Dear Family:

Hi! This has been one of the most hectic weeks I have ever experienced! The problem was that we built from scratch, with boards, nails, canvas etc. the flats for our "Starry" scenery. We finished them the Monday you left - and from then on we had to do all the painting, we had to get all the furniture, and so on. It was a tremendous job but by the time we were through, we had two beautiful sets. One, built in such a way that it slid on and off stage in two huge units - so we could change the whole mess in about 2 minutes. It was really beautiful. The library was a nice red covered with gold flourishes. Mrs. May took 8 hours to paint. The hospital was white with crazy blue drapes and modern furniture.

The Friday night show was my show - in that all of "us" were there: Holina, Eva, Briela, Laura, Kavarek, & two Golil. Eva, Dr. Goldschmanns (Mrs.), Thomas (that French boy), and Mrs. Clemons (who bought tickets very sweetly without my knowing it). The show was good - the 1st Act was slow, and some lines were dropped. The Saturday Matinee was better at the beginning, but got a little strained at the end. And finally the Sat. Eve. was great. I gave a stunning cast party for about 60 people - the rugs and furniture came out beautifully!! No spots. The Polish ladies put the cake in the freezer so when I took it out it was solid, but they were very sweet - they made little cakes, and it was really a great party. Everybody loved it.

Now that the play is over, though, nothing to look forward to now but school is becoming deadly dull. Nothing to look forward to now but routine, exams, tests, homework, blah! I received my grades of the National Merit Scholarship Exams.
which I took when you were away one weekend, remember? They were quite good.  I was in the 99.5% in the nation for English, 98.5% for vocabulary, 93rd for history, 81st for Sciences — oh, well. It doesn't mean much. The College Boards which I took were just (to quote Mr. Andrews) what they thought I'd get. They weren’t very terribly wonderful, but they were quite good. 600 out of 800 in English and 588 out of 800 in Math. Everybody says they get much higher late next year. So, we shall see. No worry for the moment.

The G's are quite nice — a bit hysterical and quite crazy — but genuinely nice, and Kananek is a merry old soul. But believe it or not, play or no play — it is lonely here. More so, now that Harvey is over. I think about all of you all the time, running around Italy, cavorting in Paris. — New York is hot, then cold, then hot, then cold. Lovely for a sunny nose.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TELEGRAM!!!!!!!

I love you! The way you wrote "PAULS". And thank Juliette & Marcel for me. I was so happy when it came. Kate sent one too.

Charlie Landsman (who played very well as the dumb hospital attendant) has become a very good friend of mine, and spends the night here sometimes. He has to commute out to Long Island every day, so if he has much work he comes here and sleeps in the upstairs library.

The G's and Kananek like him very much, and it's nice to have company. They also like Sasha a lot, in spite of the detailed descriptions you gave them — which I thought was hysterically funny. Before I had even introduced him they knew who he was, why, when, where, etc. But everything's fine — the homework is being done, the hours are back to normal after last week, it's all very boring. I hope you all are having a wonderful time — give my love to everybody and to Paris. How are Paul & Leslie? Lott? Daddy?

This weekend I will be going up to Charlie's place on Long Island, where he has a house right on the beach.

I love you.  

your loving

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