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Dearest Nell,

How wonderful of you to send the book and the marvelous food. We are saving it to serve when all the company comes - and there will be much company, too much even, this Christmas. It is beautiful, and the book of course, is a great treasure for which we are so grateful.

I have had a flare up of that bone problem, been in pain and under sedation but it has begun to ease up today.

Did you get my book? I mailed it quite some time ago. Father Groppi and I are going to do the TODAY show about the book probably in early January.

Everything is beautiful here - much excitement about Christmas, especially for Mandy - so that makes it wonderful for all of us - I mean even more wonderful.

Got THE VISUAL MERTON off to the publishers and it is very beautiful, I think. Will go to Boston Jan. 12th to work with them on layout etc.

All for the moment, dearest Nell. Our deep love and our prayers and wishes that your Christmas and New Year will be good.

Love,

Joe

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