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Dear Mamma,

Thank you for the letters. Pop also wrote me a nice long conversational letter. My my how hard he is working these days.

The news event of the month is that I got a nice, fine beautiful letter from Willampuss yesterday, apparently brought here by one of the pilots. I was just about to hie me to a nunnery, not having received one in two weeks. He sent me a check fro two hundred dollars on general principals, which I thought I would spend on a diamond or something of the ~~xxx~~ sort. I was so busy reading the letter that I didn't even notice the amount the check was made out for, and when I took it to the bank I was amazed to learn from the cashier that it was for two hundred rather than the hundred dollars I had thought I had seen. I should like to buy a ring with it, and if he thinks it's a good idea I shall go into Miami one of these days and see how the diamond situation is. Willampuss is God's gift to humanity in general and me in particular, and if we don't get together soon I'm going into galloping consumption.

Re the job. As I explained to you over the telephone, I realize that any time I want to I can give up the job at Pan American. But I'd rather wait till I am sure of getting another job, because I do very much want to support my self for various reasons: 1) all the money I spend and don't earn down here would have to be paid back in the future out of the Krieg family treasure trove, and I'd rather spend it while we are together, if ever. 2) Although at times it gives me too much to do, still one does want to have something worthwhile to do with one's time. 3) One never knows how soon one will be glad to have had the experience of earning one's own living. 4) It's a nice feeling to get a check every two weeks that you have earned by the perspiration of your own itsy-bitsy forehead, and which you can spend riotously one ice-dream sodas and hair-ribbons without consulting anyone save your own conscience.

For heaven's sake when are you coming down, adn what about those pictures I had taken at Muir's? Willampuss is screaming forthem, and I want to give him everything his little heart desires. It will be so nice if you do come down, because I want to see you for a change, and because you would like the nice summer weather we're having, and because we could have a good time going to the beach on our bicycles, and because I have an extra bed, and just because.

Lovingly,

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