Congratulations on your registration!!

Tuesday
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Beaumont

Hello darling -

Yes indeed I received your wonderful "big" letter. In fact I was "fuzzy-eyed and bushy tailed" with joy over receiving it. I refrained from answering it at once for two reasons: Here is not much to write about from a town like Beaumont and I know a pile of unanswered letters distresses(!) you so I thought I would not hasten to add to it! I am sorry about the magazines etc. Good Housekeeping should not be coming it is finished long ago. If that dark Islands in the Sun is still coming, perhaps Mrs. Clemens could call them. I both wrote and called them before I left. I don't want the magazine - I only took it for one year out of curiosity. I don't know what you mean by "books" there shouldn't be any. I did send change of addresses to all except G.H. and the bank and I have a card made out for the bank which I will send this

morning. Excuse me, I'm sorry you have been bothered.

I worked five hours last Sunday on the S.O.S. polio clinic - I hope you all went and had your sugar cube. If you didn't please go this next Sunday. On the 28th I am involved in a U.N. dinner which the women's auxiliary is sponsoring to raise money for a new wing on the hospital here. I am contributing to the italian food section and helping with the serving. Have decided to make country style polenta with italian sausages which I can get at an italian store here. I refuse to join any of these organizations that not being in my blood but I am willing to help any of them in any way I can.

Don't know just exactly what you mean by "you want to know more about what I am doing". If you mean do I have a job no - have not made an effort to find a job - this type permits you from being a career girl.

I hope you will be able to use Mexico after this winter. It will be a very difficult summer.

to make any contacts or look for work - of course when I do I will have to leave Beaumont as there is nothing here. Otherwise what I am doing is nothing compared to my life. I take care of my little shack, work in the garden, read a great deal, records, T.V. radio. If someone can take me over to Banning this week I will go to the telephone office & sign up for one.

I am very sorry to hear about Lola and her reaction to college life. I thought she had more fortitude than that, in fact I was sure of it. I tried to warn it that the life would be radically different from the easy one she grew up in but she didn't want to listen. Being "just another freshman" is a far cry from the adoring circle she has always been surrounded by. I hope she will

stick it out and not take the easy way

How did you like Pres. Kennedy's speech? At last, even if many years too late, maybe some thing can be saved

Oh yes, you asked me, if I was dieting a little bit - so subtle you are! I am to the extent that I never was and never will be interested in cooking for myself. I regret Viola did not work out - I knew she was an oddball but we seem to attract that kind including me! If she had been an excellent cook perhaps you could have put up with the nonsense.

I will write to Bronek - I know I should have long ago - I haven't because I don't know what to write about really! Am writing in my lap outside have asked Bob to bring me my typewriter but he can't seem to remember. Much love your Kate

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Tell John I will answer his wonderful letter soon