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Mama. The picture you took of the children (ours) are stupendous! I had prints made and gave the negatives back to Kate. They are simply beautiful and we've been showing them off like mad! They is getting so grown up it's fantastic—it is hard to believe she is just 2½—not even quite 3! She will be going to nursery school this fall two days a week—to
give her a change, and some other children to play with as well as to give Alex a chance to be top man at home now and then! He is starting to talk and also is developing a stubborn streak which is really something. He looks more like Bill everyday. David weighs over 13 lbs. and is beautiful - gold hair, big dimples, sweet natured and as good as can be - we all adore him.

Bill is beginning to really have fun with the kids and they love him! It is really too bad he has to be gone this summer - but next year would be even worse with David being older too.

Two publishing companies have asked him (Bill, not David) if he
would be interested in writing a book—but we both think he should wait a while. New Hamp-
shire will be an ideal place for that sort of thing and he really does need time to rest and collect
his brain a little—during the year he simply hasn’t a minute and this summer is all shot.

I am so happy Papa’s tour is going so well—what a fantastic number of concerts—
good heavens! He really will be ready for a few weeks of “rest”? I can’t wait to
see you—I have a jet flight for Aug. 9 evening—and we
are flying back together on Sept 9 - so we actually will have two whole weeks. And if we really can use the Sunca it will be absolutely glorious! As for before Bill comes - ANYTHING you are doing is fine with me - I just want to be with you - anywhere.

Huo Ho is having her "good" eye (she can't see much at all from the other one) operated on June 19 - in New York - so I will be commutin' a little to see her as Bill has to leave the 24th and Vi will just be having her baby - (5!!) it's
Something which will either make her night much better or heaven forbid—much worse—in which case she won't be able to do anything much alone—rather terrifying—she has to stay in New York a few weeks into July after the hospital to be checked regularly—a friend has promised her the use of her apartment but if by any chance that should fall through, would you possibly let her stay at 630 as she will have to have a nurse maid combination wherever she is and I hate to think of her in a hotel sometime. It would be only a couple of weeks then she said
Come back here - we offered to have her stay with us, but I'm afraid she wouldn't get enough quiet with all the children and that's what she needs most - she'd rather be at her own house anyway. I only hope she can find someone reliable by then - she still hasn't found anyone she could get along with or vice versa - I feel so guilty leaving that blessed Pona when she is having so much trouble. But Pona wouldn't solve her problem really - she can't drive and doesn't really like to cook - I think if Pona ever leaves it will be to come to you! She adores you.
I took the turquoise stole back to N.Y. for the kids to take it to Europe. It was a big hit with you (my short white lace at the ball. I'll probably borrow it again this summer if I may.

I am so glad the cure did Mameiti some good- the thought of Italy in general and Ischia in particular would be almost enough to cure me of anything!

I may try and talk Bill into it for those two weeks!

I talked to Lini last night. She is OK and they are leaving on schedule- I was so sorry it spoiled her weekend up here.
but maybe she can come up when they come home this fall—also I thought of asking Brenda to come up while Paul is doing his reserve duty (unless it’s in August!) — and get to know her a little better — Monique was here for two days — very nice — she is a little calmer and suddenly looks so much older — she insists we both still look sixteen! Dreamer —

I must run — we love you and kiss you — can’t wait for August for so many reasons —♥♥♥♥ Bill, Rona send their love you cipka —

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