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My dear,

The day before yesterday your cable arrived from Gibraltar. Thank God you're that far anyway, but how horribly slow it is! Now it will be another month before I can be peaceful. Ah well. When you arrive you will have to take a long leave in order to read the accumulation of letters from me, but I'm made happy by the thought that you will find how much I've been loving you during the months you didn't hear from me. Let me tell you again that there is only one thought in my heart - you.

Janie came to dinner Friday evening. (The sudden change of medium is accounted for by the fact that my mother and step-father came to take me out to dinner and back to Orange) She has an astounding amount of social presence. The next morning she was going to drive up to Vermont to look over the field of her possible new job in Rutland. Father was suitably impressed by her, and I was overwhelmed, as usual, by the Krieg Eyes.

The lawyer I am going to consult before departing had a cold all week (I could sympathize for I did too) and I shall not be able to see him till Monday morning. I should like to get off as soon as possible after that because everything seems to be coming to a climax, especially the international situation and James. To-day the Japan business sounds very grim indeed, thereby striking me cold. I have obtained a solemn promise and all sorts of assurances from Jones that he will not interfere in the legal business, but just the same I don't like to be around where he is, because I just end up by making him unhappy no matter how hard I try. His financial situation is fine, and the jobs fly thick and fast, so that part at least doesn't worry me any more.

William, tell me what sort of food they have in Lagos so that I can collect an assortment of the appropriate recipes. You know - no Maple sugar, mostly fruits, this and that sort of vegetables, etc. etc. All very dull to you but a matter of the utmost import to me. I hope all these fancy little happy plans won't come to naught, because they are the only good things in life right now, and such nice things ought to be allowed to live in reality.

Sweet, I think everyone is in favor of us except the International situation, so it'll probably turn out all right. To quote my favorite author, your cable made me very happy. Phelinda

- isn't that pretty?

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