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My dearest Sisterchen,

Many thanks for your lovely long letter of the 19th. Since mail for Kyelang goes tonight, I hasten with a little pleasant strain, to enclose herewith by immediate return the typed pages - hope you will find them satisfactory.

Our man goes early tomorrow morning, and will bring besides the usual supplies: the 9 bandages, one book which came by belated mail from George yesterday, addressed to Mother, the whole crop of our hazelnuts, as much as there is of them, krupchatke, the box and waterproof brezent. I hasten to add a few news herewith: your letter to Mrs Ph. caused a sensation, he was away, and she sent for me confidentially asking to come over, she was deeply distressed, said it would be a terrible blame on the Govt and them if anything would happen, and she sent your letter on to her husband at Kulu by immediate special runner, beseeching him to wire to the Governor of Punjab at once, that all possible steps should be taken at once. Whether he will (and can) do so, I do not know and have to wait for news until his return from camping in 6 or 8 days. Anyhow I stated that we of course will bear all telegraphic expenses, as the matter is so urgent. She sends you her greetings and assurance of her prayers for Mother's help. Well, let us hope this will also help to move matters.

I am most thankful for your lines about Mother's greetings. Rad staratsia! Shall only be too happy if I could also do something for her help.

My Kukuruz DID grow, well over my head, but it is not ready yet, however hope to start sending it soon.

The \$2000 from NK must be the same for which I sent you the bank's notification. But I previously sent Mother a cable from NK about Rs6000 transfer through the bank in Simla from NK's account. The bank has not confirmed this, is it all the same? Please tell Mother I am asking the bank for a statement of the position of accounts.

To wait for Mr. Arnold
did the boxes arrive

You suggest that I should send COPIES of the receipts of the payments to Cox and Kings, good so. But I want to ask again, what about the thick packet of documents and customs bills about the 36 packages, I do not want to hold these, as I can take no action with the Government of India for refund, so I suggest to send the whole bunch on to New-York, as they cabled us on the 2nd of July: " Taking care of shipment from here". Please confirm, as I do not want to hold these papers.

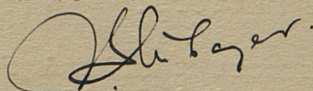
Yes Cognac is almost finished again, there have been bad chills here with flying fox chasing in rain at 2 o'clock at night, and returning from the post office on Monday at 10 pitch dark, quench-wet, stooping over six-foot snakes, etc.

You know I somehow have a strong feeling now, that "my r
budem zimovat vmeste," as much as I regret seeing you also leave. There seems to be some move inside things for NK's granting of visa.

Glad you write the table is in inches. It would have been a jolly small table indeed. Glad you enjoyed some jokes of my letters. By the way, I almost sent you last time the letter to E.A. by mistake, that would have been some joke indeed!

I hasten to post this, dear Sisterchen, with all my ardent Love to all

Your ever devoted



Enclosed a copy of a cable, which I shall be glad if you can hadn to the Dr. AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

P.S. PLEASE ALWAYS SING THE DATE on the brown acknowledgment forms, as this is the most interesting thing for me to know, and is necessary. You are legally bound to do so, or I can induce the post office to stop delivery of reg.mail to you, fancy that! Yes, please do put the date, it helps me so much to know the times of delivery in Lahoul of my urgent letters and cables.

Oct 9

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My dear good beloved Sister,

More seems to have happened in these last few days than during the last summer months! Our rôles have now somehow changed and I am supplying you now with all the good news. I hope I will do it clearly and that you will have nothing to scold me for, when you return. I will start in chronological order.

Tuesday night came the airmail letters from NK, George, and dear Louis. Nothing again from Sina. NK writes that over 2000 documents have now accumulated, forming a nice historical record. Archbishop of Canterbury informed that he has taken steps. (This as a consequence of the cable from the Metropolitan Pl.) Gorgik has again shown himself in his predicted light, but about this later. Very nice letter from Logvan: he writes "the miracle has again happened, and although some weeks ago we were \$95,000 behind in renting, we have now reached again last year's level! So the Lord helps". They had received a letter in which Wedgewood Benn, Minister for India, stated that "Mme R. went for a tour in the mountains, so she cannot be so ill" - we knew this before, but now we know who it was who said so. It is unbelievable.

It pains me to write you, that dear Mother's health is no better. I hardly see her for five minutes with some flowers, and the girls attend to her. I am keeping all trouble of house affairs etc, away from her. It is terrible to see her suffering and I pray again and again that NK may return soon to take away that worry about him. She has received and thanks you for your dear hearty letter from Kulu, and sends you Her Love.

George writes that the books on medicinal herbs which arrived on your leaving, are a present from Dr. Lukin to the Station. NV has sent a good letter and is progressing.

Now comes the news of the EIGHTH, sent to you by express wire and we know you received it in the Dhakbungalow at 1 pm. They are sailing tomorrow and reach destination early in Nov. This news not to be mentioned to anyone in Lahore. They will have their letters addressed to them care of the Governor. Naturally Mother is happy knowing them nearer. It is five days journey from here. There is an archbishop and the place is strongly catholic. Well, more when you return. Just to let you know the news. On the morning of the eighth our girls asked the postman jokingly, well have you brought goods news to-day, and he said jokingly, not yet, but I will go back and bring, and will you believe it, all jokes came true and he came back the cable. We hoped to hear from you from Mandi, but it is 5 pm, Oct 9th now, but we hope you continued your journey well.

Also a cable came from you, about which Mother knows even nothing. I transmitted it on to you this afternoon and added the news about Nettie's arrival. Her telegram was as follows: "Joyous reunion Baby affectionate. Grown boyish. Myself feeling fine strong. Louis overjoyed. Guard your health. Nettie".

Shall be so happy to see you back my dear good sister. You have been so very kind to me lately and I do not know how to thank you.

Hope your and Dr's tooth extraction has not caused too much pain. By the way, please give him my best greetings, and tell him, if he needs any money, he can take it in my name from Miss Lichtmann, as a VP parcel came for her, which I took over. I think this joke will not be an eternal one!

Enclose one letter and one printed bill probably - for the very same that I took over, I expect.

Hoping to hear from you soon. Sending you all very best thoughts and lovingly thoughts from our dear Mother, also greetings to Dr. Koelz. There is no news for him, except that his Prince has returned, and is well.

How glorious I can now sleep till 11, and noone, not even golden Angels, disturb my sleep. And airmail day to-day and and everything running so "exceptionally smoothly", it is like the paradise. Well, still I wish it were different, there is so much wonderful to speak about. So come soon.

Ever your devoted

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Transfer 3077 Rs. --