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My Dear Lucien;

Your letter with the foot sizes of the members of the family arrived today. Although you remind me that there are eleven persons in the family I note that you have given me only eight sizes.--Pardon me, I just counted them again and find nine--. I see that Achille is missing from the list but I cannot think who the other is. I will get shoes for Achille the same size as yours. I think that the other must be a girl so I will get an extra pair of girls shoes the same size as Eliane's. That is the best I can do under the circumstances.

Thank you very much for the information about the electric current in Mourmelon. The appliances we have bought will all work very well on this current. I hate to send our luggage directly to your house because there will be so much of it. You had better make some arrangements to store it, preferably in the house we are to occupy. We will have three or four trunks and about ten wooden boxes in all.

As to food, we can bring with us about five hundred pounds of food duty free and we certainly do intend to take advantage of that opportunity. Unfortunately there is a limit on the amount of soap and cooking oil that we can bring with us, but there are no other restrictions. The restriction is not too bad though and we will be able to bring quite a lot of things which I am sure that we will need badly.

I think that it will be best for us to lease the house for twelve months. Cecile says that if she is going to have to stay in Mourmelon through the winter when it will be too cold to go out of the house much she certainly wants to stay through the summer so she can get well acquainted with that part of France. Even if we decide to take a vacation trip during the summer we will want to leave our things in the house. However I would like to have a clause in the lease that would allow us to re-lease the house to another party in case I find a suitable place for us in Paris before the year is up. Of course anyone I re-leased the house to would be subject to the approval of the owner.

I guess that's about all the news from here. I will quit my job in four days so that I can start packing. There will hardly be time for more than one more letter from you so if you think that you will need more money than I sent in the last letter you should let me know right away. Give my best regards to all the family.