

June 1963

Dear Anne and Doug -

I thank you for your nice letter of 6 June. We didn't intend to make it seem that we were having any difficulties with various things in the apartment but only that the people who were supposed to do some adjustments on your behalf had promised to do them and were very slow in keeping their promises.

The man came on 7 June (the electrician) and left us a vacuum cleaner - not a new one but one which will help family do much the one you purchased arrives. I asked him if he had any dust bags to replace the ones on the machine, to which he replied that unfortunately he didn't but some were on order and will soon arrive. His soon brother me a bit. Thursday I showed up at the City over and explained things to him. He promised to come that very afternoon and do what was necessary re grounding and put in a switch in the circuit leading to the transformer so that one could turn off the oven entirely if that became necessary. Well he didn't show up that afternoon. He didn't show up two days later. When he brought the vacuum cleaner I asked him very kindly & politely when the oven was going to be fixed. He said he again promised to come the very next day. But he hasn't. I said Bertel Albrecht told me that sort of things is quite usual. So it isn't only the Spaniards who I say faithfully or Mahanah. They travel to us too! I may comment that you are now laughing at French with a Corsican accent. It makes us wonder whether you were really jesting or were not. I'm serious and I'm afraid of our garden against working a French that might be acceptable to you. As a matter of fact we've never been overwhelmed with this situation for our present situation and I haven't yet determined what

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to do about the instruction that is whether to  
 bring quite frankly we think has too young and  
 inexperienced to do the sort of instruction we want  
 But in holding off largely because of what  
 Almerth who recommended the young man and  
 don't want to seem unappreciative of Bert's re-  
 commendation. The question may solve itself in a  
 peculiar way. Thus.

I had a couple of evenings last week when  
 I didn't feel very well - had some nausea and  
 vomiting. The next day I told me in the evening  
 after dinner - we had taken Carlo out to dinner  
 at that nice restaurant in Monte Carlo close by the Casino.  
 My left eye was certainly quite bloodshot.  
 I decided to have Dr. Galavalle (who had come  
 to see a couple of times and was coming again  
 on Saturday as his third & last visit) see me  
 on Friday instead of to see me. Well, it turned  
 out that I have a recurring case of high blood-  
 pressure. The doctor prescribed medicine and I  
 took it yesterday and is coming today. He said that  
 temporarily I must take things a bit easier and  
 that isn't too difficult for me in this beautiful apart-  
 ment and its lovely setting. The pressure had gone  
 down a bit after only one day's medication and I  
 hope that will say it down some more when he sees  
 me today. He said he has no idea why it happens.  
 He says that the causes of hypertension are still  
 rather obscure.

By the way, your caution about the golf  
 was appreciated. But when I saw what the course  
 at Monte Carlo was like, I decided that it would be  
 the part of wisdom not to play - and I didn't.  
 I walked only 3 or 4 holes - and those were too much!  
 That's not a golf course - it's mountain climbing!!

and I shall spend about a week or two in the  
 "real work" and I will have some more free  
 time for study. I imagine that Charlotte is a very  
 competent cook and I hope she will be  
 of some use. We are glad to know something of you and  
 glad to hear of your success. I think you indicated  
 your intention to come to your mental apartment  
 in the autumn but I do not recall what month or  
 month or month. I should be planning ahead for  
 some part. I don't want to return to Washington  
 until next year. I wish the racial problems got  
 a bit more settled. I feel as though I'm planning  
 away from those problems - but I'm too old to do  
 anything about them. The young people try to  
 take up problems - and now I want some peace  
 and tranquillity if possible. Thank you very much for forwarding my  
 medical papers. Dr. Goldblatt was very glad to  
 see them and said that they are quite valuable to  
 keep them in a safe place. Dr. Goldblatt is in the hands  
 of a pretty good doctor - physically. I may  
 have to take some more about blindness. I don't know  
 whether after today's examination a test will be  
 made. I was all ready to rent a car - had  
 the arrangements but Dr. Goldblatt recommended that I  
 wait a few days until my B.P. is really normal.  
 I am doing better in being steady on my hands and  
 doing better in my letters. I am studying the  
 study myself. I have a duplex of very good books -  
 some are very considerable. I am reading  
 the knowledge is pretty good. I have things I have  
 read. I am sure have been only to St. Paul, and

