You forwarded a letter from Marina Kent which was sent to Venice the 18 of Sept!! when did it arrive in N.Y.ok? —

HOTEL EXCELSIOR
ROMA

7 November 1956

Dear Kate

thank you for your letter and for telling me what I suspected anyway — Upon my arrival I shall deal with it properly — I am sorry but the last illusions (if they were any) have gone and Paul will have to face life alone.

By the way I received a letter from him (was it after my "hint" or before I don't quite figure) very subdued showing how he works and how he is paying his bills and how he tries to live in austerity (ha! ha!) and do I approve of it!

We sit here on a volcano it useless to write about it — our hearts are twisted and one

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Can't walk and live any more with a head straight up! — One wonders if it wouldn't be easier to die all together than live in shame! —
Nevertheless if we should get stuck here or should the war break out take the children and go to Lake Placid to Halina's house she told me we can use it it is empty — unless Alice Hay in Vermont or something — Amela will give you Halina's adress — There is a good school there and it is out of the way. —
I hope it wont come to that I will be in Paris 12th Tuesday write there please
I am happy the little ones are well — Please tell Eva to call Saks to proceed with their own ribbons on the dresses — I can't find anywhere the right colour. I love you and bless you all my God have pity on all of us! — ~~Your~~ Millions of kisses to the Cipkis — Eva told

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