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WESTPORT, R. F. D. 2, NEW YORK

Dear Laura :

That was such a nice letter you wrote and I was delighted to get it. The photos arrived in time, and they are well. Thank you for sending some extra ones. I shall keep them on reserve. But, where is the bill?

Mr. Hyzeman, who visited us in New York last May mentioned that you were conducting a class in photography at the F. A. C. I could not resist telling him that you should have been asked to start the class several years ago, and that it was a pity that those who controlled the destiny of the F. A. C. were so shortsighted in not recognizing the needs of the Institution.

I know the way you feel about the European War. It is the most horrible catastrophe that the free individual has been confronted with in the history of civilization. My heart bleeds for France and its noble and brave people. But we shall live to see them and their children rise above their

present misery and crush the totalitarian  
beasts. Meanwhile I hope and pray  
that England will hold her own and  
thus defeat by sheer length of endurance.  
the two European Brigades - But in the  
meanwhile I hope we put all  
politics aside in this country and save  
ourselves to the teeth.

Now that there is a chance  
for you to come to N.Y. next winter  
we shall rest with the hope to see  
you then - and it will be good.

Franco joins me in sending our  
love and best wishes to you

as ever  
Cino.