

My very dearest child.

This time I am the bad one and didn't write though there was not one single minute in which I wasn't thinking of you. Your letters are so interesting and exciting and I will try to answer them point by point. But what is making me most anxious is whether you got your . . . . You never mentioned it again and I am of course constantly thinking about it. From your silence I gather that all is well. But please do not get yourself in such a situation again, be a good girl and no more "sack", please avoid any last minute disaster. Please Pupperl, not even as a farewell celebration when these things are often very popular and can have even worse consequences. Pupperl, my sweet, it is difficult to write about these things, but I think at your age this matter is not all that pressing, I mean the "real" thing. The "round about" is OK and secondly, one always pleases the man more than oneself. Maybe this is not true in your case, which would be nice, nevertheless only when you are HERE. So please be good and promise me to abstain, even if it's difficult, for my sake, please.

It was surely the most upsetting telegram, after all, a baby is not the simplest thing at the moment, we are amply supplied with other problems!

You unfortunately didn't include the copy of the Kinderhilfswerk letter in your Nov. 14th letter and so far I have not received anything from them. But as I seem to understand, you might be able to travel sooner if we could pay 2800. Franks. Of course that's a lot of money but I wouldn't hesitate for a second if that meant to have you here a day early. I will try and see if somebody could help pay, maybe the Jews or Christians or whoever. If not, I will get most of it from the office because I will get a severance sum and also a kind of insurance money which I had paid in over the years. Though I will only get this money in 6 months I can borrow on it in the meantime I hope. Then I also have war bonds, about 200. \$, this should work. If only I would have the Kinderhilfw. Letter, I could plan better. In any case, everything is getting closer.

I sent you another 50. today, please make sure it arrived. I have sent you each month, right? Once you are here and acclimatized and know the language better, you can easily earn a few dollars yourself. It will be a big help for me and fun for you. To do that is quite natural here, even while studying, and it enables you to buy nice things.

Now to Liserl. I can imagine what a nice time you had together and I am so very glad that you finally met a friend from your old home. Did you give her Boni's mother's address I hope? One must also inquire at the Shell company, maybe they know something about what had happened to him. How come their (Lisl's family) jewelry was stolen? How come they had it in the house?? This I cannot understand. I am not surprised that the Russian had not been dainty about it. The "master race" had done worse things and how can they compare themselves to these very primitive Asians or Kalmucks. No matter what people tell me about the Russians, I have nothing against them, they were not as bad as the Nazis, not by a long shot and there is a big difference between looting villas and/ or burning people alive. But I know how most people think about this subject so you might as well keep quiet about it in Switzerland. Where was Lisl during the siege? And Reimers? (Lisl mother's second husband). And why does her mother go back again, doesn't she have any money?

The matter with Miss Wetter is quite disagreeable. But what do you expect of somebody whose name is Wetter. (Wetter = weather = changeable). Yes, Pupperl, these are the hard knocks of life, but don't fret about it, one always learns from such things. Of course I feel so very sorry for you that you always run into such difficulties. Just wait, a wonderful little nest is awaiting you here with me. Hope you can find a nice warm room, or, if worst comes to worst, can't you stay with Gretli? Is it unbearable there even with nice books to read and a sweet little baby? Maybe you could take up some study while there. On the other hand, you must have some tutoring for English, otherwise you might not learn it correctly. I am glad you are

reading Dostojewsky, but you should read it in ENGLISH, doggone!!! {Papi always said that :Sapperlot!}

I have just returned from looking at the new apartment and am disappointed because it seems to me that it is not the type we need exactly. There won't be a lot of privacy for any of us. On the other hand it is so hard to find the right thing nowadays that you can't be as choosy as at other times. Also I am not very clever at decorating such a place, my taste is not so good, I am afraid therefore you would have the pleasure or the problem to do it for me. It's rather a crazy place, which I like and therefore it also has to be crazily decorated.

Darling I have sometimes a bad feeling wanting you so madly to come over, because I can read through your lines that you are not so sure, and that you want to stay near Anton. It is not difficult for me to understand your feelings concerning Anton. Other than that I am unable to understand how you can live in Switzerland, being a stranger and not allowed to do a decent kind of work. If you are here you can learn anything you want besides making a little money to spend for lovely things or for your amusement and so on. The only thing I can promise you is to try and bring Anton to this country if you and he wants it still and please dont think I will stay here for a life time, I also have the wish to live on the continent, but later on, when things are better and not so mixed up like they are now.

Sometimes I feel already pretty tired and worn out and want to have a rest. Therefore besides seeing you and petting you, secretly I also have the feeling you will pet me and will relieve me a little bit from all this strenuous life. Do you think I am selfish, hoping that somebody takes care of me?? I hope not.

IN GERMAN:

Now my little mouse, I just wanted to see if I can do it in English and whether you can understand me. Maybe this is good exercise and I should always wite to you in English? Tell me whether you have understood everything.

Have waited another day no letter from the Kinderhilfe. I am already so excited about it, to hear whether it will be a ship or airplane. But this letter has to be mailed, you have been without news for too long, which is not my intent. Please have a little bit more patience my angel child and look at the bright side and don't take it tragically. They can all go jump in the lake, you are not part of them. Give Anton my best regards and tell him to watch over you and nothing else. I like Lithuanians too, but don't know whether they are Slavs. I definitely like Slavs. Poor, make yourself as comfi as possible and write soon to your extremely much loving you Mutti.

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