Dearest beloved Mamita and Papa !!! ♡ !

How to thank you for your lovely letters and deluge of cards, and the kidnik's too!! Your letter and card, Mama, and Papa's letter were so sweet and tender and loving that I just burst into tears - they all came on a day when things seemed fairly dark grey, not to say black, and it was almost too much - You have no idea what it means to me to know you are there, whatever else is going on - This was the 17th. The 18th was much better - and Bill had asked a few friends to dinner (complete surprise -) and we had a very nice evening. Bodi and the children were full of sweetness as always. So it turned out well after all - (After last year, which I spent completely alone in a miserable hot thunderstorm with the kids - in Puerto Rico - !!) Papa's "little cheque" got a motor for our "Bluebird" (boat) - THANK YOU !! with lots left for all sorts of things we still want for the house! ♡ Mamita was very naughty - Did you forget the yellow coat !! ??? you always break down even when you promise! I love you

Squam continues to be beautiful in any weather - unfortunately we've had another round of staph and boils and I had staph with strep throat - so I haven't been swimming since our four or fifth day here! But I am all right now and am determined to get in that lake again before we leave - we leave the 2nd - Bill goes to Michigan the 4th, Amy starts school the 5th -

It is cold today, and I am sitting by a roaring fire with Vivaldi on the phonograph looking at the lake and thinking how you would love it - Papa for a moment, Mama for longer - The kids? I don't know

2/ ours went picking blackberries today – they get so excited then they eat them all up before they get home – such cutenikis you never saw – Bill put up swings for them in the trees in back – We tried to make a see saw but so far it doesn't quite work –

We've had a few very nice evenings with our friends up here – (one rather wild party at the Magidoff's) but usually it's pretty quiet – dinner at the Paleys (she is Mrs. Jock Whitney's sister) once – he is some big shot (head of, maybe) at CBS – her daughter Amanda Mortimer is going to be a freshman at Wellesley this fall too – very nice – Lini might look her up – I told her to try and find her, too.

I am so glad Papa is writing!! Hooray – keep it up – it's terific. I can't wait to read it!! Have you let anyone see it yet? Will you bring it home when you come? I gather Mama comes early with the kids – Poor Daddy – when will you get back? I long to see you all again – It's so wonderful you were here in June though, it really cut that long time, not to mention my being there in plein May! I hope you are all having as much fun as it sounds you are in your letters – Deauville always seems gay in spite of the weather too – How good that Papa has his good piano in the hotel –

I kiss you and love you and thank you! and miss you and think of you and kiss you again – My cipkis send their love to Grammama and Grampapa, and so does Bill –

Bodi sends her love to everybody – The little old blackberry picker, me!