Grand Hotel Krasnapolsky
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Dearest Kate,

How are you? —
Johnny wrote you send him a telegram for his show night — he was very touched by it — I am sorry we missed it but everyone tells me he was very good! —
We had a very hectic time (as usual) Paul & Lesley seemed to have a wonderful time here Arthur took them and us to Maxim's — and to the Lido — we then left for Holland — The concert was most exciting — Arthur was terribly nervous — but played magnificently and the germans lost their minds! — It takes too long to explain I will do it in person — It was moving in a way and a little weird too — In Amsterdam the hall was cracking full he got 10 standing ovations — We drove — I drove from Amst. to Nijmegen — and back via Hague to show Lali Holland tulips, museums etc. — the weather was lovely — We enjoyed it very much unfortunately the tulips were not all out just beginning — but we went to a special show place near Amsterdam and there

I'd've had done — I'll see Bernard — the rest could remain pending — but had hoped — the rest could be sent — you seem tired — [illegible]

and [illegible] etc. — hoping that [illegible] development — I wish that I could go to Warsaw Saturday — but how [illegible] I'll be only for 3 days! Write Bee — it's so it will be [illegible] Love to Doris — [illegible]

we saw thousands of tulips the likes of which I never knew existed - narcissus daffodils - hyacinths! -

After 2 days in Paris Lali & Arthur left for Italy - Paul was gone in the Cadi - to Genova - Milano - Venice Our trek! - I got a letter from Lesley on 6 pages - enthusiastic & grateful for the idea of dining and the car - they go to Florence & South of France - be back here on thursday.

I must ask you help Kate - My stove is acting up again - in spite of the broken spring in the oven - the gas in the ovens is too low - I can't really bake anything properly - I had experts look at it nothing is blocked except perhaps the termostat. Could you ask Oliver & Merit weather they can send the book explaining the functioning of Model 855,905LC because they lost it here - also to send the springs for the oven doors - and the thermostat. The best thing would be if they send it to you and you in turn air mail it to me -. - I am trying to bring the house to order The polish maid Maria is marvelous but a horror - I am afraid she has TB. - and will not be able to stay - (the French will not prolong her carte!)