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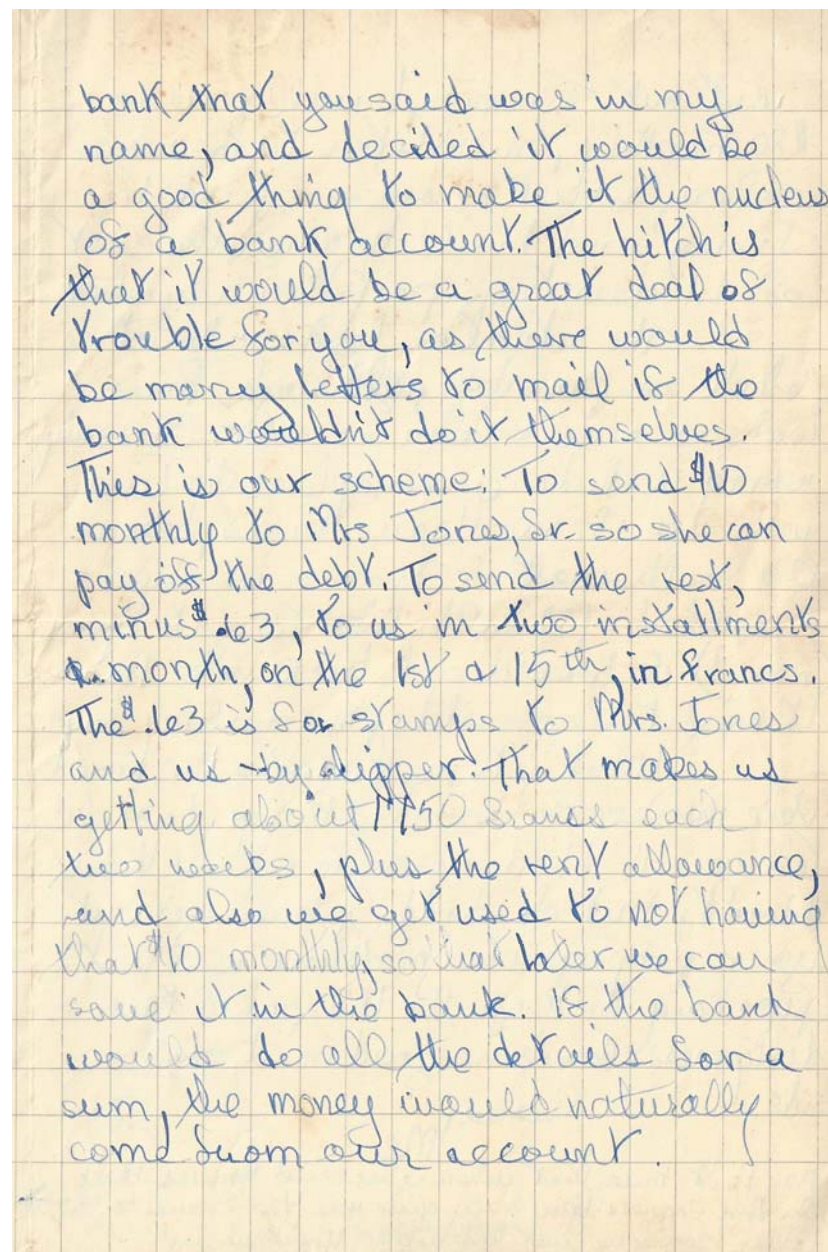
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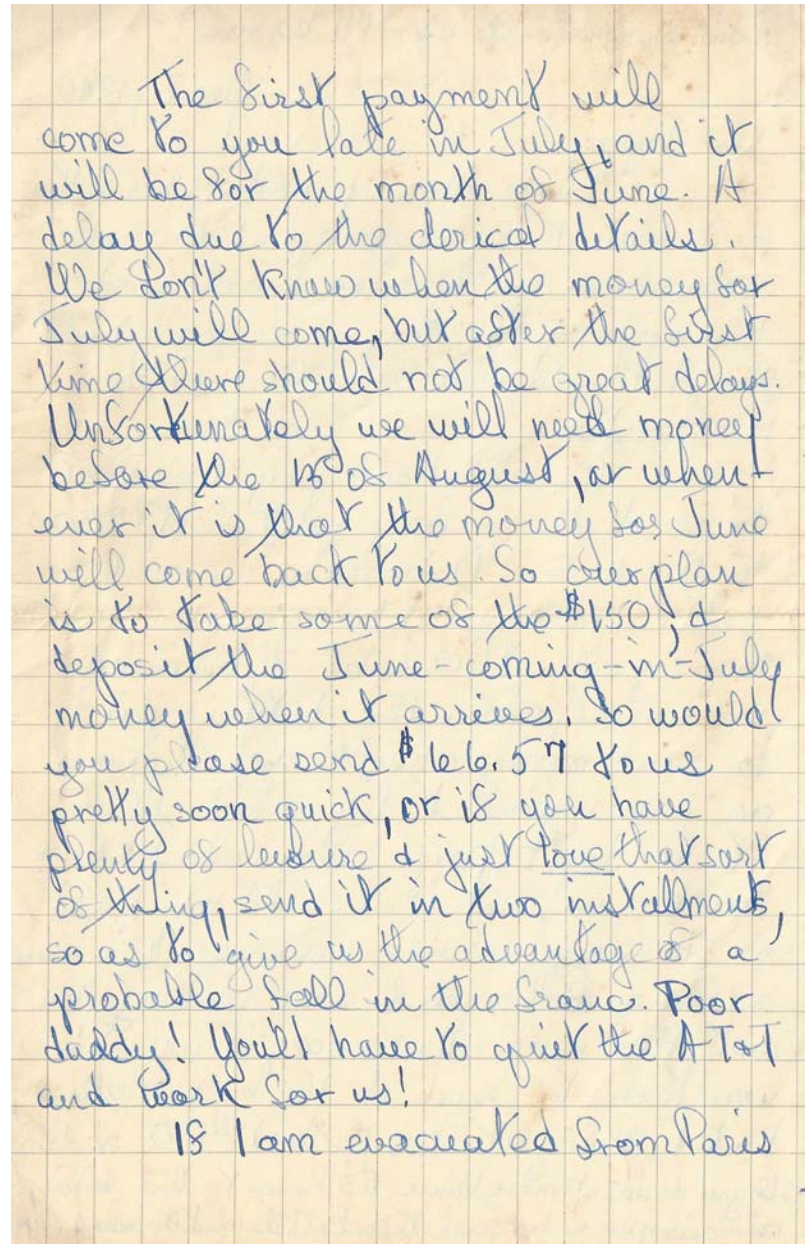
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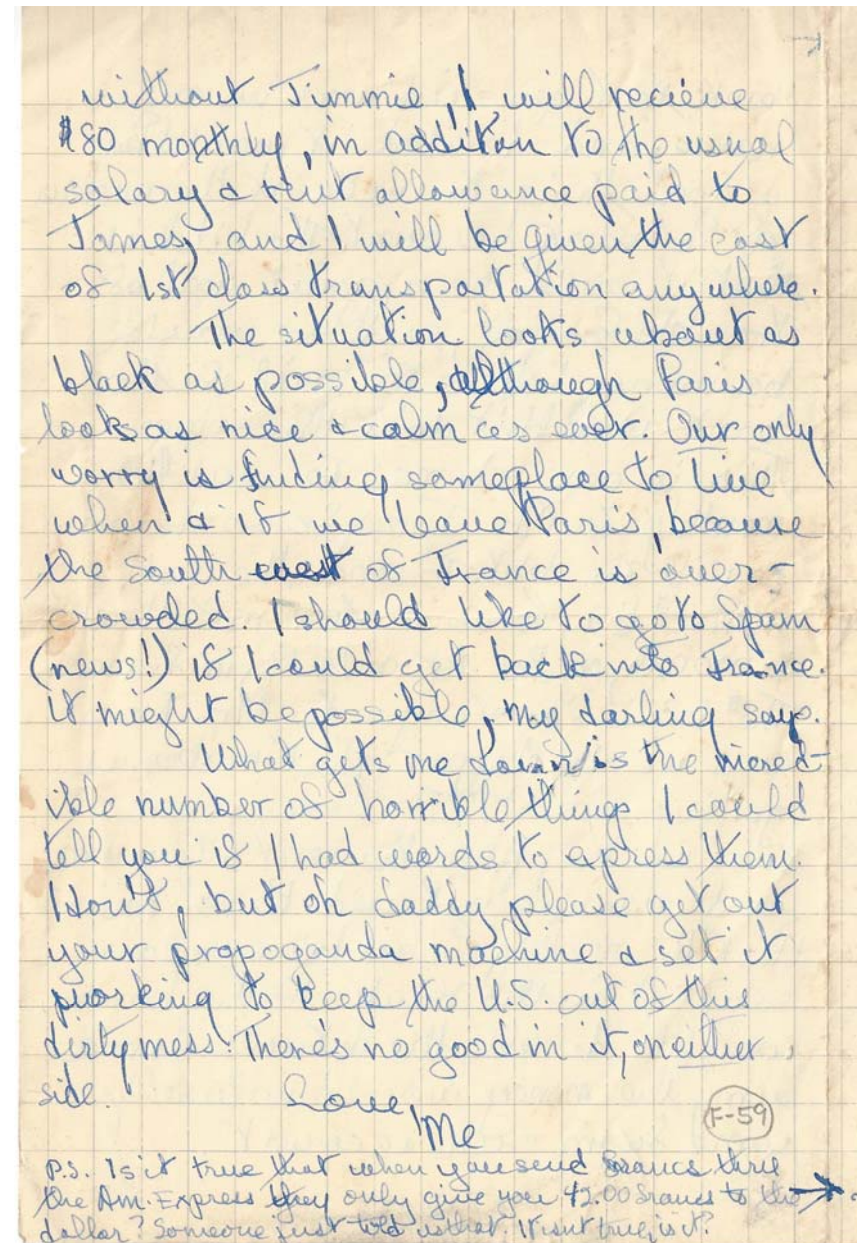
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Love,

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P.S. Is it true that when you send francs thru the Am. Express they only give you 42.00 francs to the dollar? Someone just told us that. It isn't true, is it? If you don't get 53 francs to the dollar, cancel the check & send it back. That's what the Embassy pays.



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