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Dear Son:- Expect we are due for cold weather again but right now it is hard to believe. We are experiencing real warm weather that ranges from sixty to the high seventies. Every thing is showing green and spring bulbs are blooming - Our Camellias are now coming out and promise to be very nice. I think my covering them during the severe cold here really helped them -

Mr. and Mrs. Moore, Mlle Breussard, Marie Therese, Hub and Tattie were over Wednesday evening - I met Mlle Breussard on the trolley the night I was on the way to the station to go to New Orleans. I asked her when she was coming to see us and she said Wednesday - We talked about it by signs, nods and a word now and then and both of us thought we understood each other - When I called Marie Therese and asked if she could come she said I did not understand the girls at all that she and I were supposed to go out to the Moores and visit them - she phoned Mlle Breussard and asked her about it and she said ^{it was} not that way at all that they were to come here - Well you know how blunt Marie is - she told her that it was not proper to accept our hospitality all the time

doing the smart thing at all. The fact that you can say you attended the Beaux Arts in Paris will not take you as far as a degree from an accredited architectural school. You know the competition is becoming greater all of the time and hundreds of men are coming out of college with degrees. They naturally will be the preferred and accepted architects.

As you are now, you and your family are suffering hardships unnecessarily - I don't think you have had the blurt of hardships and privations that Cecile and the children have had. I surely do not see any point in their having to do so when you are not really gaining the benefits you would like us to think you are.

Another thing that is going to have a bad effect on the children is being retarded in school. Now I can not see where they have had any advantages when they are simply in a state of confusion - you don't need to tell me they are not - I know better - How could they be other wise being plunged into a school where they could not understand the language. They were confused enough over lessons at best without that handicap. Here Dorothy is beginning to look like a young lady and she is going to be so

and not return it - The result was that Mlle Breussard came here with humble apologies and I felt quite bad about it because I did want them to come and had not thought it necessary ^{for them} to have us there - Marie has been so nice to Mlle Breussard and has taken her places and made her acquainted with many people -

Son, Dad and I have been talking about your sojourn in France and we both feel you should bring your family home - There are many reasons for our thinking so and I do wish you would think our way and act accordingly.

First may I ask and, may I receive an honest answer from you, are you satisfied with your schooling? Do you think the sacrifice of time out of your allotted U.S. schooling is getting the advancement that will benefit you? Do you think you are gaining anything of value as to your standing in the Architectural field that would promote you? Is there any point in attending a school that is teaching the things you are not interested in? Would you not gain more by attending school in America where the field of modern architecture is in its infancy and the prospects of big things are before you? Is not a degree the thing you want? Is not your U.S. time too valuable to be spent where there is no prospect of getting a degree?

Frankly Dad and I do not think you are

retarded as are the other two - I am simply heart broken over it all -

Another thing is the Communistic threat. Czechoslovakia has been taken over and the Americans within her boundaries are stranded. The thing is they get in and have control before anyone has had warning and get out - you have thought I worried to much and unnecessarily over this sort of thing but I am convinced it is wiser to be safe than sorry. You know if you were caught in a situation like that none of us could do a thing to help you because the Communists are strictly against the Americans - So please start making arrangements to get your family home without delay - I really am serious and Dad is to - He told me at the breakfast table to write you to come home -

We love you and surely want you to get ahead but we do not feel this venture is doing for you the things you set out to do - Now be honest, do you think so?

Love

Mother -