Paris

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Sunday

Kate dear,

I am dying to get a word from you – not a peep from you, children, Paul, or Eva – I hope all is well. Here things have fluctuated (as usual) Eugène came one day – but not the next – just did not come – Incredible – He was the one who liked mostly to drive not so much to do housework and serve – Probably went to be only chauffeur in spite of accepting my conditions – As to the cook she is not bad but much to expensive and cooks too richly

The kind that needs ten ingredients to make the simplest thing and it all adds up and up – She also does not like anybody to put their nose in what she is doing – shops at her own markets and of course gets % and runs up bills – I can't stand it. So far I did not come near the Kitchen but I can't stand wasteful cooking – Irène cooks ideally but now she is the maid and takes care of the whole house and serves – My plan is that for the month we will be all here <u>We</u> will do the cooking and have a Kitchen maid to help – Otherwise we will be ruined Now, with the house empty she spends an average of 6.000 to 7000 a day! which is nearly 20-25 dollars! Ridiculous! – I have wired for reservations in Sta Margarita near Rapallo from the 15 July for a month

Arthur is very much for it - Jerry Field has gone there 3 years and is going also - the hotel is supposed to be one of the best in Italy - Fishing boating swimming golf tennis etc. Near Porto Fino Genova Portofino etc
Later we can go to Cortina I shall write for the reservations, we tentatively made last year at the Cristallo - for another month - the London party will be just a week end. We can drive like last year starting the 11th or so and go this time via Cannes and the Cote d'Azur Papa will join us by train or plane I have given the London invitations to be printed - The day before you arrive I have here a big cocktail the 13th We come back from Lisbon the 11th. How about the farm? - I hope I will get a letter from you tomorrow monday! - The weather is beautiful sunny, but not

hot – just ideally warm and cool in the evening! –
We are having a wonderful time resting, seeing things, not too involved socially yet – but it is beginning – The house is sweet beyond words – so comfortable and spacious!!
We sleep beautifully and watch the amount of hours carefully – Martine has gone to rest for two weeks, will be back for a few days for the cocktail and to fix Alina's dresses – then will go back. Irene might go home for August, then Martine would replace her here. –
I am so impatient for the chicks to get here and my Kate – am counting days. I hope the crossing will be good and that you all get a good rest. I am so curious how Alina's school ended the Chinese book also – John – Did Paul remind about getting his reading prepared and buy books if necessary? – How is the practising? – Can you bring some

Plastic bags for the kitchen and the foil I bought it, one day in the kitchen drawers - Also the Theragran for Arthur I don't remember if it was left for you to bring what he bought before leaving - or what he has here only one bottle already started If you don't have any buy 2 big bottles. One more thing (frightening) Golf sticks: Is it possible to pack the two bags in some cloth and wrap it with strings so they would not rattle and fall out? - If it is too much forget it. - But I thought Arthur and could play in Sta Margarita ?!

What news about Paul - army record division? Please ask him to write and not get constipated again! I am worrying about it and want to know how was his week end - did the car function? - Did Sally come? - I am floored with your energy of cleaning my desk - Be blessed Kate!!

Hurry and come - I have so much to discuss with you and I miss you terribly -
Papa is a pure angel with me sweetness itself -
I have no strength to write separately to the children and Pauline - but I love and kiss them and hope they are good and helpful and respectful and obedient - If not I shall be very sad and disappointed.
Love and hugs and kisses to all of you your

Boss Mama

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