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Paris

Kate my darling, it does not seem possible that 10 days passed already - and I did not even pop to you! - I feel awfully guilty and ashamed! but you know how that is - I fell here like a plum in to a compot - Packing unpacking - 2 days - and to Florence - the heat there above 100 - but wonderful place and Villa 15 cent. beautifully restored Shel beauty, harmony colors - all pastel - murals in every room (downstairs -) The bedrooms divine - pale beige and soft green my eyes were falling out. - Rolling hills - fields - wine - cypresses - a paradise - Jean and her husband (The Boissevains) most adorable simple warm absolutely natural people I seldom met someone so charming - we all 4 fell in love and vice versa - The costume ball was one big splendor elegance good taste -

You will probably read about it and maybe Life will have it. Arthur played like a lion and absolutely smashed the public – it was just grand! – The children were as usually on such occasions tip top. They even stayed at the ball and watched all the elegances and chics! – I bought myself at the Dior boutique a dress for 129 dol. – and was OK. too. I sat for a very long time with Mrs Kennedy at the concert & at supper & she is very charming perfect manner, très distinguée. Back to Paris – beautiful weather real summer but no suffocation – Maitine leaves the 30 for the country & found me a woman "help all" for July – it will be OK. – On sunday July 2nd I am flying to Warsaw for three days – I want to be there on the anniversary of my beloved Mamcia's death and go to her & Papas grave. – I asked Arthur to let me do it instead of presents for my birthday! I just am aching to be there!

Upon my return I found your letter thanks! I feel so terrible to have you do all the dirty work - and in my mind am with you (great heap, ha'ha!) How is it proceeding, any news about the kitchen? Can you ask Marian if it is at all possible to ~~paint back~~ to gray the board of the stairs (don't shout at me please) and the line in the living room?) I found out that it is gray here! Where did I get that idea? - Also - please let know Sloans - that the curtains should be done interlined but ask what difference in price - it looks so much better when they hang and protects them too -

I was losing my mind in Florence seeing all the beautiful materials and chandeliers and lamps - and mirrors and furniture damn it why is it so far!! One could do wonders!!!

Arthur is in a good mood, the children too. I still need rest but am doing my best. The house is so lovely here and calm feels like country after New York! — Monday Arthur goes to Vichy for 2 days. that is the last concert (with Golschmann) for a while thank God! —

Do you think it possible to contact some small upholsterer Halina has one maybe Aniela knows. if not there are a few I saw between (on 7 5-) 2-3 to fix the dining room chairs have them filled so we dont care in! —

~~Do you know that Arthur sent~~ us 24 roses and a telegram on the day of our supposed moving to 941? — I wonder what happened to it? — I dont even ask about 630 - obviously nothing happened yet - Oh God, Oh God! —

Katie my tower of strength my friend and partner! I miss you terribly

What fun it would be to have you here! — We plan to go to Jeanville around the 18-19-20? — through the 6th Aug. later probably St. Proper or something I will keep you posted.

The concert in Paris was marvelous we had some 18 people here after Kapers, Kozanis, Sioulis Mimi Pecci Blois etc. — went to bed at 4.30 am! —

I got yesterday the Simca — grey two tone 4 door — looks ok. — Shall teach Alina to drive this summer. — Arthur the children went to the piano competition now (Marguerite Long) and I stayed home to write to you. —

How is Aspa Eva? — Still no news? — You will laugh but all the stockings I bought size 10 med. length are too short I just have to have long! I knew I was right — but these people always have to win the argument — Pfui! —

I hope New York is not baking you alive! – Please write how you are my dearest – from now on I will write often, I promise –

I love and miss you

Are you catching on your sleep?

Arthur and the children send their love and kisses

Meantime, Encarna

Your loving

Nela