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Dear Grand Father,

Thank you very much for your generous present. My income right now is very small, so it is a help to me. There really isn't a lot of work around Boston, ~~relative~~ to the number of musicians; or I'm just not able to find it. I've been playing in several orchestras this fall, but the ones which pay among those don't pay very well, and the work isn't too regular. I worked in a super-market for a while, stocking shelves, and for a temporary agency, now I'm going to substitute teach in the Boston Public schools, which is certain to be a real nightmare. At any rate, I should get more jobs, since I've called all the conductors and ~~managers~~ - I could think of, or who I heard of.

I spent Christmas in St Louis with everyone else - it was nice to be back, but dull after a while. I did nothing but eat, sleep, read and go to parties while I was there.

I'm going to take a german course

This spring, since I will eventually have
to pass french & german exams; I thought
I should get a head start, ~~now~~ not having
had any german.

I hope you've had a nice holiday
in Santa Fe, Give my love to Aline &
Pat,

Love,

E.F.