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My very dearest Nell; it does not seem to be any different if or not I take a pen: you are always here on my side. I have no time to visit or invite anybody at all; but it does not matter, I talk to you in my heart - I do get your answer to any question I have, and strangely - I don't need more. Of course, if I could and would have time, - I would no doubt get involved with people - but this now proves, that I could not have anything like that which I have now. Madame Passedoit would throw her hands over her head.... that I am isolated - that this is deadly bad for my work; but this time I know she would be wrong.

My paper got into rain.... Oh - it is high time that I really write to you! But time goes and nearly got me under, with going millions of places with Thomas. - What a time it

was. - So many experts, the chief one in Heidelberg nearly getting me to agree to operate on Thomas' foot. So I had to get all the information as to common consequences of orthopedic operations. Went even to Berlin, also correspondent with National Headquarters of Cerebral Palsy in N.Y.. Anyway, the spasm on his foot could become less through an operation; - but: in most cases - the spasm then is released on the operated part - but frequently sets in on a part where there was nothing before. It is simply so, that since the damaged part of the brain can not be restored, it is futile to start cutting elsewhere. I met a Canadian Boy, 9 years old, at the C.P. Center here in Mannheim; he was operated 21 times. Everytime the trouble started on another part, and then they operated again. Now it is terribly difficult to do the physical exercises again and get results. And guess what: since three weeks the foot

1.) which was so cramped that noone ~~get~~ could get it reflex-free, - now is better! It is very slow work-, but I believe in that, not in operations. There is a great Neurologist, Bobath, in England, who dedicated his life to C.P. Children, and he is completely against operations. He trains Therapists in West-Berlin, and there are several Centers in Berlin who use his method. So- we are planning to go to Berlin... where he could get the most excellent care for the moment. At least, untill we can get him so that noone will get the idea of cutting on him.

He also now gets orthopedic exercises, because of his one-sided palsy, he now has a curved spine; but it is not yet "fixed", so I too have been working like a slave on him; - and there is hope that it will straighten. His left eye has a muscle-weakness and is treated at an eye-specialist also in Mannheim. All of it done very expertly by wonderful people. If this can be cured, a big mountain will be overcome. Once he will be able to

walk, I will be much released.
For it is exhausting, lifting him fully,
as he is $\frac{1}{3}$ of my weight. It was
recently recommended to give him
 $\frac{1}{2}$ year to a Center fully, where he
also would be taken to the various
specialists. But we will not do
that, - he would suffer more than
I do carrying him. Also, I think he
will walk in a year; he has made
tremendous progress. As much as
it pains me, to think that our
return is still postponed, - it does
not seem to make much difference
where I am right now. I really
have no energy or strength left to
notice what is around me. Not
even David Oistrakh could tempt
me to go around the corner in the
evening. But this is only because
I use everything I have on strength
to Thomas. Whatever can be achieved
as a C.P. Child, must happen at
the first few years. After age 6 the
big chances are over; that is, - the
pattern begins to set. Therefore I
do not feel sorry for the "state" I am in.

2.) It is similar to being pregnant, where one has to wait and be in that state, - but also has the knowledge, that a great miracle of all is taking place.

Your letter lies next to me. It is so beautiful. - Oh, how wonderful to think of your new book. "In love with life." - This is the beginning of my letter. And also: Thomas got such a sweet jacket! - Do I need to tell you - that I still can not get over the two large, magic packages filled with such dresses - that I can never deserve!! If I would be a queen, - this is what I would want to have made to wear.... every piece of the whole mountain. (But.... do you have anything left to wear???) Yet, - if I could have it made - , it would never be nearly as warm, - as wonderful: for it would not be from you. - To describe every piece is impossible. But I will put it all on one day, and Henry will take pictures

so you can see how magic they look on me! You ought to have seen Dery as I tried them on - , he lost his speech!

Dery promised, that after ^{W.}Berlin: there is no return to West-Germany - but — some sweet some and off to you. West Berlin is not like West-Germany. Berliners live dangerously, and they know that they can only stand and live because Americans are there — not just for occupation — but ready to fight with their life, for the form of life they believe in. Berliners are the only Europeans who truly understand what Americanism is. They do not take for granted, that U.S. Forces are there, — as all other Germans do. In Berlin — after driving 3 hrs. through the Russian part of the country —, I wept. So easily could the people we talked to — have settled in safe West-Germany. But they would not think of it, — in spite of being forced ⁱⁿ ~~at~~ and Watchtowers with guns pointed at them. It's a passive, ~~leave~~ resistance of a people who

3.) want to be free and straight as
America — which to them is the
symbol of what is right. The
superficial qualities which
America has gained through
materialism (and which is not truly
America) and is what West-Germans
thrive after; — has no part in
the America Berliners hold up. — And
that is what moved me — like
nothing in Germany before. I just
did not know it would exist.
But it works both ways; — some relatives
of Henry, whom we visited, — had 4
Americans dropping in — in the few
hours we were there. They live there
and study — and feel at home. Their
two sons both ~~were~~ have been several
years in America. The political awareness
is something to experience. Dearest
Nell, I want to say so much, that I
have a headache! — Also, I should go
to bed.... tomorrow Thomas' Brain-waves
get checked, and I have to drive to Mann.
Rein early. — Let me know how Chris
is. — Is someone with you?? It would
be a great joy to us. — I worry....

All my love, and Thomas', and Henry's. —
You must know — how close I am to you — nothing takes
my thought off. Always — always — stay strong. Your Rose.

I cannot thank you in words — for everything you have said and me. It just can't be put in words.