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Dearest Kate

thank you for your letter and the valentine today! How sweet, did you invent it yourself?

I did not write to you because as usual our plans change from day to day - Constantly something unexpected comes up and it seems to me very unfair to drag you into again after you have liberated yourself from it all - You see we all understood you going away as final - because if you needed just rest the summer was coming but as you tired the

cook for september, obviously you did not intend to return If at any time during summer or fall you felt differently, you should have said so then!!
I had a rather difficult winter what with Alric's college doings the two balls and million obligations - I cooked for 3 months trained a completely incompetent girl as a maid - stood 2 lunatic cooks but learned to depend on myself which was a good thing I also am afraid to get soft again inefficient and lazy and get used to you only to loose you a few months later.
As things stand now we are sure to give up this appartment a year from now (you hated it anyway and said so on different occasions)

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Johnny plans after graduation to go the army and then possibly Carnegie Inst. of Technology - Alina might or might not want to live with us - She might even want to study in Europe. Everything is vague and before all depends on Artur: his health, humor and finances -

As to Johnny's staying alone here Artur decided that he is big enough to face it, as a matter of fact we feel he might resent anybody specially staying for him. We had Alina sound him out a little on that matter. He works much better now in school and is very involved in it - now comes his play. he will

be very busy. Sascha does not pester him much; being busy in college and when he comes they play records and talk about plays - the girls seem to be out for a moment.

Autumn believes that being alone Johnny might even become more sensible as there will be no one to nag ~~at~~ him and create the wish to do the opposite - Any way let us hope it will work out well

Also I personally feel it would do him no harm to learn to appreciate us from the distance - because he sometimes takes ~~them~~ us too much for granted. So there —

Why it is difficult to put things in words!

It is needless to say that we all love you and will always

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and nothing you did for us and the children will ever be forgotten and you will always be the best friend we ever hope to have and a true member of our family. Without you we never could have had the good marriage we had and raise this big family! — I hope you are aware of that and our feelings! —

Now tell me what kind of jobs were you thinking about and where if not Beverly? — I always thought you loved California and missed here, so much the climat - the greens o flowers and that the city choked you after a while - I felt always quite

guilty that we were nailing you to New York! –
We are looking forward so much to see you in March and have a wonderful visit and tell you all the millions of things which are so hard to do on paper – If you can't manage to come there I will come to Beaumont – In any case we must see you! –
I shall bring heaps of photos of the tribe. Do you still go to the dentist? Did he torture you? I know what it is and my heart goes out to you! – I will have soon the pleasure of putting caps on my front teeth, they hardly are alive! My aches and pains are beginning to annoy me the third finger in the right hand is a bit crippled and the left shoulder grew some calcium!

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So slowly but surely I am disintegrating – My hair is counted every day one by one, and the baldies are harder to cover from one brushing to another! Such is life! —

Kate darling – I must finish they are calling me for dinner – love kisses ♡ and fond devotion from your

Nela R.

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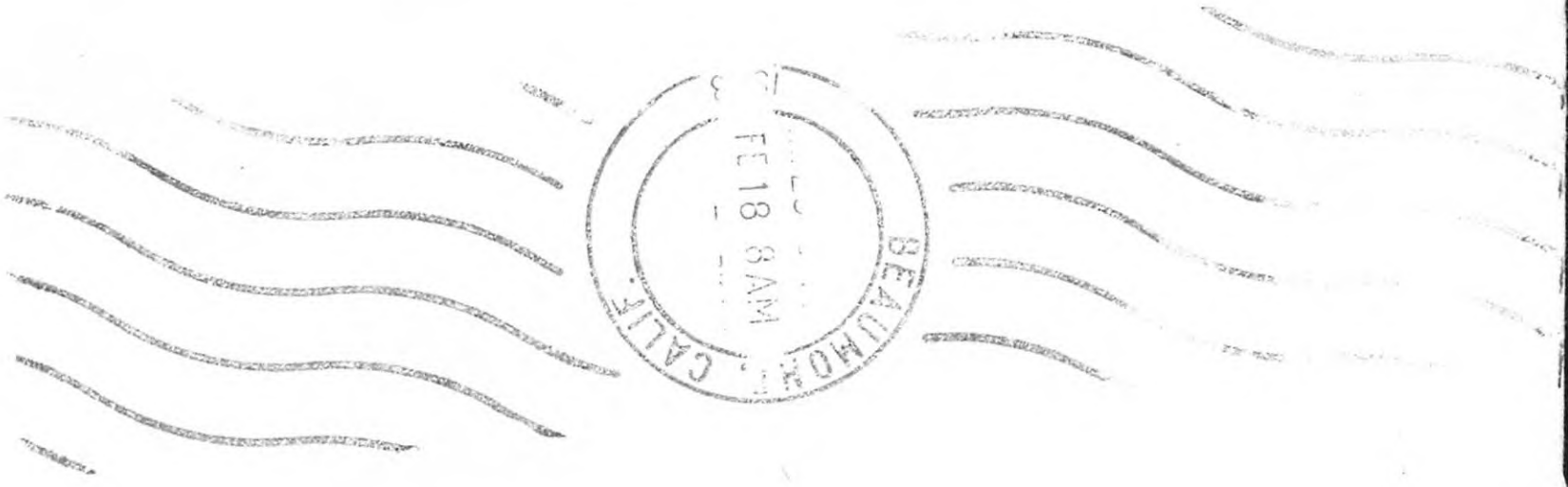
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