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Dearest Ben,

The other day I was told that you are in China. Wherever you are now, you will have a birthday. Although it is one of the "important ones" I cannot make my good wishes any stronger, because they are always the very strongest.

May you stay well and enjoy giving us your wonderful "Ansicht" of the world for the longest time. I am glad and grateful that I had a small piece of time in which I was permitted to share with you "looking at things." I read somewhere that we are the consciousness of the world. I have believed that for a long time. Like in everything else, some of us are more conscious than others. You are pretty high on that scale. I would like to enlarge on this subject, but tendonitis in the right hand curtails my

writing ability. Are you ever coming to N.Y.C.?
We might have a cup of coffee and I tell
you more.

On Dec. 14 I plan to fly to Goggi and family.
On Jan. 5th back to N.Y.

At the Wolf booth of the Photo dealer Assoc.
at the Roosevelt Hotel I saw some simply
hremendous Portfolios of yours. No coffee-
table could hold them. It needs a couple
of pages or Caryatids.
Very impressive!



Once more, dearest Eliot, all the joy and
happiness you can hold!!

Much love
B.

Love to Aline.