

November 15, 1951

Dearest Inga,

It has been such a long time since you last wrote that I know something must be wrong. Have I in any way offended you? Please, Inga dear, know that this was never intended, nor ever entered my thoughts. Or are you just too weak to write? Whatever the reason please let me know; for I do miss your letters. And I am most anxious to learn how you are. Katherine, too, has not been receiving mail from you and she is most concerned.

This is a specimen of typing from a new Royal portable typewriter. Its weight is 16 lbs. It is a fine machine and has the latest innovations. As you note it is a smaller type and hence crowds more words to the line. I find it a very good instrument, not merely because of its newness.

Katherine has probably told you of all the activity which has been going on. So many things had to be done on the farm. And the most important items seem to have been cared for. There are more that have to be done. Andrew has finished with counting the A.Y. books in the garage. These are the Russian and Yiddish ones which have been stored very well there. With this tally it brings to completion the entire inventory of all books on the farm. This was no mean chore! No doubt, shortly you will receive the list of the entire inventory.

The information about the Solar Nerve was received. It was a thrilling experience just to read it. Frankly, I have not had time to digest it, nor to do any corollary reading on the subject matter. May time prove me worthy of all these Advises and Aids! A very scarce book, The Dayspring of Youth, has been obtained. It is a truly remarkable work and replete with information I have always desired. We are trying to get another copy. When you read this, I feel, you too will be thrilled with its stimulation and thrilling inspiration.

How is EI? Please tell her soon I shall write and in the interim, so many thanks for her last note of knowledge.

About me : - I am very busy. There is no housekeeper yet for Stamford. Perhaps one (Clyde) will start after Xmas. The project of the moment is learning the new technique of passing the catheter into the heart. Although it will take about a year before this may be entrusted to me, nevertheless, there are other procedures concerned which have to be mastered first. This takes me to Bellevue once weekly where the work starts at 8:15 A.M. One experiment takes 3-4 hours. Have been appointed to the State Cardiac Clinic Committee. This has just been formulated. It may develop into something really worthy. Shortly, I will be formally designated as a Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine. This is supposed to be an honorary feather. The practise continues to grow and for the first time I am beginning to lose the sense of financial insecurity. The latter has been most worrisome since undertaking a part of parental support.

Must get to the Hospital now. Please overlook some of the "typographical" errors. I sincerely hope that this finds you well and the feeling that you are not ^{WELL} ungrounded. Many loving and health-giving thoughts to you and EI.

Love,

David

P.S. If there is anything I can get for anyone let me know.

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Dearest Inga

There is a hull at the moment so it is being used for this belated response to your most welcome letter of Nov. 24th & the loving Xmas greeting with accompanying letters. The Bellevue routine is finished for the moment - but I am sleepier in all the items which have been viewed & neglected during the month of December.

The book for your birthday, "Many Mansions" has been sent to Switzerland & K. says it has already arrived. I hope you will reap some few joys from its text.

Thank you for the picture of yourself - was really happy to receive it & note the improvement in comparison with previous snapshots. It is a real joy to know that you are on the Gopic path. Many, many loving & constructive thoughts to your continued successful journey.

The information about the X-Rays was received. Unfortunately, no other information has arrived. It seems some data on dysentery was sent. This never arrived.

I know how much your thoughts are on the farm dear Inga. If it can give you any pleasure, just know that it is also on my mind. Whatever help I can give is offered for the farm. Katherine has her hands

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full & I try to relieve her burden, as much as possible.

Bolling has very odd reactions to advice, given. However, of late he appears to be accepting the advice for his health with more understanding. He has received no word from Mo. for some time. This is very disturbing to him, since he has come to lean heavily on Mo's correspondence. The latter is his own statement. The relation between Bolling & D. B. keeps the former continually going into projects that he was advised to overlook. K. & I have reminded Bolling about this, repeatedly — Evidently, ^{he} is enamored with ~~of~~ the glittering names & monies associated to D. B.'s projects. From the last least report on Bolling — he is now better than ever before. Will again write & ask him to refrain from D. B.'s projects. He doesn't appear to enter directly into them — but keeps his foot in the door, so that Dr. B. thinks he is genuinely interested & therefore Bolling is repeatedly consulted & invited invited to join.

Yes, my practice is growing as is the reputation in the medical circles of note. I am very busy with many things that are foreign to medical science & these have to do with the every day considerations. I need help & it will be soon obtained since the practice is beginning to earn enough for this help. (This is said in tongue in cheek

since some taxes have not been paid yet they are prohibited !!

There are many scientific projects in which I would like to engage. But, I find there just is not the physical time for it. And now for the moment, I must give up the idea of cardiac catheterization. The latter consists of passing a very fine tube into the arm vein & the tip of the tube enters the right side of the heart. This technique is used for research purposes - but most important it reveals ^{also} which hearts can be operated on. At present there are 3 types of Congenital heart diseases which surgery can cure 100%. Now, there is a new operation which cuts a ⁺ frozen valve of the Rheumatic heart. The results of ⁺⁺ this operation are at times most dramatic. (The frozen valve obstructs the blood flow in the heart.)

So, perhaps you can understand one of 2 reasons why this cardiac catheterization technique is attractive. The second reason is that in the future this could be used to write a scientific paper or papers. This last is important.

Dr. Kunita has proposed me to The American College of Physicians - on Mar. 14, 1952 I will probably be designated an Associate. This is similar to probation. After 3 years, if I have written scientific papers I will be designated a Fellow. So, after my name will appear FACP. Also another project is to be

* Pressures & blood samples from this tube are analyzed, giving vital information, otherwise unobtainable.

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certified as a Specialist in Heart Disease. All
these should be attained & then I can be used
as a "qualified instrument" for the true
medicine & perhaps help no. more constructively.

The postponement must have been a severe
ordeal for no. My heart surrows for this. Of as
for us, it means a period of decelerating from
the build-up we worked towards. As for me,
directly, it means another year or years to
more fully prepare for the future. In this
respect it is most fortunate. Actually, it
should be the only respect, besides of course, the
joy of averting a catastrophe.

The enclosed is for some of your unaccounted
expenses. Please use it, please Inga dear. It
would give me joy — I see no harm in this
gesture, for I have always considered you as
my only sister. I know the times have been
too frequent when action belied this — but in
my heart & mind it has always been so. Do
not feel that you must look to me in
similar feelings — the latter either exist or
do not, but whatever it may be, please
use the enclosed.

Always with loving thoughts
David