Dear People,

I sent you off a letter by regular mail a few days ago describing in more or less detail the incidents of our fine holiday, therefore I shan't go through all that again. Suffice to say we had a luffly time, & saw two nice parts of France, leaving only two that we want to see <u>very</u> much – the Pyrenees & the Côte d'Azur.

James started on his new job yesterday. He said it was very routine work, but that the man who showed him about said "we're starting you off on this. All you have to do is get along with people & mind your knitting." So he is doing same, & has high hopes of changing to something more interesting before long. He is in the visa department right now, Checking Things. Don't tell mama, but he says he was astounded to see that about 80 percent of the applications for visas were made by jews of various nationalities. How vexing for Mama! Jones was amazed at their incredible numbers. His hours are considerably more conducive to a normal existence than those at the U.P. There are several French people in the visa department so he is pleased t[...] French [illegible] ...day & Tuesday Steve Fulton [had a?]

cold, so James worked at the U.P. for him, thus earning a bit of money. Steve's girl Mary has loaned us the radio of her family, which had been in storage since they left in September. Unfortunately we were unaware that some districts (2) of Paris are still on D.C., so we plugged in the radio as soon as it came, & it went BANG! So now we will have to get it fixed before we can listen to the propaganda. How sad! It's a lovely radio, too.

The business part of this letter is thus: Poppa, would you please hurry up & send me fifty dollars or rather 2500 francs, check on the "Comptoir National d'Escampte", which I will pay back to you in slow degrees by means of P. Tel & Tel dividends as they come to you? Unless I am wrong, or the dividends are reduced, that will make about 7 quarters dividends going to you, which is rather slow return on a small loan. After considerable thought & cogitation I decided that this course would be the most convenient at least for present needs. We would get along with some effort sans [without] asking you to do this, but unfortunately our clothes are beginning to wear out all at once in a bunch, we spent much more than we had bargained for on our excursion, & to

[top it all off,] of the telephone company [forgot] to whom

in [?seems to] me [?] sugar will [?certainly use] rationing cards, any day now. Luckily we had a few kilos left over so are not sugarless, & have no prospect of being so.

We talked to a boy (from the U. of Michigan) who is now a journalist & travels all over Europe. He has just returned from Amsterdam, where they are looking very gravely upon the chances of the Allies in Norway. Says they are getting knocked about terrifically, & losing men at an unnecessary rate. How horrible! Too many British, not enough French, 'tis said. The English have lovely uniforms, but they are not up to the French, in the military way, by a long shot, as everyone says. Wads (that's our friends name) says they have an answer to every question, in Amsterdam, except this one: If the British were going to make the first move in Norway anyway, why didn't they invade it first?

Ah well. It's all a ghastly mess, & that's that.

As long as I've screwed myself up to the point of asking for that darned loan (or excellent credit!) please make up your mind about it quick like a bunny, Poppa.

An air mail letter for 12 francs 50 has to have [less than three ounces] in it, as I've found to my sorrow

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[?last Monday worrying] we were all [?p ... up ... 16^{th}].

I would rather not go through the struggles involved in trying to work it out here, if you think you could see your way to loaning me the aforementioned 50 bucks on excellent credit. Deary me, how I should rather not do this! The Embassy, however, pays but once a month.

Tell John we got a letter from a high school boy in Los Angeles thanking J. Jones for his fine solution to the streamline problem. We are planning to write him & expose John's methods, which delude innocent youths into spending 5 cents & an hour's effort on a letter.

Your cable was much appreciated, & sorry I forgot to remind you of the address. Just send mail to Jones % U.S. Embassy, 2, Avenue Gabriel, Paris – I've forgotten the arrondissement, but I'll tell you later. In any case, that will do amply as an address. If you want to be fancy you can put it "Ambassade des Etats-Unis". Many Americans always have their mail sent there.

Babies are coming right and left. Jimmie's older sister is having one in November. She already has a boy seven, so is hoping for a little girl. How little she [?knows what is] in store for her if she [gets her wish]!

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