Paris

20 July 1961

Kate dearest — it just does not seem possible but I am incapable of writing I have so much to do — without Martine the whole house sits on me, down to the head — I have a woman to help but all the cooking planning, shopping entertaining (every day somebody) I have to do it is a full 24 hour job — I was not once even the nanny and work as a secretary, cook, driver etc. Nina stayed here (thank God) until yesterday and was a great moral support — also brought in a gay note, and oil to smooth ruff edges — She is in love with children and was a wonderful companion to them — she adores Alina — took part in their shows — bicycled with John all over Paris — stayed home with them when we were going out etc. — helped me carrying groceries — even cooking. — Having no children herself she enjoyed it so much and did it all with a lovely spirit and dedication! —

Now to business — I dont know how it happend about Mayla — I thought I asked Arthur to do it he must have forgotten — anyway here it is. —
The bed situation — I leave it Arthur entirely to your judgement — If you think it is more practical to ~~have~~ buy a new one do so — perhaps we can sell the old one? — If the other arrangement is satisfactory OK too. —
The 119 dol. extra we agree if you think it is better. —
I am so sorry about the weather and the fact you suffer from it so much — We had since my return from Poland cool to cold, but actually it was ideal for Paris — we all enjoyed it — today it turned nicer — I am about to leave for Deauville Hotel Royal with children — Arthur joins us Sunday — Tuesday I am coming back to Paris for 2-3 days to clean the house and attend to some frightening details — that Ala is asking for — papers documents papers, documents papers, lawyers She wrote a 25 page report — and also a very extraordinary sweet letter to me which

moved me to tears – about Grama and completely detached of business – she asks nothing – thanks only and understood why I did not write all this time. I will explain to you when I see you. ——

Apartment: What about the hood? – The floor in the kitchen and the counters, is this done? –

Renting How would it look tax wise? Would we pay only on the 150 extra or from the whole sum of 750? – Should we drop the price or wait till september what do the agents say? –

Side question – we can't find Alina's riding pants. could they be in New York?? – I will try and call you sometimes tuesday or wednesday morning (for you) –

I still did not write to Eva – which burns my insides – also Paul and Brenda. Perhaps you could read the letter to her although it is not the same. – Tell her we love and think about her Bill Cyphis all the time – When is she now –

What about Paul and the mobilisation is it seriously possible he should be drafted?? – What would Brenda do? – Give her my love I feel the same way you do about her! too

Can you look in the middle drawer of my desk and tell me if there is our marriage certificate or my birth certificate I know that the divorce papers are there If it is not (the wedding certificate) I have to get it from London - Please ask Lieberman when will he be in New York - can I write to him for advice -

Did Dembinska thank Mrs. Potok for her donation for the Ball - ask her to do so - I cant just now -

My head is spinning I am forgetting to answer probably lots of questions -

Oh yes - **do** the dining room chairs it is OK. -

We shall be in Deauville till about the 8th later I might go to Abano with the children skip the south and a little of Lucerne - but it is optional yet. - Lucerne Palace Hotel beginning the 16-17 (Arthur) later Greece from 1 Sept. to 4 incl. then Israel from 5 to 15th

Kate my dearest - forgive my scribbles - but I have to pack still and cook lunch and leave not later than in two hours!!! -
I love you - rest well my dearest - Thank you for everything tell me where you will be so we can be in contact - in case of war or emergencies! - When shall I write to Paul or Brenda? When is he coming back from the camp? - Alice, John, Arthur ask to miss you - love

Your Nela K.

Tell Meta we are very sorry about her loss!! –
I wrote to Brooke Gerard – she thanked me for it – she also lost her husband!

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