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Sunday 3/12/50
7 AM

Dear John,

Everyone else is still asleep. You too, I guess. But I have been awake since 6 o'clock according to my unhappy habit. I have had my breakfast and when they all wake up and come thundering down I shall go away to bathe and dress.

This has not been so peaceful a weekend as the one before. Fortunately, I was not so exhausted when I came home, but tired enough. Mother and I spent

most of yesterday shopping. Usually I like to be alone when I shop, but yesterday I was in such a fog of tiredness and indecision that I could do nothing unless pushed.

The most awful part of the day was dinner. Papa and Ken and Joan and Peter all tried to be nice and gay, but the results were remarks that could not have been more aggressive and unpleasant if they had been intended to be so. It was like a bad spell in a fairy story. I kept fearing a climax and crisis, but fortunately it never came.

2 P.M.

In a few minutes Mother and I will go for a walk. Papa has been lying down with a headache - mostly resulting from being mad at Joan.

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He stirs around and seems to
consider coming with us. I feel bewildered
and inept. Coming home for a weekend
tests me physically and sometimes
emotionally, but it is bad to feel as I
have yesterday and today how completely
pointless everything is for which I
am for the moment involved. I have
felt that way about my work too, for
the past few weeks. But at least
there is some framework and pattern
to that. I feel terribly bewildered
and uncertain, frighteningly so.

I am sorry to write you such depressed and depressing things. I think I shall be better, perhaps very soon. This mood is probably something which should be lived through quite silently, looking forward or, at least, beyond the moment, which is ~~so~~ so completely unsatisfactory that it seems unreal, to a more perfect reality.

I have written to Aunt Priscilla to ask her whether I could stay with her this weekend if ① she will be there and ② her sister will not be there. I would like to come there for the weekend and perhaps Monday and Tuesday and then stay at the Cunningham. I hope you do not disapprove.

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If you do not think I should come there, please let me know; I can probably make another arrangement.

Please do not work too hard now in order to make time for the days when I will be there. I myself must work during part of the week, and I will not feel offended if you go off to the library or if you tell me when I may see you and when I may not.

Now I must go for that walk.

Margaret