July 8, 1940

Dear William:

Since recent turn of events you probably, as yet, have not received

the letters from Havana, nor after our return home, but they will

doubtless arrive in due time.

June 29

Your air-mail reached us yesterday, making very good time

considering all the conditions and it is superfluous to say that we were

not only happy but relieved to hear from you. To use a trite expression -

you are assuredly having a wonderful experience! Nevertheless, that is

the best

way to express it and I sincerely hope it will not become too unpleasant

or uncomfortable.

We had a beautiful trip to Havana and your father enjoyed every

minute of it – the only fly in the ointment was the intense, humid Havana

heat. However, the boat was always delightfully cool on deck in the

evening. We spent only 2 days at the Seville-Biltmore Hotel, which was a

knock-out for dirt, inefficiency, old fashioned equipment. Then we

returned to the Kungsholm which maintained

constant tender service to the dock. The food & service were excellent and

it was definitely cooler. The boat swung wide from the shore line, so that

the 7 days on the water left the same impression as an ocean crossing.

We returned through Washington & brought Betty Lou with us.

She loves it here, is very devoted to Janie & they enjoy the country &

swimming together. Betty can also indulge her domestic tendency in the

kitchen & is Mrs. Shaub's efficient helper. She also goes to High School

summer school from 8-10 every morning to take typing. I am tutoring

Dick Hall in freshman German from 10-11

& also she joins in so I can give her a proper exam for 2 High School credits. I can never thank you for all you have done for her – but I think you appreciate how deep my anxiety was and I want you to realize how deep my gratitude is. Will you please tell me just how much I owe you (in \$ & ¢). Would you rather have your father deposit it for you here or send it to Italy? However, it would be difficult to repay in measure with my gratitude.

We are all well. Janie & Dick are enjoying the summer – your father is very busy as usual – but not thinner as a result. He looks & feels fine – we only ask that you take good care of your own self & realize that we are thinking about you.

Love,

Sarah

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