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Dearest Ose

Just back from Co. Fr. Rel where Thos. Finletter of the Pres. "Aviation Policy Comm" gave a talk on their report. You may remember they recommended 70 air squadrons. They were told not that they could assume we would be attacked, but that we could not be sure we would not be & therefor you had to be as well prepared.

I can see why MRA people if they felt it had one chance in a thousand of preventing an attack & bringing peace & harmony should send millions to accomplish it. If what Peter Howard told us was done at Caux to change one Communist could be multiplied 1,000,000 fold it would be all right. I saw Frank Field & Jim Rogers & asked the latter if his wife to come to Sunday supper.

he used to be a good singer and I think he & Kay would get on well.

I have read & reread your letter dear. I surely do appreciate why you stay & don't think you have to be overworked to act as a catalyst & bring all ends together with much joy to all. It is so much how you take things & if you see Barby growing stronger daily and the little one (I am glad to know her name taking hold of life cheerily. Robbie adoring you. You get sustenance "strength thru joy"

I seem to be lining up things to be done culminating in the A.I.M. 15th 19th. I shall have a small number up for cocktails & shall propose after the dinner D on & a few of us sneak over to the St Regis & dance quietly.

It is nice to have Helen around I am asking Kay to fit her in & see that she has enough hours to be happy. So far I have not been

it out in feeling. I note in the Sun one baker in New Haven has made a start to cut his loaf of bread from 15 cts to 10 cts. I shall write him. Baruch has also come out in favor cutting. Nat Res. Council has published figures showing the farmers have increased assets by 57 billions in 7 yrs. & savings & cash assets outside of farms from 5 to 22 billions.

High farm prices that are paid for by all consumers including those with fixed incomes plus actual money paid by the tax payers & given them as bonuses to kill pigs & to not raise crops & raise them ask for it. It has been the biggest lobby going.

Well we personally are fortunate both that we have accumulated capital and that I can work & enjoy it. I had a talk with the Harvard farm manager from New Canaan a nice quiet chap who thought our area very small but said you could raise a cow on each 3 acres

I called Mrs Prunzell and asked him to take a look at the Copeland house with Corin & tell me what should be done.

Europe I fixed over Johnson boats don't stop at U.S. ports except L. A. or S. F. That means I have to get ship passage directly in a hurry. Of course he might help on other lines. Air is O.K. but I think out of the question for us.

It would be a funny feeling to think I had nothing to do. I would like to try it for a month or two.

I voted a CK McB dress for Nannie for 1 week at $45 00/100. I understood it was 45- at Westport & $35 00 for part time in N.Y. McB. is getting things out & I hope to see daylight before I come South. What a nuisance things are & I like to think of Ghandi who does more by not having them. I can understand how people gave all they had to the Church and went into a monastery. However we do get a lot of fun out of what we have & do & are. So bring along your new baby & away we go as always

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I can't read your address with the ink you use. Try to write a little larger & I will answer the letter you wrote a week ago today. I think I will visit with you a day or two on my way South.