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Dearest Cecil:-

Mother has been jumping from house to house on N. O. and for the past 10 days, we have been trying to find your address.

Leonard and I decided that the best gift to send to you and Hers would be money, so find enclosed \$10.00 - Look for 2 more letters, with different return addresses.

Leonard at present is in Chicago having a small tumor (not cancer!) from his hand. He will be back on Sunday. Mother, John + Sandy are due to arrive in Clinton on Dec 23. We hope to have a merry Christmas with all the family + children!

How are the conditions in France
for Americans? From what I read in
the papers, it seems pretty rough
going for all. I have to admit, that like
all satisfied Americans I don't know just
what is happening in Europe. I tell myself
that I'm so busy, I can't keep up
with everything, but I'm sure I'll have
to come out of my coma sooner than
I want to. Is food & food only the
major problem? We are told, that if
we feed Europe we are more likely to
have lasting peace. India has been
starving for centuries & feuding with England.
Now that England has pulled out, now
fighting. Is food the reason, or isn't
it because of stark differences of ideas,
religion, ways of living? Won't Europe
with so many different groups be
enslaved & fight among themselves
for the next coming centuries, like
they have in the past? I don't
know? maybe you know differently
being there.

So much for a more tough or major
problems.
We all send our best wishes for
a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
Love
Viola.