

April 22, 1948.

Dearest Ceile,

I'm disturbed to hear that you haven't had any letters from me since Feb. 18 because it means some must have been lost. Also, I have sent you several packages since the one with the sardines that you mention. Perhaps by the time this reaches you, they will have turned up. I hope Ceile got her birthday doll. I wouldn't want her to feel that I had overlooked that important date.

In your last letter you said you were looking for a place in or near Paris. I would be much happier knowing you were in the country. John thinks war between the U.S. & Russia is almost inevitable and that if it comes, Western Europe will be occupied within three weeks. You & the children would be much safer and surer of food if you were not in a big city that will be over-run with an army of occupation.

I have a piece of sad news for you.
Alfred Danziger had a stroke in his office
last Thursday, & died at the hospital
without even having regained consciousness.
We were shocked, as you may well
imagine, and especially so because we
had talked with him via Long Distance on
the Sunday previous. Dorothy Spaight had
phoned us that she had an offer for
our house, & we wanted Alfred to in-
vestigate the prospective purchaser for us.

The deposit has been paid on the house
so I guess the sale is accomplished!
We'll have to give possession on June 25.
Our present plan is, to leave New York May 4
and go to Lee's for two weeks. The Israels
will vacate our house on May 15, and we'll
be there to take it over. That gives me
just a month to pack everything for our
exodus to — where?

While we're in Cambridge, we may hunt
a coast shack for July & August. There's
no use staying in N. D. in the heat if we
don't have to, & I'd like to be near enough
to Lee to be helpful if & when she wants me
until she gets used to taking care of a Pat.

John still has ropes ² that Boston Port A
Priority may do something about his
plan

At any rate, you now
know my addresses for the
next few weeks. After May 1st, '36
Highland Ave. after May 15th " 100 Bevel
Drive. After June 25th " " " "

In the event that we should decide
to get rid of some of the furniture
I wish you would tell me whether
you still feel you'd like to own
that Victorian bedroom some day, and
whether, when you come back you
will want to use some of my
things or not. I will store the book
cases, etc. that you left in the basement.
It's not a pleasant prospect — to have
do all that packing in a New Orleans job
but, in a way, I'm glad to escape the responsibility
of such a big place. It was too big for
to keep properly with just Jane to help — and
we can't afford the sort of staff the place needs.
We are selling it in a very good one but
think. The down payment will pay off the balance.

of our loan, and the expense of moving. Then we
will receive monthly payments that will assure
us a basic income for the next 15 years. It's
almost like buying an annuity. Incidentally, we
made a modest profit on the transaction, so
that our occupancy during the time we've had
it will have cost practically nothing.

I wish I knew what we're going to
do next — and I wish, above all, that some
European country would invite John (or me)
to come over there. I'd give a lot for
a sight of your family. The girls have
probably grown a lot since I saw them last.

I hate to have them know my yard won't be waiting for them.
Gretl wrote me yesterday in that answer to my
note asking them for a date before we leave.

That Rolf has been quite ill, — has been in
the country on a farm for several weeks
and is planning to go back to France, — while
she is working at Klein's, but is hoping
to get a teaching position for the fall. I think
she has been through a terrible time with him.
I am pretty sure he resents her interference
in his life, and has made her feel that she
should never have made him come here. What
a pordid end to a bright dream for her!

John is not too happy these days, because
far he has not been able to overcome the inertia
of the people who ought to be excited about his
plans. Earl Long's election may mean an overhaul
of post-politics in N.O., but whether a non-political
however expert, will be invited to participate is a moot question.
We both send lots of love to all of you. Mom