

Germanstown, am 9. August

Lieber Töchen,

Danke für deinen schönen Brief. Ich möchte Dir auch schönen Briefen schicken aber ich kann nicht. Du hast recht wann du sagst dass meine Briefe klangen nicht übermässig zuversichtlich. Das bin ich nicht. Aber ich bin geduldig. Im augenblick das ist alles was ich kann. So many times each day I wish that you were here, but each time I remind myself how impossible that would be, how much more difficult it would be for you here than it was for me in Kinnaroch. I think back to the times when we have been together the happy times, and also the unhappy times; but forward I do not think, except to realize how little time I have left to prepare my lessons before the bell rings. I am glad that we will be in Cambridge together, but the idea is very unreal to me. I am not unhappy. I am more self-controlled and independent of the people around me than I have ever been. It makes me a little hard, but most of all to myself. All of this really explains nothing. I would really rather not think about how I feel but only work and pray. So far I am not very successful in either of these efforts. The work is clumsy and inefficient. That is the way it ~~has~~ has always been and yet it still makes me unhappy.

I have written to Margrit but not the sort of letter that you want, I guess. In yesterday's letter you said "ein sehr netten Brief". That's what I tried

to write. It wasn't very good, but I like her so much that I guess it shows through the clumsiness. In today's letter you ask me to persuade ~~her~~ her to give up her "unsinnige Fahrt nach Cape Cod." I do not think she would regard that as a "sehr netten Brief". Besides I think she needs the vacation that she has planned for so long. I told you what I thought about this before. Perhaps you thought it was one of those unimportant things that didn't need listening to. I did tell her that I thought it was unsafe to drive alone from Kennard to Baltimore. She told me that Miss Miller was going with her. If that plan has changed I would be willing to say again that I think so long a journey alone unsafe. Quite another consideration is the fact that you need the car to transport your things. As I told you, you can send some things ahead if you will. They can be stored here or in the apartment which I hope to have by then. It will certainly be much more inconvenient for you if you do not have the car, but you should remember how much more important this may be than a matter of convenience. If Margrit is dissuaded from taking the car, she will probably make the trip to Cape Cod anyway. And she will not forget that you won.

Perhaps I am mistaken. Perhaps this plan is not so important to her as it seemed when she told me about it. But I would rather give her the benefit of the doubt.

Would you like me to look for an apartment²
(or room) for you when I go to Cambridge some
time after the 18th of August? My plans depend on
those of my parents, but I will probably go to stay
in Cambridge during the last week in August or the
first week in September. If you want me to look you
should be as specific as you can about price, etc.

Yesterday I had urinalysis, blood count, nose smear.
Today an X-Ray and examination. Sinus X-Rays
and a complete skin test are being discussed.
Dr. Wilcox thinks that an attempt should be made
to get rid of my chronic rhinitis in case it
atrophies or something. That's evidently A Bad Thing.
All these investigations have been very time-
consuming. It is almost 6 P.M. and I have
done no work so now I must. I will write
to your parents soon. Give them my regards and
tell ~~you~~ them that I am taking care of myself
and being Good. I am, too.

Deine
Margaret.