Thrusday, October 16th '58

Hello darling, your boy arrived safely yesterday, as you know, al-
though quite late. I understand from John they were an hour late
taking off from Paris. The scheduled time of arrival here was
8:40, then they told me 9:25 and the plane finally landed at 10:25
and we were in the apartment by 11:30. I am happy to say I think
John looks very well.
Eva arrived here at 12:30 looking chipper as chip and we settled
down to lunch and talk. John talked for over an hour starting
with Poland and ending with Israel, told in a very concise,
interesting and entertaining fasinion, the whole story. Eva was very pleased.
So the story telling was
all over before Alina came home from school and I don't believe
she has asked him one word about the trip or has he volunteered
any information to her. This jealousy business is too stupid,
s he is jealous of everything, too much. And this crush on Mrs.
Davis, brother it is worse than the one Eva used to have on Miss
Mills, remember? And honey, I wasn't complaining about the
dirty clothes , I know Martine had no time etc, I was really
referring to Alina so darn lazy she couldn't even wash a pair of
pants and then panicking around here she had not enough clean
underwear to start school "because Martine didn't do the laundry"
is exactly what she said to me. I had no objection to anything
much less to doing the sweaters. I know how she has everything
dirty at once. Yes terday I was putting away some clean under-
wear for her and found dirty panties she had put back in the
drawer. Some kid. But she is loving and fun just the same.
It's very nice for Kate to have them both here again.
I will try to find out the details of the Elliman deal today and
let you know in Rome.

I am sorry to hear all these dis tressing things about Paul. It does s eem the army hospital could get at the source of that infection, whatever it is, a little sooner than they seem to be. Eva had a letter with her yesterday that she had written to Paul to check on the address with me to be sure she had it right. I put stamps on it and mailed it immediately. If Paul can't get here in time to see his father, have him come anyway or he will think we don't want him to come - you know!

Alina's skirts are beautiful, she was very pleased and she will write to Martine this weekend.

Now I will tell you something to make both you hearts joyfull. John said to me yesterday, "you know ~~thi~~ I have been terribly spoiled these last two.weeks. This is the first time I have ever been alone ~~the~~ with Mummy and Daddy and we really got to know each other.", a long pause and a very pensive expression on his face, then, "I am going to miss them very much." He called and sent the cable himself, wouldn't let me do it, his own wording I had nothing to do with it. He was very pleased with all the little surprises I had for him.

Eva looked very pretty yesterday. She is in excellent health and spirits - loves her baby doctor and is really blessed with a divine maid. Anita stopped by for a few moments on her way to a dinner to greet everyone.

Bless you, my dear friend,

Great love now, your chicks are safe - much love to Paul! Elsie

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