

May 5, 1972

Dearest Nell,

A word in great haste. You were certainly present last night at the dinner in ~~gkx~~ the Hooper's "Nell Dorr room," with Sister Luke Tobin (Loretto Sisters, and former Mother General) and Lili Kraus and my family and the Hoopers. I cooked the meal and it turned out fine - gigot a la mayonnaise, green salad, chocolate cake (eminence brune) with creme fraiche. Had a great day with Sister Luke, a marvelous woman (former advisor to Pope John XXIII, the Mother General from whose order Mother Theresa of India sprang, etc.) had just come back from the peace talks in Paris, and Lili had just come back from playing four concerts in Paris, and is leaving Sunday for Brazil.

I shot these pictures in practically no light, because I wanted you to see the people and the room (what little you can see.) Lili came back over here and I lent her your Bare Feet, which she had not seen. You gave her a copy of Of Night and Day, but she was rereading it at the table after supper in one of these photos.

All goes pretty well here. Today is a quiet one, with everyone gone to school and Piedy over helping Margaret Hooper clean up all the dishes, pots, pans, etc. It is still early, and I am hoping to get a lot of work done. Tony and I worked on the films and pictures until 1 a.m., with his doing all the stand-up work.

So, I'll close this and get it into the mail so the postman can take it.

Great, great love to you, Nell.

John