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## Log

- 2 Oct - 0530 Left Wash (Wed a.m.)  
 - 0750 Arr Westover Fld, Mass
- 3 Oct - 1400 Left " "  
 - 1935 Arr Harmon " Stephenville  
 (2735 local time)  
 0035 GMT 4 Oct
- Sunday  
 6 Oct - 1200 Left Harmon Fld (7 1/2 hrs)  
 - 2145 Arr Fagans (local time)
- 7 Oct - 0015 Left " "  
 mon 0925 Arr Orly Rd Paris (7 1/2 hrs)
- 9 Oct - 1015 Left Le Bourget, Paris  
 Wed - 1200 Arr Amsterdam  
 1245 Left " "  
 1530 Arr Copenhagen  
 1615 Left " "  
 1830 Arr Stockholm
- 6 Oct - 0815 Left " "  
 Wed - 1315 Arr Paris
- 7 Oct - 1100 Left Orly rd Paris  
 Thurs - 1315 Arr Eschborn, Frankfurt
- 27 Oct - 1800 Left Frankfurt - by rail  
 Sunday
- 28 Oct - 0815 Arr Paris - Gare de l'est  
 Monday

Paris → Fagans 1785 Fagans → Stephenville  
 1712 Stephenville → Wash 1194

Articles taken on  
Trip to Europe  
October 1946

- 9 Undershirts
- 9 Shorts
- 2 Long underwear
- 3 Pro pyjamas
- 1 Turkish towel
- 1 Wash cloth
- 2 Hand towels
- 14 White Handkerchiefs
- 1 Silk gray "
- 1 Brown "
- 1 Blue "
- 9 White shirts
- 6 Ties
- 9 Pro socks
- 1 Flashlight
- 1 Clock, small Swiss

- 1 - Handbag, black
- 1 - Valapack
- 1 - Musette bag
- 1 - Hat
- 1 Cashmere scarf, blue
- 1 White scarf
- 1 Overcoat
- 1 Brown 3 piece suit, suspended
- 1 Gray 2 " " "
- 1 Pr Sherked trousers, belt
- 1 Blue spot coat
- 1 Gray vest
- 1 Wool sweater
- 2 Pr shoes
- 1 Cap, wool
- 1 Pr rubber overshoes
- 1 Pr spats
- 1 Bathrobe, brown wool
- 1 Toilet kit, silver back  
brush, comb, safety

Tuesday

1 Oct - Left home at 1930

Ari ATC 2010

Checked in etc. Word that

plane was coming from Westover  
 Airport, Mass. but had not yet  
 started. Much delay in view.

Met Col. Mike Marcus - what  
 a character. Barbara + he

argue. At 2310 word that  
 plane had just left Westover.

ETA 0123. I sent family home 2300

<sup>Wednesday</sup>  
 2 Oct 0125 Plane arrives. Briefing  
 with parachutes - my 1st experience

with them. Notified of 2 hr delay  
 in starting - for servicing plane

0300 - notified heater system  
 out of commission + would be

further delay. Col. he still, un-  
kited but pleasantly so, only  
too talkative.

0530 - We board + engine warmed  
up - until 0545 - we take off for  
Westover field, minus heat. I put  
on my spats, wrap blanket around  
me, over harness + sleep lightly  
for 1 hr about. At 0750 arrive at  
Westover. Good breakfast - 2 eggs,  
spiced ham, 2 cups coffee, doughnut  
Latest news - be back at 1200 - but  
no place to go so hung around ATC  
terminal. Lunch at noon. On re-  
turn, information we leave at  
1500. At 1500 changed to  
1730. At 1700 changed to

next day at 0900. Then a rather hectic scramble to find room for night. No space in hotel at Springfield (3 men got one + last room). I inquire about BOQ. on post + am told "of course - but no heat." "OK if enough blankets" I reply. Car takes me + 2 others (Healey + Wolfe) to BOQ. Sgt there says quarters but no heat. "Heat in 3rd bldg up the road." So why not? We get assigned 3 nice rooms at \$1.<sup>00</sup> per night. Now 1710 + dinner at mess at 1730 so I lie down + fall asleep at once. Had asked Wolfe to wake me. Pretty nice meal

at 754. Brief walk, then  
 phone Washington. All OK.  
 Tenant 1823 must give post-  
 session for 15 is Judge's decision.  
 Concrete floor laid in 1823  
 basement. 393 - not yet sold  
 but a Mrs Powers very much  
 impressed. Asked E to phone  
 Mrs Healey, Wolfe, Isbell.  
 Short walk. Henry take a  
 bath + get good sleep.  
 Room quiet, bed very comfortable.  
 This afternoon saw movie  
 "Gallant Journey".  
 My feet warm at last - two  
 pairs woolen socks + spats.  
 One pair from ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~shower~~ <sup>shower</sup>  
 + To bed at 9 and read Sat  
 Eve Post a while. Not interesting.



3 Oct 46 Thursday. Woke at 0645,  
 shaved, dressed, walked over to mess  
 had nice breakfast checked out  
 of BOQ + walked to Terminal. Latest  
 dope - off at 1100 instead of 0900!  
 They hope. - Still some work to do.  
 1215 - I walk outdoors + just happen to  
 hear loudspeaker noon news tell of  
 crash of plane taking off at Stevens-  
 ville this a.m. 39 passengers presumed  
 to be all dead. I immediately place call  
 for home. Line busy for 10 minutes. E  
 there, hadn't yet heard of this crash  
 but did of one out West last night.  
 Told her to phone others + to take out  
 \$5000 more term insurance. - Under-  
 stand lunch to be served on board here  
 1330 and we're all ready to go  
 1350 - We go aboard with Hanson

1400 - We take off. Cruising altitude to be 7000' - It's a beautiful sunny warm day. Everything OK.  
1915 EST - 2115 local at Harmon Field

Arrived after a very pleasant journey during which had a chance to go up front & see controls etc.

Had a very nice dinner @ 45¢ - broiled ham, thick slices & lots of it, mashed potatoes, salad, dessert. To bed early in room with 5 others. Didn't sleep because I took coffee as an experiment. It worked. - We were told we'd be awakened at 4 a.m. & would take off at 5. - We weren't & didn't.

4 Oct Friday - up at 0700, shaved, dressed, walked to terminal. nice breakfast - ham & eggs. News - flight delayed - on a/c bad weather.

1200 - Still no news - take off indefinite.  
Took walk in warm sunshine. Mountain  
on which AOA plane crashed yesterday  
& scene of crash quite visible - only 12  
miles away. Talked with pilot of our  
ship about it. Says he usually goes over  
that hill - 2500' high. The AOA ship left  
at 0500, still not light. Apparently could  
not gain enough altitude to go over & tried  
to turn away - or else something went  
wrong with controls or possibly ship hit  
a downdraft. Crew (5) + Passengers (31)  
all killed. On way to Germany - wives of  
service personnel & several very young  
children. Waited around terminal all day.  
Saw C.G. helicopter come in and land -  
help in getting bodies out, if any. I

talked with Chaplain who went up to scene. Says all but 2 bodies burned to death - no remains of others. Plane was fully loaded with gas. - There was a USO camp show crew here on way to Greenland. I had chat with one of them - magician Karl Rosini. Talked about Houdini & Dimminger, who he says is very daring - takes long chances. - Had dinner at 6 & went to movie - terrible Roy Rogers picture. - Back to terminal - no more news re flight. - My shirt is a mess & I can't get at my baggage - will have better next time & wear colored shirt & take enough clothes in my bag. - These long delays most exasperating.

5 Oct - Saturday - Had a good night sleep. We were not awakened at 4 or even at 8. Got up and

dressed, over to breakfast at 0930  
and still no signs of departure.  
Latest info is that we cannot  
possibly leave before 2100 tonight  
and probably won't until tomorrow.  
Got my baggage out of the plane,  
took nice shower, changed to  
fresh linen + feel better. Put my  
brown suit away + am wearing  
my checked slacks + blue sport  
coat. - No news + no newspapers.  
After rather poor dinner went to the  
movies + saw indifferent mystery  
detective story "Deceit" and then to  
Officers Club where Sat. night dance  
was on. Had a couple of drinks with  
our crowd + danced one with Max  
Dunn in slacks etc under the hostile  
stares of the officers ladies.

6 October (Sunday)

Turned in at 0130 after a walk to the Terminal where I learned we were expected to go out at 0500. Didn't sleep too well ofc noisy barracks + guys coming + going all night. Wasn't called until 0930 + told departure to be at 1030. Hustled to dress + get to Terminal. Was pretty sore about having to pay \$3<sup>00</sup> a night for the bed - a holdup game if ever I saw one. Made a protest but did no good. Think I should report conditions there. - We took off at 1215. Plane was tail heavy + we had to do some re-adjusting of baggage + moving forward. Would have had a seat (double) all to myself

but a guy (Dr Martin) came  
 + has struck by me. He's never  
 flown before apparently + is  
 pretty nervous about everything.  
 Had a pretty rough 20-30 min-  
 utes at one time when we went  
 into a thunderstorm. Rest of trip  
 very quiet. Arrived at Logans  
 at 1945 my time = 2145 Logans  
 time. Had a rather poor meal but  
 cost only 25¢. Boarded plane  
 again at midnight + took the  
~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~air~~ <sup>air</sup> at 0015. Very quiet calm  
 trip so far, at 9000 ft. - Tried to  
 get some sleep but couldn't - high  
 altitude bothered me. Every time I  
 was on verge of falling asleep, would  
 wake up with shortness of breath.  
 Trip very smooth all the way

despite (as I learned later) very bad weather most other places. -

0925 Arrived at Clerly Field. At once phoned Embassy to try to talk with Lt Stewart. He was out but did talk with another man who knew me (2-3 civilian here working with Maj.

Eastley (SSO). - Bus on to ATE Terminal in Paris where I run into Capt. Russo, who turns out to be great help. Get billet at Hotel Napoleon Bonaparte, lunch there with Russo. Spend afternoon getting plane reservation to Stockholm, after seeing Eastley & Stewart at Embassy. Much ado about cash - francs, dollars, scrip, getting my travelers checks cashed at



Air Express Co. - took 1 hr to get  
\$80 converted into 9416 fr @ 117.70  
per dollar. - Fortunate in getting  
reservation on plane to Stockholm  
for tomorrow p.m. - Bought &  
paid for ticket - 12,400 fr =  
approx \$105. - Sat in front of  
Cafe de la Paix for a couple  
of hours with Capt Russo, I  
bought cognac for him, vermouth  
for me, two rounds costing 270 fr  
with tip included. - Dinner at  
Hotel Nap, now 8<sup>30</sup> pm & I  
must go right to bed - Haven't  
had a good night's sleep for  
several days & none at all last  
night. - Comfortable room &  
bath but not fancy @ \$3<sup>10</sup>

Tuesday

8 Oct - up at 0700, shaved, bathed, to breakfast at 0800 with Capt. R. Then taxed to Am Embassy to see about tel to Stockholm but had to send it at my own expense. Maj. Shanley said to send it collect as they had no funds here for postage but when I went to Tel Office in Emb, no collect telegram accepted. Capt R got some salve for my itch - hope it works. Talked with Maj. Easley + Lt Stewart + then time for lunch. no taxis available so we took a hack + poor horse was made to trot down Champs Elysees. Cost \$50 fr for 2 mile ride. After lunch packed my stuff, checked out of hotel + went by taxi to Air France terminal at Station des In-

valides. Went through all the formalities - police, customs, etc then waited for bus to Le Bourget. Left at 1415 and hectic ride to " which took about 35 minutes. Went through more formalities - money Declaration, Customs. Waited in station. Plane was due to depart at 1530 but by 1600 nothing happened. At 1630 announcement that plane from Stockholm delayed - no news why. At 1645 plane comes in & we are told to wait - no news re departure. At 1700 we are told no flight today - tomorrow at 1000 & to be at Les Invalides at 0900. Back we go by bus to Les Invalides - and we wonder where I will get room for the

night! Air France would find us rooms - but I had only 600 fr + no place to cash travelers checks or get more francs. I take a chance + go by taxi back to Hotel Napoleon B. + was lucky - had another room on same floor. I simply explain flight cancelled + clerk gives me 1 fr. I go up + take possession at once - will straighten matters out with ATC Billing Office later - which I fortunately was able to do. Waited around for Capt R - to get some more francs + have company. Soon he comes in - surprised to see me a bit as he had gone with me to Air France + we had every reason to think that plane would leave. Had

dinner together - then taxi to ATC  
 Rabbit 0 to pay for room + make sure  
 I had it. Then by Metro to Champ  
 Elyses - to sidewalk cafe where  
 we had a couple of beers, talking  
 until 2230. Walked to Hotel +  
 now 2315. Went to bed + be up  
 by 0630 - to get to Les Invalides  
 by 0845. - Flight headlines full  
 of another air crash at sea in  
 Far East, 21 died. - Seems as tho  
 there are many accidents this past  
 week + this. Doesn't bother me  
 though.

Wednesday  
 9 October - Up at 0630, breakfast 0730  
 and taxi to station. Wait until 0900 for  
 bus. Again ride to Le Bourget. Repeat the  
 formalities of yesterday but not in  
 detail. Plane departs 1015 - it is

a Swedish Air line plane (DC-2) with only 2 engines so we will have to stop at Amsterdam and Copenhagen. A very pretty Swedish hostess - highly colored blonde with thick + white complexion, blue eyes. - Good journey to Amsterdam, where we land exactly at noon. I have a bite to eat - chicken noodle soup + two sandwiches all excellent, for which I was able to pay in francs - 60. We take off again at 12:45. - The Dutch scene is very lovely - the irrigation ditches + canals dividing up the countryside into quite regular patches. See a good many red tile roof houses - some slate roofs. All looks spic + span. Very impressive + interesting country.

At 1500 we passed over Kiel. Beautiful afternoon, very calm weather for our flight. Countryside lovely. We are over water good deal. Flying at 7000 feet + I'm a bit short of breath, the only + slight discomfort. Had an excellent lunch served aboard. Good beer with it.

At 1530 we arrived at Copenhagen. Very new + modernistic airport terminal.

At 1615 we took off for Stockholm. Weather still fine. - Soon after we leave Copenhagen there is a marked change in the terrain. No more rectangles + squares of cultivated fields and small hamlets. Instead, a very ruggedly wooded region, rather rolling terrain, lots of lakes + swamps, only occasional house to be seen. Probably timberland.

begins here. - We are due to arrive at 1815 - about an hour from now. - Have just had tea (not very warm) and an excellent sweet roll such as only the Danes and Swedes can make. - When I got off at Copenhagen I purposely (+ unthinkingly) left my spats on my seat - and they were taken, probably by some cleaner at Copenhagen. Teaches me my lesson - I've been ever so careful all along - not left anything unattended or unlooked until now - and I lose a pair of very useful spats. - The stewardess is most chagrined, says she'll see



about them on her next stop  
at Copenhagen - but I know  
they're gone for good so far  
as I'm concerned. Will get  
a pair in Stockholm - those I  
lost were old + shabby any-  
how & one button was half  
gone. - Were now at 5000' + my  
breathing is somewhat easier, our  
speed now 155 mi/hr -

At 1735 we are at 3000' + travelling  
more slowly - now ETA is 1830.  
Full moon already above horizon  
though still daylight. Pretty scene  
with sunset on left + full moon  
on right. - Exactly at 1830 we sight  
at Stockholm airport. - I have  
never seen such a fairyland-like  
scene as that I saw on approach.

wing and flying over Stockholm -  
the thousands of gleaming lights +  
reflections on the water between  
the islands. Most beautiful view  
I've ever seen from the air at  
night over any city. - General Kess-  
ler had sent the Legation car with  
driver to meet me at airport - as I  
had asked + it was good to be met.  
Customs formalities etc - they wanted  
to tax me for extra cigarette but the  
Legation driver talked to Customs  
chief + I got off without paying  
the 3 crowns they had demanded.  
Drove me to Hotel Rensan, where a  
room for night had been engaged  
- a nice room with twin beds +  
a fine bath. Forgot to say that  
driver phoned way. Conrad.

at airport + I talked with Boris there - good to hear his voice. He invited me to my having dinner with them so I washed up quickly at hotel + on going doing met Boris, daughter Ingrid + son-in-law Coradi a very nice looking young man. Boris took us to the famous "Gilde-ene Frieden" - where E + I had dinner ~~the~~ evening 18 years ago. - A very nice dinner and then I went to my hotel + to bed early as I was pretty tired. The itch bothered me a good deal but I got to sleep fairly quickly + slept until 0800.

10 Oct - Thursday - A pretty good sleep + hard to get up but I'd agreed to meet Coradi at

0945 to call on General Kessler.  
Not time enough for breakfast  
by the time I'd finished shaving  
& bathing so I skipped having  
any breakfast. - Had a very nice  
visit with Gen K & then was  
driven in legation car to Boris'  
office. - Here in Stockholm they  
also drive like mad & it's hectic  
riding in an auto. - After a  
few minutes with Boris showing  
me around the plant we were  
driven downtown in a tiny  
German car with chauffeur  
to largest department store  
where Boris took me to lunch -  
my breakfast, too. - Started with  
sour cream - excellent idea.  
Good fish & excellent sauce.

After lunch back to B's office  
 in his new Lincoln, wonderful  
 car. Spent couple hours talking  
 + left at 16.00 to get my belong-  
 ings at hotel + check out. Had  
 room for only 1 day as space is  
very hard to find here, too. →  
 Drove out to B's country place -  
 a wonderful estate about which  
 more later: - <sup>The place</sup> ~~the place~~ out for me and  
 An exceedingly  
 warm welcome from Annie,  
 looking very well. - B's father  
 here, ~~over~~ 87 years old; a nurse  
 who looks after him; a young  
 woman whose job is to teach  
 crafts to the women folk on  
 the estate (about 250 people  
 work + live on the place!), and  
 B's youngest son Gunnar,

just graduated in forestry - a tall, strapping young man looking not at all like B. - Early dinner very simple, as Annie had to go to Red Cross meeting. - But I talked Swedish history for an hour or two afterwards + then went to crafts class conducted by the young woman. Also went through the building where class is conducted - more about it later. - Back to main house + talked some more. Retired early - 2215 as I was tired + again bothered by itch - + about a dozen bites of some insect - look like jigger bites but can't be that. - Am wondering

what I picked up at the various ATC places I stopped on the journey. - Good thing I had my inoculations!

If this Feb doesn't let up soon I'll have to see a medic now 23:30 + my to bed. Will have breakfast in bed!

11 Oct - Friday - My alarm went off at 0800 as set but I didn't get up - a rather restless night. I was troubled with the itch + had had tea for supper + the combination was too much. I read until 0100 or 0130 and had difficulty in getting to sleep. - Also worrying a bit about things back home. At any rate, at 0930 Boris came

up with a tall glass of orange  
juice and at 0945 Anne with  
a breakfast tray. - I felt quite  
embarrassed with all the allentia  
Tea, toast, marmalade, and thin  
slices of cheese. - Rd Bois of  
my itch + agreed to go to see  
doctor today. - Took bath (hot)  
and as usual caught cold. -  
I just don't dare take tabs.  
Began APC tablets this afternoon  
+ think I have it under con-  
trol. - Bois + I took a tour  
around estate this morning  
lots of interesting things on the  
325 acres. - Lunch abt 1200 +  
soon after we drove to Sunderland  
to see medico. - He said it was  
an urticaria. allergy - from



the bite of some insect - probably lice! Gave me 3 prescriptions - two internal, one external. - I  
feel lots better tonight already  
& hope I am over it - Drove  
with B to the shores of a lake  
that leads directly to the Baltic  
this while waiting for pharmacy  
to make up the prescriptions.  
Back home by 1500 + I took  
a nap - slept for 2 hours  
solid. - Forgot to note letter  
from E this a.m. - killing of  
sale of 393v military rd. 110  
& great stuff + much relief.  
Will be able to "turn around"  
financially now. - Supper  
at 1800 - hard shell crab  
fixed in delicious style +

several other things, especially two  
jams, one made of "field berries"  
+ another of

- B + I spent three hours dis-  
cussing technical matters, then  
looked over + admired many  
features of their house - all of  
in most modern style + must  
have cost plenty to fix up.  
Now 2015 + time to burn in.  
Annie made me a hot drink  
of elderberry brandy, honey, +  
hot water.

13 Oct - Sunday - Spent all day  
yesterday (Saturday) indoors  
nursing my cold. up at 0900  
and downstairs to breakfast.  
At noon, more guests - the Hoop's  
oldest son Karl Wilhelm, with

one of his professors at the medical school & another visiting prof from Buenos Aires, both very nice men. Also Ingrid and her husband Major Coiradi later - in time for supper. It was a rather nice day, a bit chilly out & I was sorry to have to stay indoors. Took a long rest in the afternoon. Fairly early to bed but read until midnight. Up at 0845, breakfast at nine and at about 1100 we all went to visit Gipsolun Castle, started in 1300 something. There were rune stones found in that vicinity & I got Boris to take a photo of me standing beside one. The castle quite interesting.

and is a sort of national picture gallery now - about 1200 portraits there. - Had tea at an Inn nearby - very clean and nice. - Back to Sundsvall & sat around talking a bit - then a short rest. Dinner at 1700 - excellent food. - Boris had insisted on putting in a long distance call to Ed & it came through at 1830. Quite thrilled to hear Ed's voice but not too good transmission. All seems OK at home. Barbara off to Boston & then New York. J.R. at Thaca. - In the evening B showed colored slides of his trip to U.S. etc - very fine pictures. - Now 2230

and must go to bed at once  
as I've got to be down to  
breakfast at 0745. My cold  
is much better tonight but I  
have some headaches - probably  
from all the medicine I took.

14 Oct - Monday - up at 0700 +  
down to breakfast at 0745, feeling  
pretty rocky with my cold. Drove  
in to town and first went to Leg-  
ation to get some know to buy  
ticket back to Paris. Cost \$105. +  
Spent a few minutes there and  
then to other building of Legation  
to call on Mr. Hogg, who is now  
in charge, in absence of new  
Minister Dreyfuss + the  
Charge d'affaires. Hogg +  
I had met before at Berlin

don two years ago - the time I  
almost got to Sweden but didn't  
because the powers that be deemed  
it unsafe for me to go + Capt.  
Carlson went. Situation still  
rather precarious. I am to see  
Hjerp again tomorrow. - Then  
back to M.A.'s office where we  
picked up Gen. Kessler who  
came along to go through the  
Hagelin plant, his first visit  
there. - Lunch at the NK  
Dept Store where B + I had  
lunch before. But this time  
May + Mrs. Conrade + two of  
B's executives. Very nice lunch  
after which B + I went back  
to the plant + I examined all  
models of machines until

about 5 p.m. Stopped to pick  
 up my laundry at Hotel Reisan  
 & found it pretty expensive.  
 About \$2<sup>50</sup> for 3 shirts, 3  
 underwear + 4 pair socks!  
 No hotel room yet for Tuesday  
 night - I leave Wed morning  
 at 7 a.m. don't want to spend  
 night at Sundso's as I'd have  
 to get up so early in the morning  
 make it to airport. May Con-  
 radi dug up 3 bottles of  
 liquor for me out of his own  
 stock & I am much embarres-  
 sed about same. These people  
 are doing entirely too much  
 for me & won't let me do  
 anything in return. - Drove  
 back to Sundso's at 1730

stopping for a few minutes  
to see B's father at his  
apartment in Stockholm -  
a place with a lovely view  
of the water & the new big  
bridge. - Dinner with just  
Anne & B & then B & I  
sat around discussing brown-  
gas matters for several hours.  
Putting finishing touches  
on questions of interest to  
me. - Now 23/15 & won't  
have to get up until 0800  
Tomorrow we go to opera.  
Have had an interesting day  
despite my feeling quite  
miserable with my cold.  
15 Oct - Tuesday - Up at 0900 after a  
very good night's rest. After



breakfast, B took me to see his new brick factory, which is under construction. Says brick manufacturers are extremely conservative and his new factory leaves them more or less aghast at his novelties. But B says it will be efficient enough to pay for itself after but 5 years - which means about \$800,000 to be made in that time. I found the place interesting but a bit beyond me - much tipping of hats when B comes round + very good feeling between him + the people on the place. - Home again + I began packing. Decided to take a chance on a quick bath despite the lack of heat in bathroom, which is how I caught cold first, but seeing that Joe had no bath for several

days, decided I just had to chance it. - (Apparently no bad effects, as I am writing this on the next day aloft in plane to Paris.) - Dinner at 1230 and then completed dressing and packing. - B, Annie, + I left at about 1400 for Stockholm in the Lincoln. Nice ride to town despite bad weather - raw, cold, and rainy. - B + I went to B's office, where I was given souvenirs: a beautiful tiny alarm clock (travel-size) for E; a knife with his initials for John; a book for me. - At 1630 I went to NK (Enko) the big dept store, to meet Annie + buy some trinkets. - Bought two scarves (head) for the Hagelin's cook + maids, very nice things. A half dozen beautiful hand-made hand-

kerchiefs to take home. These are true Swedish, made originally in a nunnery in the far north but now made by the townswomen where the nunnery used to be. Expensive enough - 9.75 each = \$2.75, but nice. - Annie then insisted as she had all along, on buying a gift for T, which I insisted must be inexpensive but true Swedish. So she bought two ash trays of a variety called Argenta (inlaid silver in green pottery, designed by Swedish artists named Wilhelm Kage. It will be somewhat of a chore carrying the package back but well worth it. Then Annie insisted on buying a scarf for Barbara with typical Swedish design + figures. - I bought a nice box of candy for the evening, as we were going to the

Opera. - At 1720 we left NK, got a taxi to go to cocktails at the Higgs' - he in charge of Legation now (as I think I mentioned once before). Lovely big apartment, met there Mr. Higdon, SSU representative + had brief talk with him + Higgs re Swedish crypt outfit (total 400) staffed with good many G's, E's, S's, + couple R's. Higgs gave me copy of recent Sw white paper, re our talk on Monday. Higdon told me he had it on most excellent authority that B built machine for Fish - which was great surprise to me but probably true. Gen + Mrs Kessler at party + Mrs. Revndal (wife of Charge) + two other ladies. Mrs. Higgs nice but not looking too well - says she has had case of "hives" (like I have) - Also Major

and Mrs Couradi, Boris, + Annie  
Of course, at party. - Had one nice  
old-fashioned + some snacks. - Left  
at 1830, to Opera Restaurant where  
we had a lovely dinner, with moderate  
drinks + many "skalls" among B, A,  
the Couradis + me. - Then to opera to  
see Thais - a very fine performance.  
We sat in an excellent box in the first  
balcony, surrounded entirely by very  
fine looking people. Incidentally, I  
am much impressed by the fine  
looking Swedes, well groomed and  
well-dressed everywhere. - I enjoyed  
the opera immensely although of  
course I didn't understand a word  
of Swedish. - The company very  
good + the leading baritone gave his  
last performance before sailing to

U.S. where he joins the Metropolitan  
There was some excellent dancing +  
baller work. - I had never seen

Thais + was glad of the chance. During

the two intermissions we circulated

in the foyers + examined the building -

quite ornate + impressive. - The per-

formance lasted until 2300 or 2315 +

then I said my farewells to the

Conradis. B + A then took me to my

hotel - almost the last room available

in the whole of Stockholm + obtained

for me only after diligent search by

the Legation. I found it a very

small hotel, about 3<sup>d</sup> rate (B

called it a "flophouse") but very

clean. It was after midnight

that I turned out the light + tried

to get some sleep. Had to be up

by 0600 to get to the air terminal.  
 I forgot to say that I had an  
 almost tearful farewell with  
 the Hagelins - they are such charming  
 people & I hope they will really come  
 to Washington this spring, as BTA  
 promise.

16 Oct - Wednesday - up at 0600,  
 with my two alarm clocks & the  
 hotel attendant waking me - but  
 I didn't need waking as I hard-  
 ly slept. - Too much noise all  
 night for one thing & early morning  
 stirring about in the very narrow  
 street outside my window - But I  
 must have slept some as I recall  
 dreaming a bit. - Got a taxi &  
 went to the "Flygspanlin" - arriving  
 there by 0640. - Checked in & got

weighed in - overweight by several kilos (what with all the liquor Conradie insisted on presenting me). Handed the clerk a hundred kroner note - which he had much difficulty in changing, to get out 22.50 kr for excess of 6 kilos @ 3<sup>75</sup> per K. - Got on bus + we left at 0700 on the dot. Arrived at airport soon, checked in, + had some breakfast. - Then went through customs + money control - no trouble. - Changed all my Swedish money to francs. - Boarded plane at 0800 + took off at 0815 on the dot. - This is a big Douglas C-54 type, capable of holding 40 passengers but there are only a dozen or 13 of us, including a well-made up actress - French Imp-



pose. She has a rather extreme dress on - slit down the front all the way to her navel, I think. I'd like to get a good view of her with her coat off. Rather good looking, slender + artificial blonde. - Her plane is very clean + well managed. Coffee has already been poured + some lunch. - We have excellent flying weather, sun is out, we're at 7000' + now passing Malmo. Very comfortable but my feet are, as usual, cold + I miss my spats. - I must see to my accounts now + get those straightened out, to see how they balance. - Well, I'm short only 12.20 kr = \$3.42, which isn't too bad. - At 10:30, lunch was served - Hot consommé, potato salad, some nice

cold salmon, two sandwiches, banana.  
I ate pretty well. - My feet are still  
very cold. - I got a blanket &  
wrapped it around my legs -  
much better than. - It is now  
1245 & practically the whole of  
the journey has been above dense  
white clouds, so could see nothing  
of the ground. - We are going  
down now into the clouds & I  
can't hear very well - my cold is  
what makes equalizing pressure  
pretty difficult. - We are under  
the clouds now & can see the ter-  
rain very well - But I can't  
hear well again. This is my  
first experience with hearing or  
ear pressure difficulty. I hope it  
passes soon. - We arrived on

the dot at 13:15, as scheduled. Went through the usual formalities - of money, customs, etc. in rapid style & then got on bus for Paris station des Invalides. - Talked with an American business man from New Haven on bus & with two young Jewish refugees who have been wandering around for several years in Europe, trying to get visas to America. Sad stories & pretty spunky girls. - At station about 14:30 & took cab to ATE terminal, Place Vendôme, to find them in the midst of moving. But made my arrangements for flight to Frankfurt tomorrow & then cab to Hotel Napoleon Bonaparte for billet for the

night. - All fixed up at about  
1530. - Phoned May Easley at  
Embassy to get message to Earl  
to meet me at airport tomorrow.  
He got through on the phone +  
I hope to be met. - Up to my  
room, took a drink of my  
Cognac + lay down until  
1800. - Quick dinner, when I  
saw Howard Westlerode, in  
on his way to Washington. Brief  
talk, short walk to Arc de  
Triomphe, bought some roasted  
chestnuts + back in my room.  
Now 2030 + will turn in very  
soon. - Bought French paper  
with headline news about  
Gronin's suicide. - Must be  
up by 0600 to get bus here  
at 0700.

17 Oct - Thursday - Up at 0600, after a fairly good night. The three cups of coffee in the morning still had their effects late at night! - Bus left Hotel Napoleon on time, we got to Orly fld by 0740 only to be met with announcement that our flight would be delayed until 1000 because of bad weather at Frankfurt. Another delay at 1000 to 1100, so I took opportunity to write a letter to E and to walk over to Air France terminal to send a wire to the Nagelins. 15 words cost 122.1 francs. - We took off at a little after 1100 and are having a very quiet + calm trip at 5000 feet. - Visited the cockpit + the pilot of my car trouble yesterday -

day & he said he'd go down very gradually to give my tubes a good chance. - On the door where they usually post the names of the crew members some way had written under Radio-operators the name "A. Graham Bell" asst radio operator "G. Marconi" and under Flight Engineer "O. Wright". When I showed the names to the pilot he laughed & said that that "was intended to boost the morale of the customers". !! - We are right on the course & on time - scheduled to arrive at 1315. - Sun is out & all clear below all the way. - I have been talking with an American girl from Boston on her way back

to Frankfurt from London where she visited with her parents who had come over to see her. - A very nice girl working for FEA at Höchst + has been in ETO for three years. - She says Europe is no place for a young girl. - On the dot at 1315 we landed at Eschborn, near Frankfurt, where I was much pleased to find Earle with car and driver. - Got my bags and took the young lady along with us as she lived close by the Earle in Höchst. - Jean was out at some party so Earle + I had a couple of sandwiches + a drink or two fixed by one of their two maids. Sat around talking for a

a couple of hours then I went up to my room and took a nap until 1800 when I was called for dinner. - nice to see Jean & had a nice dinner. - Charlie Hiser + Jessie Dent came over + spent evening with us. - Spent an hour in E's radio ham station + got talking with a ham in Baltimore but just as I was getting ready to ask him to phone a message to Washington his signal faded out and we lost him. - To bed at past midnight, slept fairly well but not enough as Fark woke me at 8:00 to go to office.

18 October - Friday  
 - Breakfast at 10 @ Farber building while I saw Ed + trench.



Two pieces pottery - present from  
Anne H to EST -

Artist: Wilhelm Käge

Name: Argenta

It works on Sigmur <sup>for some op. but</sup> & fine machines

1 - No trained personnel for maintenance

2 - " " operating personnel

3 - Physical circuit <sup>most important</sup> not suitable

4 - When tape used to send radio

intermixing of letters & figs very  
difficult. (German telegraph code)  
system + G. to be used for  
only tele type also caused trouble

5 - Signal OK & taking down  
to Reg. 3 Buys, 9 Regts, 1 each + 2 at HQ

6 - Sigmur with VHF OK

7 - M-209 from Regt to Sgm  
for classified life OK

not a great deal of trouble in  
maintenance of new but had  
trouble at all.

1 Oct	Travelers checks	\$ 1.00	
	Cash		<u>50</u>
			\$ 50

1 Oct	Cost trav checks	\$ 3.38	
	Cash to ESF	5.00	
	Shoe repairs	.75	
	Parking	.25	
	Lunch	.50	
	Misc	.42	
		\$ 10.30	\$ 39.70

2 Oct	Breakfast	.40	
	Lunch + dinner	1.50	
	Room	1.00	
	Misc	.66	
		\$ 3.56	35.14

3 Oct	Breakfast + paper	.55	
	Carboid cigs	1.40	
	Candy, coffee	.64	
	Dinner	.45	
	Telegram	1.30	
		4.34	31.80

4 Oct Breakfast .45 31.80  
 Lunch .45  
 Dinner .45  
 Bar .75  
 Sandwiches .20  
 230 29.50

5 Oct Breakfast & dinner 1.50  
 Bar 1.75  
 Billet for 3 days 9.75  
 Box behind .25 13.25 13.25  
 16.25

6 Oct Breakfast .45  
 Misc .40 85  
 15.40  
 Supper at Lagens .25  
 Cigs .05  
 2 Stamps .10

7 Oct Bot francs (585) 15.00  
 carry -> \$ 10.00  
 [Travel Checks \$450] 5.00

7 Oct Cashed 80  
 [Travel checks \$370] 585  
 Paid in fr @ 117.70/\$ - 9416  
 Borrowed from Capt P 10000  
 5600  
 14601

Taxi fr 50  
 Drinks 2.70 5600  
 2 Etchings 500 14601  
 Ticket to Stockholm 124.00  
 Tips 50  
 Misc 85  
 13355

Hotel exp. Bon. 13355  
 2 1/2 Nights billet @ \$13.00 = \$6.00  
 Paid 2246  
 \$ US 10.00  
 Soup 25.40

8 Oct	Tel to Stock room	267-	
	Excess baggage	375f	
	Tips	40	
	Taxi	240	Bal
	Lunch (scrip) 25	919	1327f
	Taxi	50	
	Tips	40	
	Taxi	52	142
		142	1185

9 Oct	\$10 <sup>00</sup> Scrip \$25.40	fr	1185
	Tips & taxi to pta	125	
	Lunch Amsterdam	60	1000
	Breakfast scrip	25	
	Scrip	\$25.15	
	FR	1000.	
	B	\$10.00	

19 Oct	Cashed one \$10 Trav. Cl	-	35.00
	from 20 " " "	-	Kr 167.75
	" " " " "	-	202.75
	Tips	Kr 4	
	Hotel	25.25	
		29.25	45.25

11 Oct	M.D. Sundaarte	Kr 5	157.50
	Group	" 11	

14 Oct	Laundry (K)	4.25	
	Ticket to Paris	376.00	

15 "	Candy	6 Kr 6	6.00
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	Hakshief	6 @ 9.75	\$58.50
	Taxi		3.00
	Tip		1.00

16 Oct	Hotel Agent (7.20 + 2)	9.20	
	Postcards	1.50	
	Express wt	22.50	
	Breakfast	2.25	
	Taxi	2.50	

Forward	157.50
Cashed 3 checks \$20 @ 4.194	251.62
From B.H.	200.00
	<u>609.12</u>
Left receipts for H servants	23.00
	<u>586.12</u>
	491.70
	<u>94.42</u>
Misc unacctd for	12.20
Real in K. ones	<u>82.22</u>
Changed into francs Oct 3.10	= 2,620.

On hand 1,000

16 Oct }	Francs	3,620 fr
	Scrup	\$25.15
	US \$	10.00
	Tracks	260.00

17 Oct S\$ 3.00 }  
 Breakfast .50 }  
 Paper .05 }  
 Supper 1.35 }  
 Misc 1.05 }  
 4.95 }

US \$10.00  
 Scrup \$20.20  
 260.00  
 Fr 3183.00

18 Oct → →  
 2120 Cabs, tips 304 }  
 3620 Del to Stock }  
 3193 Return 133 }  
 427 437

and then E + I went to his office  
in the IGF Bldg, where I made a hasty  
tour of his installation. Then Huser,  
Smetana and I went by staff  
car to visit the 114th Sig Svc  
Co which is located on the prem-  
ises occupied by a copper  
mine (now not being worked)  
at a small city named  
Sontra, about 80 or so miles  
north, northeast of Frankfurt.  
Had lunch with Capt. Gilbert  
Smith + his officers at their  
quarters - cooked by German  
women. A pretty good meal.  
I had lots better. After  
lunch we went over Smith's  
installation in the copper  
mine headquarters

building and other buildings  
One of them, now being con-  
verted to a barracks for his  
men, was used by the Nazis  
as slave quarters and Smith  
described what a terrible  
place it was when they first  
took it over. - One item of  
interest: the German who  
had been the Chief Engineer  
of Construction and Operation  
of the mine was now on  
Smith's "payroll" - at one  
cannon of cigarettes per month!  
This is twice as much as the  
man had been getting at his  
just previous job - and repre-  
sents about \$75 per month in  
real wages. This man is

an experienced and very able engineer, can do almost anything technical in the electrical or mechanical field. - The basic medium of exchange here now is a package of U.S. cigarettes, which are valued at anywhere from \$50 to \$100 depending on what is bought. Nobody sees any German smoking an American cigaret - they simply are used as money and circulate as gold & silver coins would. I suppose ultimately some German gets to make them but as a medium the Germans will trade them unobtainable or unexchangeable items for cigarettes which they then use to buy



the necessities of life. What a commentary on our civilization! Now they are setting up barter markets under official auspices and cigarettes are used as the standard of value - a carton of them gets "55 barter points" a bar of U.S. soap is valued at 8 or 9 barter points, etc. - The ride to Sonutua and back was very nice, mostly over the auto-bahn which is in good shape + all the bridges have either been repaired or have temporary wooden crossings over them. The weather was nice and I enjoyed the trip despite

my cold, which is still quite  
bad but I have no fever. -  
We were a bit late in getting  
back and had to hurry as the  
Cooks and I had been invited  
by Gen + Mrs. Sanaham to  
a dinner party at their new  
home on the outskirts of  
Frankfurt. - There were  
others; Col + Mrs. Bayer;  
a British Brigadier, who is  
<sup>Roberts</sup> C Sig O of British Zone, and  
his aide (a Captain); and  
French Major General -  
who is C Sig O of the French  
Zone + his aide (a charming  
major). We were last to arrive  
as not only did we get a late  
start but also, in Earle's haste

to make time on the road we  
got pined by an American  
M.P. for speeding - and it took  
many minutes for him to make  
out the ticket by flashlight. -  
The cocktails + dinner were  
very fine. The Lanahans have  
four servants + a butler. When  
Mrs I first came they had ten  
servants but when it took  
12 dozen eggs a week to feed  
the family she had to cut down  
on the size of the household staff.  
The monetary cost must be very  
small, on the basis of what  
that German engineer says -  
but since the servants get their  
board it comes to a good deal  
I suppose. see ask Jean

about this + report later. - Got home at midnight + turned in, feeling very tired + not too happy about having to get up at 0700 again as USFET works on Saturday morning.

Besides, I didn't turn in right away as I simply had to catch up on this diary - hadn't had a moment for that in a couple of days. -

Turned out my light at 0130.

19 Oct - Saturday - Earle woke me at 0700 - I'd had a pretty good sleep but not enough. Got dressed + went over to Casino at 14F Bldg for breakfast, as yesterday. - Then to office for a few minutes and then to

Gen. Sanabier's office to make a call, as per his request last night. Spent about two hours with him and with another caller, Mr. Thompson, a VP of AT&T Co, who had just returned from Moscow where he had attended the preliminary world communication conference. I was much interested to hear results of that, knowing most of the Americans who attended. Mr. Thompson remembered me from years back but I'd forgotten him. - I then returned to Earl's office, feeling very groggy from my cold. - Then took a ride downtown to pick up a mess card - and

I had to show his new driver  
the way - and I didn't know  
much myself. - Well, we made  
it anyhow + then returned to  
E's office; closed up + left  
with him for home + lunch. -  
A nice lunch; finished at  
1430 + I said I simply had  
to rest this p.m. - have been  
on the go for so many days.  
- I slept soundly until 1800  
+ now dressed, ready for dinner  
but not a bit hungry - in view  
of large lunch later. - After  
dinner we sat around and read  
a bit. Also, Luke played with his  
ham set but we could get  
nobody in U.S. - Talked with  
an Irishman in Cork about

James Joyce - he not appreciate  
me of Joyce at all, thinks him  
a passing fad. - Turned in at  
2330 and read until past mid-  
night. - Slept well until 1030.

20 Oct - Sunday - Jean cooked  
us breakfast of bacon and  
scrambled eggs. - The cook  
had made "Indian" cake - I  
guess that's poppy-seed cake,  
which I liked very well but  
Earle didn't. - I had suggested  
that we go to see old Frankfurt  
today so that's what we  
did. I felt pretty miserable  
with my cold which is not  
breaking up very much but  
still I wanted to see the  
old city - now in complete

ruins and quite heartbreaking to see. - We met a German who showed us around one old ruin - said the damage to the whole area was done in 17 minutes. - Frankfurt was not bombed until about Feb 1944 and then in 3 nights 3000 tons of bombs were dropped, completely wrecking the whole city. - It's still a horrible shambles. - The old part of the city we visited in detail today is completely uninhabited and the air of desolation and absolute quiet was oppressive. - We took some pictures and wandered about in various areas for a couple of hours then came home. - I took



a bath and got into bed for a nap. - now 1800 and we're going to have dinner with the Boyers. - I feel a bit better tonight - but my head + ears are still stopped up. -

21 Oct - Monday - up at 0700 + to Frankfurt where I had a nice breakfast - ham + eggs. Felt lot better this morning - my ears not so stopped up + cold in chest clearing, with some coughing. Slept pretty well after nice party of the Boyers at the "Cogen" house - a club for colonels + generals, formerly the home of the general manager of IG Farben and quite a lovely place. The Landhaus was

also guests of the Bayers. We had a very nice dinner preceded by cocktails + followed by brandy. Got home at near midnight, after very nice evening out + feeling much better. - No mail this morning at office + at 1100 we left for a visit to the "Tower" - one of Earl's installations about 12 miles from Frankfurt at Gross-Jeran, where I visited last year too. - Had a very nice steak dinner with Major Eugene Beard and his officers at their quarters. After that we visited the Tower + came back to office at 1500. - miserable weather

Of this morning had cleared up somewhat. - On my return found E's letter of 10 Oct. - very glad to get word from home & see all OK. - Now

1830 + we are going to another dinner party in my honor by Col. Hines at Kronberg Castle - scare of the jewel robbery. - May see Red Corderman there. -

22 Oct - Tuesday - Up at 0700. - Had a pretty good time last night. As usual, cocktails before + drinks after a fair dinner. - A good orchestra playing U. S. jazz. - Red came (30 drinks) bringing Miss (formerly Sgt.) Dunlap. - The Castle is quite a place and I

would have liked to have seen the place during daylight. - Back home by midnight and to bed right away, my cold a good deal better by then. - Slept pretty well. - Jean made breakfast for us this time + we went to office. - At 0900 Charlie Hiss + May Smetana started off on our 2 or 3 day trip south as far as Munich to visit various installations I'd seen last year. - It started off bad weather but at noon we had the sun out. Later it rained a good deal and quite bad on the roads. - Got to 116th Sig Svc Co at Scheffer about 1800 where Capt. <sup>Sims</sup> Brownschweig is in charge. Had supper after a drink and after

that visited his installation  
& then sat around talking  
shop until 2-300, with a  
few drinks. It has taken  
a year to fix up the place  
& as yet there are no operators  
at all - such a shortage of  
men & materials. - Capt B  
gave me the guest room, a  
fine but comfortable room  
but I didn't sleep at all  
well as I'd had a couple of  
cups of coffee at noon (there  
was nothing else to drink  
when we stopped for lunch).  
Capt C is using a great  
deal of German labor &  
gets his material where &  
how he can - "scrapping"

when necessary. He's built up a very nice place. Met his officers too - one I'd seen last year at the same place W.O. Cagle. - Turned in fairly late & very tired.

22 Oct - Wednesday - up at 0730, breakfast - I'd sworn off coffee for good so had cold tomato juice for liquid & no hot stuff. Left 0900 we left for Munich to visit a prospective ~~new~~ site at Riem. A terrible day, so foggy could hardly see the road, and cold & very dismal. We didn't see much at Riem & got back to 11<sup>th</sup> at 1300 was

we had lunch. Said farewells  
at 1400 & started on long  
road to Anspach, where we  
are spending the night with  
St Col Abramowitz whom  
I'd known since my early  
days at St. Leonards. -

The journey was through  
village after village -  
as dirty, unkempt, filthy  
& dismal as any I've  
ever seen in France. - I  
got a hopeless feeling  
about a people who I  
would put up with such  
living generation after  
generation. The German  
cities all ruined & the  
German villages so dis-

reputable looking + so  
 hopeless in future prospect.  
 - Dinner at the Abramowitz  
 house - a lovely dinner  
 served in first class style.  
 I'd never met Mrs. A before  
 + was glad to do so. Hsueh  
 + I share the guest room.  
 Maj. Smetana has a room  
 at the school. - Tomorrow  
 morning we visit the school  
 which is getting famous  
 as the model Sig C  
 school in the world. Its  
 now almost 2300 + Jim  
 Hsueh so will turn in.

24 Oct - Thursday - up at 0700  
 after a pretty good night's sleep.  
 Breakfast of fresh scrambled  
 eggs + toast. - @ Abramowitz



Then took us to his school +  
showed us around - a very re-  
markable piece of organiz-  
ing work done in 2 months -  
+ he very proud of his accom-  
plishment, for which I don't  
blame him. - A staff photo-  
grapher followed us around  
+ I expect to see some good  
pictures. - The Chaplain  
interviewed us for the post  
newspaper. - A 1st class show  
all round + one of which the  
Sig C is justly proud. -  
Then by auto to Bamberg  
where we interviewed the  
Sig O of the Constabulary  
HQ + lunch there - a full  
+ good meal for 15 £. - Then

a very long and tiring ride  
to Frankfurt. In all we  
did about 600 miles since  
Tuesday a. m. + I was very  
glad to get back safe even  
rather poor roads. - I wish  
I could put down my many  
impressions + sights I saw but  
am too tired now - maybe  
later if I can remember all.  
Got to Frankfurt at 18.30 +  
the Cooks were having a  
cocktail party for us. I  
had 10 minutes to shower  
clean up. Party was for  
office people plus the  
Bayers + I had a pretty  
good time - but very tired.  
It's now past midnight +

I must be up by 0700. - Had  
 a bath + will turn right in.  
 25 Oct - Friday - Up at 0700  
 after a rather poor night from  
 indigestion following my injudi-  
 cious partaking of nic-wads  
 at the cocktail party. To office  
 + breakfast of good omelette + hot  
 tea. Felt very groggy for an hour  
 + then began to feel lots better.  
 But my cold is still giving me  
 hell - lots of coughing + stuffi-  
 ness in my head + chest. Confer-  
 ences in the morning - with  
 Lt Lane on T-com matters.  
 attended bi-weekly G-V confer-  
 ence with Earle at noon + met  
 a lot of people + listened. - At  
 lunch met Col ~~Chapman~~ Maier.

whom I've known a long time.  
At 1330 another conference  
& at 1400 Earle's weekly  
staff conference. - Marion  
Doyle Campbell called me  
a letter from her mother just  
as I was about to call  
her in response to word in  
George's message. - Have arrang-  
ed to have dinner with them  
tomorrow. - My air priority  
#2 came from Washington  
today but air priority board  
has it backing & I don't  
know where I stand or when  
I'll start back. Am anxious  
to return. - Discussed things  
with Earle until 1730 & am  
gone now. Must get dressed

to go to another party -  
Red C. is giving for us at  
Bad Kaulaim, only 30 miles  
away! And Jim is tired  
already, to rest for the weekend!  
Midnight - back from the  
party, which was pretty nice. The  
Cooks, Hiser, Miss Dent, Red +  
Miss Dunlap. First at Red's  
house, a large + imposing  
German doctor's residence with  
many rooms but only one  
enormous bathroom. And the  
house had a funny, typical,  
unpleasant odor despite its  
having been thoroughly cleaned  
just this week. - Cocktails  
there + then to the Grand  
Hotel, where we had a very

ice dinner, cakes, liquors + dancing to pretty good music.

The party ended at 2300 + we had the long drive back.

News - Jim probably leaving here tomorrow + certainly by the next day. Will be very glad to get home. Gosh. Jim tried + its 0025 now + must be up by 0700 again.

26 Oct - Saturday - up at 0700, to office + breakfast. - much ado about getting me on a flight to Paris + working me all the odds + ends of leaving here, getting some gifts, writing B + B letters, telephone calls. Thought I might get out this afternoon but it now turns

out I leave here for Paris on  
the 1415 plane tomorrow. - Phoned  
Dr. McCloskey in Berlin had  
most cordial talk. She wants  
to be remembered to following:  
Dr. Brownell, Dr. Ward, St. Lively,  
Dr. Battlingill, Mrs. Friedman. She  
was very glad to hear from me - I  
called her at Red's request in-  
sistence after he'd told her I was  
in the theater. - how must try  
to get in touch with Marion  
Doyle Campbell. - Later - I  
had her over to the Rotunda  
for coffee + half hour talk.  
She more beautiful than ever  
+ looking gorgeously happy +  
very sweet. Sorry not to see  
her husband. - how 23 30 +

I'm practically all packed + ready to leave tomorrow. - Took a nap this afternoon after some shopping. I hope the few things I got are OK - how I hate to do that part of thing because I don't feel sure of myself + my taste + knowledge of values. I wanted to take Jean + Earle out to dinner but they wouldn't + I guess they're tired out from all the festivities. - We had a light dinner here + just took it easy. I packed + think I've gotten all my stuff in all right.



October

November

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tary 21989 or 23210 <sup>146043</sup>

Aunties - 71 Karl König Weg, Zell

Orly - GOB 5141

Amb. Pro 7221 - <sup>allan 653</sup>  
Dachau 534

1800 hrs

Sunday  
27 Oct - Left Frankfurt by rail at

Monday  
28 Oct - Arr Paris at 0815

Saturday  
2 Nov - Left Orly <sup>Paris</sup> 1345

Arr Meeks .. Iceland <sup>Paris</sup> 1815 local

Sunday  
3 Nov - Left " 1300Z 1400 Paris 1400 "  
1500 EST, 1900 Iceland, 2100Z

Arrived Goose Bay 1600 local

Monday  
4 Nov - Left Goose 1410 local = 1910Z = 1310 EST

Arr Labrador 1835 EST

Left " 2135

Arr Washington 2325

27 Oct - Sunday - Up at 0900 after  
a good rest. Shaved, bathed, breakfast  
and have finished packing. It's now  
1100 and the weather is very cloudy +  
looks like rain. Supposed to leave  
home at 1300 so as to be at Eschborn  
at 1315. - It's now 1800 and I'm  
writing this on board the Frankfurt-  
Paris Express train. For when we  
got to Eschborn Field we learned  
only then that the afternoon ATC  
flight to Paris had been cancelled  
because there was no plane avail-  
able! So Earle + I at once decided  
to try to get a reservation on the  
train. Luckily it is Sunday,  
traffic is light and I was

## Mistakes I made, and Errors of Judgment.

- 1- To fail to bring my electric razor
- 2- To fail to bring one uniform instead of the gray suit
- 3- To fail to bring two OD shirts instead of so many white ones
- 4- To fail to overcome <sup>my</sup> scruples + not use the currency black market in France.
- 5- To take the necessary steps after 48 hours to get my priority raised.
- 6- To fail to get at least 2 bottles of Shanley from Fasley.
- 7- To fail to bring along that small can of bicarbonate of soda, which I missed having when I was first over but didn't need thereafter!

able to get a reservation. - Then we went back to Earle's house, the Bayers came to visit and we spent the afternoon talking. Also Earle got in touch with a chap in Newark Ohio on his short-wave phone set & I gave him a message to send collect to Elizabeth - but just as soon as we tried to verify & check that the other end got the text & address correct, so much QRM came up that further communication was impossible. So I don't know if Newark got the message straight - if he did I will get it. I asked her to wire me at Hotel Napoleon Bonaparte in Paris &

Get this:

Zurky, F :

On certain phases of war  
research in Germany  
Gen Doc Div - Col Donald Pitt  
NIGHT FIELD.

Send Zurky D+E booklets  
on Russian language

tell me how things are. I'm a bit worried as I've had only one letter written more than 2 weeks ago. But I doubt if I'll hear from that message so will send another from Paris tomorrow. - We left Earl's house at 1700, after saying my farewells to the Boyes. Jean came along with us for the ride & to see me off. This train is an all-American Army train & is pretty fair. I have a room all to myself (P-8 guys got me that). - We've already had supper - at 25¢ served in the usual Continental Western kits style & good food. - There is plenty of heat on the train, too much of fear. - My

berth has just been made up  
+ I'll turn in soon although  
it's only 2000. But the light  
isn't too good for reading so I  
won't be able to do that. I'm  
just as glad to go this way to  
Paris rather than by air - a  
lot of accidents recently & only  
about 35% of available aircraft  
are in condition - can't get  
replacement parts + good repair  
crews.

23 Oct - Monday - After a most  
uncomfortable night, because  
of excessive heat on the train,  
got to Paris, Gare de l'est,  
at 0815. - There was no water  
on the train - it had all ~~run~~  
ed out over night - so there



wasn't any for washing or shaving - and the toilet was very bad because of lack of water for flushing. - Got my baggage off + the porter found me a taxi quick so I went directly to the Hotel Nap Bonaparte + checked in: Got the same room (114) as before! Had a nice breakfast, after which I phoned Maj. Easley who was glad to hear from me again - nice young chap. I got from him the phone no. of Capt Glenn, who had been at Arlington ~~then~~ with Earl + is now at Sig.

nal center with Col. Ray-  
 ford. He immediately asked  
 me to dinner that night & I  
 accepted. He was going to make  
 it an Arlington Hall Reunion  
 about which <sup>more</sup> later. - Was so  
 tired I decided to spend all  
 day in bed so went up to my  
 room & got into bed, coming  
 down to lunch at noon.  
 There I happened to sit at  
 same table with an interesting  
 looking civilian in Army uni-  
 form. After talking with him  
 discovering he is the world  
 famous Dr. Fritz Zwicky of  
 Palomar, Observatory &  
 Prof. of Astrophysics at Caltech.  
 We found a number of

friends in common, including  
Col. Stratton of Trinity College  
Cambridge. - We talked about  
Eddington, Jeans, Milne, etc &  
I had a most interesting time.  
He is going back to Washington  
too & I hope will be on same  
plane. - Sent telegram home  
& later was outraged at the  
cost, £950.50 francs, more than  
double what it should be, but  
so on account of depreciated  
franc. I later found I could  
have sent it for normal cost  
through PX + Army facilities.  
Went back to bed & really  
slept for 2-3 hours, but felt  
pretty punk when I got up  
anyhow. - Bathed, shaved,

dressed + got taxi to Hotel  
 Ambassador to keep my dinner  
 date with Capt Glenn. - On the  
 way downstairs to get taxi  
 whom should I encounter by  
 Col. Marcus! A fond reunion.  
 Riding a taxi in the evening  
 traffic in Paris is a hair-  
 raising experience. Here too  
 they drive like mad! It's  
 really awful. - Got to Hotel  
 Ambassador + there found  
 following, all ex "A-Hallites":  
 Maj. Gustaf, Capt Glenn, Capt  
 Wallace, Lieut. Wiedeman,  
 Lieut. Stewart - felt like  
 singing a college reunion  
 song. - Glenn had reserved  
 a nice table, the food was

good + he had wine + champagne. - We all had a very good time. Lt. Wiedemann was funny at one spot - he is on duty with Office of Foreign Liquidation Commission in Shanghai but is in Paris on temporary duty. When he reported in he was asked where he was born: London. Where his home is: Honolulu. Where he is stationed: Shanghai. What is he doing in Paris: Temp Duty. The next question: "Do you speak English?"!!! - We finished dinner too late to go to see any show so Lt Stewart rode us in his jeep to the Champs Elysees + we

walked a bit, then went to the Officers' Club + had a couple of drinks. It was then after 2300 + they all took me then to my hotel, where I hoped to have answers to my message to E - but no answer. Went to bed + had very funny dreams what with the mixture of food + drinks, but slept fairly well nevertheless.

24 Oct - Tuesday - Up at 0800 + had breakfast with Col Marcus. A long discussion re the black market + currency situation - which is most intriguing + according to him a great reflection on the mentality of the leading

basis in the Army. - You just can't blame the soldiers for losing the game by any way or means they can. Some Frenchmen high up are getting away with murder. - The official rate of exchange is 117.71 francs per dollar but you can get 280 francs by dealing with any one of the black marketeers who accost you on the street. - This was proved to my satisfaction this afternoon - as will be related. - After breakfast I went over to the Embassy to see Esley, get a VX card, etc. I spent three hours there, also seeing a gadget

The State Dept maintenance man (Hirsch) fixed up for automatic operation of CSP 2200 on incoming tapes. - Saw Elizabeth Dampson (formerly from AH) + called E. about her desire to transfer to Frankfurt. - He told me a letter from E had come yesterday + he'd sent it back to U.S. damn! - I walked to + from the Embassy along the Champs Elysees & a wonderful experience on a nice day. - Back to hotel for lunch + sought out Dr. Ducky - luckily finding him at a table where I could



sit. - A most interesting talk about his forthcoming experiments on sending a rocket to the moon - a fascinating man. He says that the atomic scientists have been getting more credit than they really deserve - the larger share should go to the practical engineers + chemical engineers who reduced the theory to practice - Some scintillating remarks about Millikan at Coltech. - I'd love to study astro-physics next year I will! - After lunch a talk with Pol Marcus + much kidding

in his usual style with  
the girls at the ATC counter  
but he gets away with it.  
- Walked again to the Embassy  
to get my memo for a PX  
card (I'm in need of cigars  
etc) + there found the dup-  
licates of Ed's letter I'd rec'd  
at Frankfurt, forwarded  
by Boris with a note to  
me. - I'd found out that  
I would not be leaving  
tonight so invited Easley  
+ Capt. ~~Stain~~ to Opera to see  
Mignon - Stewart already  
was booked to go but he is  
getting the tickets for me. -  
Walked back to hotel +  
ran into Col Marcus

again + he agreed to go with me to get PX card, then to PX. - At counter some more large kidding + I asked me if the men to give me scrip + francs for a \$20 traveler's check to save me journey to Finance Office - I got \$10 in scrip + 1200 Francs, the official rate. - Marcus + I then took a walk to Quenne d'Iena to get my PX card + on the way we were accosted by a black marketeer. Marcus asked what he'd give for \$10 + he got 2800 francs !! Just five minutes before I

got only 1200 francs for the  
same amount !! I felt  
very much put out + Marcus  
+ I had a further discuss-  
ion about the inequity of  
the thing. - Got my PX  
card, then walked to  
PX, got cigarets, candy,  
soap, razor blades. Then  
back to hotel where I've  
been writing this ever since  
+ thank goodness am  
about caught up on my  
diary. - I forgot to say  
that Esbey was good  
enough to sell me a bottle  
of Schenley + I've had a  
drink out of it - At  
1945 I'm to be at Hotel

Crillon to meet Zarley +  
 Glenn for cocktails, then  
 dinner & then Opera Com-  
 que to see Mignon. - Boy  
 I'm tired now & must  
 rest a bit!

30 Oct. Wednesday - Up at 0700  
 as I felt slept out despite  
 getting only about 5 hours  
 sleep. - As for last night:  
 I got shaved & dressed +  
 was ready to leave at 1815,  
 and seeing that I'd walked  
 to & from the Embassy four  
 times already I wanted to  
 take a taxi but there were  
 none so I walked again.  
 Got to the Crillon (which  
 is right next door to the

Embassy at a little after the appointed 1845. Found May Easley there but not Capt. Glavin, as latter had a date too. - Also, no tickets available for Mignon or any other place so we decided to take a chance on getting into the Folies at the last minute, via the ushers' black market route which Easley said he'd heard of. We had a nice cocktail. Saw & spoke to Mr. Thompson of AT&T (I'd seen him last in Gen. Fawcett's office a couple weeks ago. With him was Mr. DeWolf of State Dept. who re-

numbered me very well. I asked him how he'd enjoyed his visit in Moscow to which he countered by saying "I see your secret service is working as usual." There were a couple other State Dept people whom I didn't know. - Easley then took me to dinner at the Hotel Vuillamont, where Elizabeth & I stayed a night or two in 1933. - A very good dinner with excellent steak (thin but in fine French taste), chocolate ice cream for dessert. - Then tried to get taxi to Folies, but none available so went by

metro - faster & very much  
 better all round in my opin-  
 ion - at least you don't get  
 scared to death at the  
 crazy driving. - Well, we  
 got two tickets OK - via  
 the ushers' black market  
 route, for which I had  
 to pay a premium but  
 not bad. Orchestra seats  
 they were called but were in  
 1st balcony, right in the  
 middle & very good - at  
 253 fr each plus 50 fr for  
 usher fees  $2 = 606$  francs  
 or about \$5<sup>50</sup>, which isn't  
 at all bad. - The show  
 was marvellous; one set  
 + act (Chinese). I can



only describe as magnificent  
 + like nothing I had seen  
 before. - marvelous costumes  
 throughout. - I bought a  
 booklet (220 francs =  
 \$2<sup>00</sup> & hardly worth it  
 but something to show at  
 any rate in describing the  
 Folies to E). - A couple  
 of tiny cognacs between  
 the acts cost \$2<sup>00</sup> !! -

It was a long performance,  
 from 8<sup>30</sup> to 11<sup>45</sup> & when  
 we got out no taxis still  
 in sight so home by metro  
 & said my farewells to  
 Esley. I was back  
 in my room by a quarter  
 past midnight, quite

tired but feeling very well.  
Got into bed but took me  
some time to fall asleep,  
for some reason or other but  
I slept very soundly from  
about 0100 to 0630 - up  
& had a bath, dressed,  
then to breakfast, with  
Dr Zwicky & some more  
discussion. Called A+  
Compton the arch-traitor,  
"with Almighty God in his right  
pocket & Jesus Christ in his left pocket."  
He was quite outspoken  
against the big name  
Scientists. Said they'd  
deceived the rest of them  
re the proposal to dump  
A-bomb, which was

worked in such a way as to lead the rank & file to believe it was to be dropped on an uninhabited atoll.

Also, that AHC Compton & others had tried to circulate (did) a manifesto in 1940 asking scientists to refrain from working on armaments - at some time

Zwicky was trying to get together people to prepare against Nazi menace.

Then everything was turned upside down & now AHC et al are in forefront of the "preparedness crowd". Zwicky is violently opposed to any organized

organization for preventing  
 future disaster - believed  
 only in individual efforts  
 but I had to cut the  
 discussion short since he  
 had to leave. - Will no doubt  
 see him again. - Asked  
 about my priority status  
 + learned I was probably  
 going to leave today. Decided  
 I'd part by whatever gifts  
 I was going to get, this  
 morning. Got some

frances from hotel porter  
 (190 per scrip) + bought follow-

ing: Scarf for JR - 800<sup>3</sup> 666

Total: Guerlain for SF 2000<sup>1666</sup>

5428 = Pepsin Powder - 142<sup>120</sup>

8457 = Debong - 1005<sup>885</sup>

Schaparelli - 1481<sup>120</sup>

There were many beautiful clothing & apparel articles for women but you need not only oodles of money but also "points" as most articles of clothing are still rationed. But, you can buy the "points" - again black market dealings but not under cover. The poor people sell their "points" & the shop keepers will sell you the necessary "points". It's all fantastic. But I didn't want to hazard buying & wearing things this time - I'm not as brash as I was in my younger days. - Had lunch & confirmed that I'm probably going out tonight - still N-6 on the list but was told to report at 1630 again. - Phoned Easley & as it was a lovely day out

I suggested he take the afternoon off + go with me to Montmartre, which we did. - Walked a lot; the pain was then no longer out + it got cold up on top of the hill at Saere-Coeur. - We rode up the hill on the funicular or "incline" at 2 francs each. A wonderful view from on top but clouds + darkness obscured a lot. - Had a rest + a vermouth at a very small, spotlessly clean cafe - we the only customers. - Back to hotel by metro + I reported in at 1700 - notified to "stand by for a call" - might be any hour or not until morning - a lot of indecision as usual. - Took a rest

(my feet very tired) had a small drink + then early dinner. - now in my room, practically all packed. I think Zwicky will be on same plane. I have invited him to have a drink with me after he finishes his packing. -

31 Oct - Thursday - I had a wonderful sleep - in fact, didn't hear the alarm + almost missed my breakfast as I woke suddenly at 0815. - Rushed dressing + missed a badly needed shave but got my breakfast - with Zwicky again, continuing our discussions of last night. He'll come to my room + for about three hours we talked - I

enjoyed it more than I have for  
a long, long time - talking science  
& philosophy with a kindred  
soul. - He told me that in his  
opinion Frederick Nansen, the  
explorer, was the greatest man  
of his times - and why, but it's  
too long to explain. I would love  
to have a recording of Turck's  
remarks after we had a couple  
of drinks. I like him tremend-  
ously & think him a great man.  
Got to bed at a bit before mid-  
night, & as said, had a good  
sleep, despite the very exhilar-  
ating conversation. ] - After break-  
fast I shaved & got dressed  
all over again, took a short  
walk 'as I'd been told



at about 1000 that I was to be on call all day + at very short notice, which meant that I'd probably be going out today. I walked over to Ave Kluber + stopped in the Signal Office to say hello to Col Raynesford - we had about 20 minutes chat + he seemed glad to see me. - Back to hotel + found Zwick all in a dither because his name wasn't on the list + I told him what I'd been told. I then verified it to him by taking him to talk to the "desk", which said my name appeared but not his. He rushed over to the Embassy to see what he could do toward getting a No. 1 priority.

Had lunch (Zuricky not around yet) & talked with a couple of young ATC men. Talked about how it was important to learn the cause of air crashes. One of them suggested that it should be arranged that the control tower could listen in on all the talk inside the pilot's cabin on take-off & landing. The other pointed out the practical difficulties in working out the communication system. I then suggested that an automatic record be made on magnetic tape in a fire proof container. They thought it a good idea & I may suggest it to some authority when I get back. — Saw Zuricky when

I'd about finished + went to  
join him. He still in a dither  
& having a hard time locating  
who had his N° 1 priority paper.  
We went to the "desk" + there  
for 1st time I saw the "secret  
list" - with my name on it, but  
still no Zircky on it. - And also  
the name Kohler. I had made  
pretty good friends with the gal  
at the desk so I asked her to  
find out the full name of this  
Kohler, suspecting it might  
be our own Dr. Hans Kohler  
of Arlington Hall, who'd left  
in July to see his old parents  
in Switzerland. - And sure  
enough it was he, so I got  
his phone no. at the hotel

where he was staying, called him up, asked him to come over (not far away) and was he pleased and happy to see me. He's been in Paris two weeks - waiting a priority to come for air to desport back - he couldn't get a ship passage back at all until next spring. - Took him up to my room where he appreciated the heat (no heat in his hotel!) + we talked a couple of hours. - Zurich + Kobler both being Swiss I thought it would be nice to get them together so after a bit I went to look for Z - found him downstairs

and out of his dither - after long + arduous planning to Frankfurt + other places he'd just got his priority business straightened out. - I invited him up to my room + introduced the two. We sat around discussing science + scientists. Z a man of very positive + very outspoken views on persons + things. - High admiration for some people like Einstein + quite devastating about certain others such as Millikan + A.H. Compton, Debye (now at Cornell). - I went downstairs then to see if I could talk the Mess Office into letting me have Dr Kollman as my

guest at dinner. He gave me a long song + dance about how + why it wasn't possible but I persuaded him in the end + so the three of us had dinner together, we continuing our discussions. - Z has just about finished a book to be published in English under the simple title "Truth" + in German under a slightly different one. I got him started on telling us what it's about + he outlined it - a new approach to the basic problem of knowledge + what is "truth" - very fascinating + I think will make a great impress on the world's philosophy. - We talked on

until about 2200. - I saw D.K.  
to the hotel door (handing him  
one of my two suits of long  
underwear & he most grateful  
for everything.) [K's wife is  
Prof of French at MIT - Norman  
Sandary & must be quite a  
person - we must get together  
soon.] - I then to my room,  
took a bath & have been catch-  
ing up on my diary. - We were  
~~told~~ we might be called at  
0100 so I ought to catch some  
sleep. I am also told that  
what is holding us up now  
is "weather". Maybe I'll get  
off tomorrow - I hope!

1 Nov - Friday - Up at 0800, shaved,  
had breakfast. - no further news

\* I decided it was time to do something about getting my priority raised as it became clear that as soon as the weather cleared there might be a number of priority 2 + 1 passengers show up. So I went over to Signal Center to call Cook + through Glenn got a line through at once but Cook was out so I talked with Hissar who said he'd take it up with Cook. I then went through the Signal Center with Glenn + saw the "Blockhouse" from bottom to top. The Germans built it in 1940-41 as a Signal Center - four stories high, concrete walls 10 feet thick + roof of concrete, no windows + air conditioned. Back to hotel + in a few minutes news came of a brand new list! Dr.



Zwirsky's name on it but not mine  
which confirmed my worst fears.  
So I decided to rush over to see  
if Col. Raynesford couldn't do  
something for me. We called  
Hicks again & he said they  
couldn't do anything there - for  
me - I'd have to see Ed Warner  
of AG here. - So I rushed back to  
the hotel to be confronted with  
the news that they had been  
looking for me - two people on  
the list with Zwirsky couldn't  
be located so they were going  
to put me on! But it was  
too late, the bus had left, the  
manifest closed. - Next best  
thing - wait around, I'd sure  
ly go out this afternoon.

and probably at 1500. I got myself all packed or nearly so, in the midst of which Jessie Dent called from downstairs + said she'd come to see me off. I finished packing + went down to see her + Lt Snow from Frankfurt, both here on leave. - By 1450 still no certainty, but 1455 came word to get on the 1500 bus. - So I got my stuff down, no bus but a 6x6 weapons carrier. Jessie took my picture on board the awful looking truck + we said good bye. - I'd arranged by phone already with Capt. ~~Stann~~ + also with Maj. Easley to send word back

to Cork & Washington respectively that I'd left Paris at 1500. - Not too bad or cold a ride to Orléans. - I get there, check in & am told I'm on Flight F-8, to Azores. I then go into waiting room - there's Zurichky still waiting, with chute harness on & ready to go, but waiting. The weather very foul. - Pretty soon I get out to desk to check in things & am told I was transferred to Flight E-2, the same one Zurichky's on, for reasons too complicated to enumerate here. But E-2 goes to Iceland, F-8 to Azores. However, it would be nice to be with Zurichky.

We sat down in VIP lounge & had a sandwich. Pretty soon I go out to check again - to find that E-2 was cancelled, bad weather! Don't understand how such things can happen! We had to get our things & go back to Hotel Nap again - & maybe not be able to get in there again. - Rushed to get the bus & just made it. Back to hotel & I was very lucky to get my room back after rushing up to the place & finding it hadn't yet been assigned. - Then came down & argued with the clerk. Poor Zurich though had to go up to 7th floor & no

elevator - they never work here.  
 So he has 7 flights to walk  
 [and no toilet on <sup>the</sup> floor!]  
 up & down. - I immediately  
 phoned people: Jessie to get  
 word to Glenn to get word  
 to Cook to cancel usage  
 saying I'd left, to ~~St~~  
 Stewart to cancel usage to  
 G-2 saying I'd left Paris;  
 to Dr. Kobbler to see what  
 his situation is & tell him  
 mine. - Have had dinner &  
 now am waiting for further  
 word. What a mess! Jessie  
 & Glenn asked to me join  
 them but I decided best to  
 stick close to hotel. Don't  
 dare leave. Jessie is coming  
 over to see me in a.m. if

Jim still here + if so, get the  
ATC here to do something to  
change my priority in writing.  
- It's now 22:30 + Jim in bed. No  
news, no change in situation. - I  
phoned Kohler + he came over. He  
Zurich, + I spent evening together.  
One of Z's former students named  
Hayes, here attending Karmen's  
lectures, gave us the last of his  
schnapps from Switzerland - each  
having an ounce. - I hope the  
weather clears in Iceland tonight  
so that we can get off tomorrow.  
2 Nov - Saturday - Up at 0740, showered,  
bathed, down to breakfast at 0815 with  
Z, after which we both went to see  
Major Skillin, who seems to be direct  
or of traffic for ATC. Z + I wanted

to get the straight dope on what the regulations really are as we both suspected some skullduggery at Oly in the handling of the priorities. One ship, maybe two, did go out yesterday - to Agnos - with some #3 passengers and since Z had a #2 priority he should have replaced one of those #3's. Also, I thought there were some #4's on that too +

I was first scheduled to be on that plane + got bumped off! At any rate I also wanted to see if May Skillin couldn't do something re raising my priority. He listened very carefully + I showed him the WJ telegram. He immediately said I should have had a #2 from the very beginning + why did

I wait so long in flashing the tel around - it was quite poetic. So he immediately began the motions toward raising my priority & gave Bolann assurance it would be done. He also bawled out the people at Coby for their manipulation of the priorities there & excused them (to us) by saying they were new, didn't understand & were lazy bitches - because it meant a lot of work in changing things around. Well, we went back to our hotel with the ~~best~~ assurance from him that we'd leave today on the E2 flight to Ireland at 1300. - We felt pretty much relieved as a result of our visit & I finished up.



my packing. Jessie Dent phoned  
+ I told her latest word. She will  
check this p.m. + if I'm gone will  
get word to Cook. I forgot then  
to call Lt Stewart at Embassy  
to tell him latest word but I think  
he will get it anyhow + will send  
word to Wash. - I also phoned  
Dr Kohler + told him whom to see  
+ to keep after people at ATC.  
The organization is pretty much  
disorganized. - We got the  
1100 bus to Orly, checked in etc  
and took off not at 1200 but at  
1345, which wasn't bad. I'm  
writing this now at 1430 - were  
over water now I think but can't  
be sure as we are in clouds. We  
are supposed to fly at 6500'

The plane is comfortable & clean  
I think we'll have a nice trip. It  
is scheduled to land at Wastover  
Sunday noon or afternoon & from  
there I have to try to hop a ride to  
Washington on a local flight. -  
The weather yesterday was foul but  
today it is quite good & the flight  
I had far very smooth. - One item  
of interest: just a few minutes  
before we were to board the plane  
one passenger suddenly realized  
that he'd left \$1500 in cash under  
his pillow at the Hotel Nap! He  
rushed out just in time to catch  
the bus back. We left without  
him (a Sargeant) & I hope the  
poor fellow finds his money. We  
have an extra seat in the

plane. - Well, we arrived at  
Meeks Fld, Iceland in 6 1/2 hrs  
flying time instead of 7 1/2 because  
we had a good tail wind. The  
trip was pretty smooth all the  
way. - Had supper of ham &  
egg at terminal. We were told  
we'd have to stay overnight here  
because there is no relief crew  
to take our ship out. It's one  
delay after another! So we got  
bills and after sitting around  
talking about 2 hours (I being  
surrounded by a group goggle  
eyed by his explanation of jet  
propulsion etc, a most interest-  
ing talker) we went to beds  
in a barracks-like affair  
constructed inside a

Overcast but the wind is terrific here but it is not cold. It rains all the time. -

3 Nov - Sunday - Up at 0700 local time. Slaved, dressed, trucked to terminal, breakfast of ham + eggs. - Got aboard plane, taxied down the field, monkeyed-around - and then came back! Engine trouble. In the terminal, whom should I see but Dr Kohler. A warm reunion. He'd just gotten in + his plane due to go out in an hour. I'll probably get to Washington before he do! Maybe we'll have to wait over in Goose Bay another night. - Talking about

disorganization - somebody failed to close & fasten the door to our plane last night. As a consequence the two rear seats (one mine) were drenching wet. Luckily I had another seat, just one forward, so could get that one & not be wet. - The weather is nasty out, heavy wind & rain. After about 1 hour, we went aboard again, tested the engines out - still trouble and this time we were told they'd have to take the plane inside the hangar - too rainy and windy to work on it outdoors. So back we went in the wind & rain, with our bags, to the terminal, prepared to stay at least

four hours, we were told. - Sat around for a 1/2 hour + then were told a bus would take us to the Hotel De Gink where we stayed last night. Soon the bus came + just as we were about to get on, word came that the trouble was fixed! - So again we board the plane + this time we take off - at some local time, in what looks like very soupy weather. Pretty soon we are through it + now the run is right & the air smooth. - When we got aboard, the heat was on - full blast + almost unbearable, so the engineer had to turn it all off + now it is freezing inside. He is working on it + I hope he gets it fixed soon. - I forgot to

mention one funny thing that happened to me on the landing last night. We had put on our Mae Wests, had our belts all fastened & were coming down fast. Just as we were about to land, somehow the left-hand cartridge on my Mae West went off (I couldn't fasten the safety cord when I put it on, the string was too short, the flight clerk said when I showed it to him) & in an instant my Mae West was fully inflated after a brief explosive hiss which of course took me quite by surprise. - No harm done though & I simply opened the release

valve & deflated the thing.  
 Will have to watch that  
 again. - how were about eight  
 or hours behind our schedule  
 & I hope we won't have to  
 lay over again at Goose Bay  
 for any cause. - Hooray, the  
 heat is on <sup>seven hours later!</sup> again! - It's  
 now about 1430 Eastern Stand-  
 ard Time & we are due at Goose  
 Bay in about 30 minutes, how  
 over Labrador and does it  
 look rugged! And desolate!  
 A thin layer of snow over the  
 tundra & ice on the thousands  
 of tiny lakes & streams. - We are  
 beginning to come down now, my  
 ears tell me. - It has been a  
 very calm journey thus far.



- The ice on the lakes is not very thick & shows many cracks. Where the snow has stayed on the ice & where it has either melted or the ice underneath has gone there are myriads of curious, lacy & delicate designs. - The afternoon only marred a little bit by my recurrent hives! They served us a lot of fish in various forms in Paris. I can't think of anything else that would bring them back; - A good deal more snow as we go further south. - Boy, I'd hate to have to land down there now in that rugged mess. - We arrived at 10<sup>00</sup> local time

after a flight of 8 hours + 10 minutes. We were met by a nice clean bus + taken to the Hotel De Fink to stay overnight! Bad weather at Westover Field, the only one the Army will allow ATC planes to use, so despite the hundreds of possible fields we might use, with Westover closed in, we are stuck for the night again, and again we suffer at least a 12 hour delay. - Kohler gone, so he will get home a day before I do! What irony. - Checked in, got a room with Zurich + a Persian colonel who is M.A. in Washington. - We cleaned up a bit and Z + I had another long talk, this time about German developments in research before V-E day. I learned

a most amazing thing. They had not one but three different ways - all completed months before the dud - by means of which they could have exploded any aircraft within an <sup>area described by the</sup> inverted saucer with a base 30 miles in diameter & fifty thousand feet high. - Why didn't they use it? Here Z became quite eloquent & vehement & gave what in his opinion is the reason why a democracy of free men will always beat a dictatorship: fear of the consequences of possible failure. The German scientists were afraid of their lives if the theoretical & experimental devices didn't work out in

practice as promised. They would have to guarantee the success of the project - the fear of failure being to forfeit their lives. That was the principal reason why all three separate groups of German scientists withheld their discovery from the Nazis. A secondary reason was that many of these men weren't too sympathetic to the Nazis and weren't too anxious for them to win. And a tertiary reason was that these men couldn't get the support of the big-name German scientists like Heisenberg + Hahn, who in favor for their own necks would be reluctant to go out

a bomb + gave only lukewarm endorsement. All that Z told me is not hearsay - he talked to the man + saw the gadget himself. He told me how absolutely amazed he was at the simplicity of the basic theory + how much more he was amazed when the Germans told him of them + why they didn't actually use them. Z says they tested one of these devices 35 times + shot down 35 planes, 100% success on experimental basis. Z wrote the business up in an RAF paper which I will get on my return home. - We talked a lot - for two or three hours. About Henschel + his shells.

treatment by the British & how  
as a result of his wife & six  
children almost died & what  
Z did to get them strangled  
out. - Of how Z conducted  
the interrogations & "homework"  
of the 400 German scientists  
who had been crissled at Garm-  
isch-Partenkirchen, how the  
authorities let them practically  
starve until Z raised hell to  
get food from the Army for them  
& how Z got in bad by being  
a rather severe taskmaster  
in getting work out of these  
Germans. The British tried to  
get an official reprimand for  
Z - but it wound up in the  
end that the Germans all

wanted to work for Z in America + didn't want to do anything for the British. I imagine that Z is a severe, hard taskmaster but a most fair + just man without an ounce of insincerity or hypocrisy in his makeup. - When I changed shirts he made some comment that I seemed to carry everything with me. I offered to let him have one too, but doubted that my size would fit him - he's an enormous man. He laughed + told me a story about <sup>his diff. tastes in</sup> getting some shirts, size 17, + how the lady who had volunteered to obtain them brought him size 16, saying that

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at the shop she visited, when she asked for 17's she was asked for whom they were. She said, for a professor. The salesman then assured her it just couldn't be so as only prizefighters and wrestlers wore 17 - it was impossible that a college prof could have a size 17 neck!

Whereupon I told him of Max's story about the man with the ringing in his ears, headaches, & pain in the neck. I laughed & laughed, thinking it a swell story. - We talked about Van-nessen, Bush & Conant & Crompton & others. of Shapley and Norris Russell, et al. - I enjoy him immensely & find so many things

in common with him, I wish he lived in Washington. I have long yearned for a male companion whom I could count as a real friend. There have been very few in my life and I've missed them consciously. Z's stock of technical information + knowledge is enormous + I could learn + learn just talking with him. Well, we went in for dinner at 1830 + lo! There was a very nice bar + dining room. So I ordered cocktails (two rounds) for us, excellent drinks at only 30¢ each. Then a very nice dinner with copious food + well cooked, everything nice + hot. - After dinner, more talk

+ then a walk in the crisp snow - not cold out, it seemed because the atmosphere is so dry. A fine  $\frac{1}{4}$  moon with an enormous halo - a lovely quiet night. - About seven or eight ATC planes all lined up & grounded because of bad weather elsewhere. - We turned in at 2200 but I didn't sleep too well. Forgot to say I took a nice shower - the first one since leaving home - & enjoyed that immensely. When I came back into our room with my bathing cap on, Z exclaimed "Why the man has everything!"

4 November - Monday - Up at about 0630, much noise during

The night of people coming  
 and going so I didn't sleep  
 too well. Shaved, dressed,  
 breakfast of ham + eggs. The  
 news of departure not good -  
 it seems we won't get off  
 until mid-afternoon. - 2 + I  
 walked a good deal, I sent a  
 telegram to E + cashed a trav-  
 eler's check. - Fine, crisp,  
 sunny + clear day out. -  
 (Aboard the plane now) - We had  
 a leisurely lunch after vague  
 rumors we'd be leaving sometime  
 this afternoon. We'd just about  
 finished eating when all of a sudden  
 we got word we were taking  
 off in few minutes! - Got our  
 things together, paid our bill  
 for the billet (25¢) which seemed

quite out of line with the \$1<sup>50</sup>  
dinner last night) + went to the  
passenger terminal. There I talk-  
ed with the officer in charge +  
requested he wire Westover field  
to hold the shuttle plane to  
Washington if necessary. He agreed  
to do so after I received support  
from the Persian colonel + one  
other passenger. We took off  
at 1410 local time = 1310 EST +  
are scheduled to arrive after 4 1/2  
hours. Weather calm but we  
are flying in cloudy haze all  
the time. Hope the field is clear.  
One of the things Z + I talked  
about yesterday I failed to  
record: the way in which Swiss  
technicians working inside  
Germany on some of the most

secret German projects got their information into American + Swiss hands. It was all done by individual Swiss working alone, without cognizance of Swiss Govt. One of the important items of information they got out was notice of impending invasion of Switzerland, twice in 1940 and once in 1943. The Swiss Govt mobilized 1,000,000 men + the Germans had to cancel their plans. Z says this is recorded in last official report of Swiss Army's Chief of Staff. - Z said that he + good many associates of the Swiss scientists in U.S. got continuously the latest info re German scientific progress for the Swiss in Germany - at the risk of their lives.

- Arrived at Westover at 1835, the ride quite calm except for a few minutes now & then. We rode just over very heavy banks of very dark clouds a good part of the way. - On arrival we cleared through customs ZIP! just like that, as I think some notice of VIP arrivals (maybe me?) must have been given because the OD came aboard & pretty soon I and the Persian Colonel were escorted to a nice shiny car & taken to the terminal. This enabled me to clear customs & immigration.

the first. - Then I sought information re a plane to Washington but things are quite SNAFU in that respect, the OD told me. The regular 1800 shuttle plane was cancelled + a special C-54 is now on the runway - but it developed a leak in the gas line + that must be fixed before it can take off. It is estimated now to be ready at 2100 but I'd go with my fingers crossed. May have to go by train. - Now 2145 + I'm aboard a C-54 Cargo plane bound for Bermuda, one stop in Wash-



ington, due there about  
2330. It's rough + a couple  
of the passengers are sick. I  
feel OK so far. - I phoned  
E from Westover + awfully  
glad to hear her voice. Told  
her the situation + not to  
come to airport. - Soon we are  
over New York City - a wonderful  
sight. In 20 minutes more, over  
Philadelphia. We are going about  
3 miles a minute apparently. -  
Now over Baltimore, the going  
is much smoother. - We are  
due at Washington at 2330. -  
Now I can see Washington, a  
very lovely sight below. Sky  
perfectly clear. - Down we  
go now. We have our harness

on - we had to put that on  
when taking off also. -

Arrived - 23~~25~~<sup>25</sup>, a few minutes  
ahead of time. - It's good to  
be back + will phone to at  
once.