we wouldn't know what to do with all that lucre at one time! The other money comes in so horribly handy it isn't even funny, but beyond that I'm pretty sure we can manage effectively.

Another joyful thing happened today. I got through the Am[erican] Express a bag containing most of my warm clothes & 1000s of bottles of Worth & Schiaparelli perfume, which I had left in the deck room of the Bordeaux station when I came back to Paris, thinking I was going to return. I lost the ticket stub (how like me!) And I've been carrying on an active correspondence with them since then. It's like Christmas to get all these unused stockings, bath powder, warm sweaters, raincoat, shoes, suits (3 of them!) etc. I've had one dress, one coat, one suit for the past 2 months, and have used the black dress under the suit as a blouse all the time One pr. shoes, too. Joy!

We went to the Libe today to see our friends and get some books (I got The Nile, Abe Lincoln in Illinois, a cookbook!). I was saying as we sipped coffee on a cafe terrace that I hoped there would be a letter from you on the Pres[ident] Roosevelt. I guess there wasn't, tho.

This is our anniversary! We've been married a whole large week, and haven't regretted it yet! That will come with time, probably, said she, cynically.

The New York Times makes me furious, it's as impartial as an official communiqué. But what American publication is impartial? They might as well all be subsidized by the Fr[ench] Gov[ernmen]'t. You do realize that, don't you? Shush, Philinda, you dope. But that's one reason I wish I were home, so I could tell some of the truth about these.... Be good daddy & write me quick. Same to everyone. (Damn the Congress of the USA) LOVE, me.