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Dearest Nell,

A word in haste to tell you that I have just airmailed a photo from Father George to you. It is one of his pictures of Mandy, which he had framed especially for you and asked me to mail. It was made at the airport the day the family took Susan and me to catch the flight for Europe.

All goes well enough under the terrible strain of our god-daughter who got released from the hospital, went home for a rest, returned here to work (nurse) and got herself an apartment. The first night there she took another overdose and Piedy had to go admit her back into the psychiatric ward. I have hardly seen Piedy since, bless her heart. - she has had a million errands to do for the girl and for the girl's family, who live in Austin. The child is a great actress. She talks them into believing she is well, gets out, goes for the pills. We have her sister (younger) here as a house guest. It's all a big mess. I really feel her parents ought to be doing something more, and requiring Piedy to do less. We had hoped to take some kind of little vacation, either to the mountains or seashine before the children have to start back to school, but this knocks that out. Piedy needs a little rest and change. Well, she manages to handle it all with the greatest grace and good will and good humor. I don't see how she does it.

All for the moment, Nell. The work \mathbf{x} goes beautifully in spite of all this. God love you.

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