Dear Grammy and Grampy, ♡

It was so good to hear your voice, Grampy, on your birthday! I'm sure it was a beautiful day for you, and we were so sorry we couldn't be there with you to enjoy it! But at least we have wonderful memories about being in Paris with you both for Xmas. I want to thank you both for a really great time, I'm so happy we had the chance to be all together. It had been so long, seeing as we rarely get a chance to see you.. I LOVE YOU BOTH! ♡

As for ol' Barcelona, things are going very well! The year has flown by so fast, I'm suddenly realizing how much I'm going to miss Spain, but most of all my Spanish family. I've become so attached to them. I find myself looking forward to coming home everyday. There's such an easy and relaxed atmosphere here in my house. And they never seem to tire of correcting my boo-boos in Spanish. I've learned so incredibly much from them. I wish I could bring them all back to the States with me in June!

School is also going very well. We've read an incredible amount of short stories, novels, etc. which has

increased my vocabulary immenesly. Art class continues to be my favorite. We're very lucky that there's so many museums and expositions to take advantage of here. We've just finished with El Greco and are moving on to Zurbarán.

I've finally lost some weight, which I needed badly after all that incredible feasting in Paris. Grammy, I broke two zippers on two pairs of pants, I had chicken livers flying out my ears, I was sure I was going to have to rush out and buy some maternity blouses! But I'm back to normal again, but missing the feasts! You'll be very happy to know that my family went nuts over the green cheese! They eat it at every meal except breakfast! Unfortunately Alex's family didn't take to it as well as mine. I guess it was that first whiff, which is quite powerful to sensitive noses, that set their minds and tastes elsewhere. Apparently, his family are not big cheese eaters in general, whereas mine, the icebox has more cheese in it than chorizo. As for the raisin bread you presented us with, they were devoured on sight. I wish you could've been here to see the delight in everyone's faces!!

So, on the whole, things are going extremely well. I might even have a chance at playing on a Spanish softball team. They're all paid players, and happen to play on Montjuich, which is a mountain, right behind my house. Very convenient! I will let you know what happens.... I love you both from the bottom of my heart, and always am thinking of you ♡

Love,
Amy