

Dear Mrs. Alice!

I can imagine how difficult it had been to give me the news of the shock and fears your brother and family had to endure and especially about your own dizzy spells from which you are still suffering. Also what the poor, brave child must experience for herself as well as realizing how her condition must worry her mother and grandfather.

And now you describe Giulia's condition as somewhat more hopeful. The worst seems to be past. The large question remains whether any and which legs are affected, consisting of thigh, knee, calf and foot and how far some of the functions might have returned. Did Giulia suffer from paralysis of bladder or intestine? You don't mention it, maybe you overlooked it or didn't want to write it to me? We are afraid that Giulia is still facing a few days of ups and downs. We won't know till about the 21st of Sept. what her situation really is. But I hope for a card or letter from you twice a week in order to be kept current - God willing.

Concerning Mia we are all very troubled. It was wonderful of you to carry the sole responsibility on your own shoulders. It must have been torture for you until you finally wrote. I won't write to Mia before Sept. 16 and hope to have word from you in the meantime which I might first await and then write after the 16th. Until then we will know very much more about Giulia's condition and especially the future. On the whole I leave it up to you what you want to write to Mia, one can depend on you completely. Am sure you would want to protect Mia as much as possible but I do not want to anticipate your words in any way, after all that you and your brother had to live through. We hope to know more about Giulia around Sept. 16 and will write (to USA) after that. We can take the responsibility for this delay of a few days. Mia won't get my letter for 2 weeks, about Sept. 30th, then her answer takes again as long. If you would write to Mia twice a week in the meantime then she and I will be able to bear this. With best regards to you and brother and sister-in-law I remain your faithful Ogrosi.

Dearest Juliettchen!

After such happy letters from you and also your mother and even photos, you had to live through so much and at the moment can't know how it will affect the future. But the one thing you must know for sure, that you are in the best of hands with Mrs. Alice and her relatives and that you can count on me as one can always count on an Ogrosi, that one can always find the STRONGEST SUPPORT in him. Please have courage, and keep a good mood, it will end up fine. The worst is over and whatever might come later we two will bear it very well. That is a certainty. Many thousand regards and kisses from your very much loving Ogrosi.

Alice handwriting: Giulia read the letter on Sept. 18, 1941. Was disinfected. Please return - Alice.