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WELLESLEY, MASS.

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Mar. 21, 1939

Dear Lottie -

I am delighted
there is a chance you
may come the 2nd. It
will be grand to see you!
I'm going away over Thurs-
day, and what with teaching
Friday, morning and afternoon
I think it might work
out best if you could
come Friday p. m. - How
about that train I suggested
before, leaving N. Y. at 12:10

(New Haven line via Springfield)
and due at Framingham at
5:20? I could meet you
there very easily - only about
15 minutes drive from here -
and you wouldn't have to
change or go into Boston -
Let me know what you
decide & I'll meet you
with loud purrs!
The knee started to
recover rapidly last weekend
and is almost back to
normal - I can drive again
& walk within reason, so
that's a relief!
Much love & anticipation
Margaret



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Sprague River, Ore.
Jan. 20 - 1939

Dear Lottie -

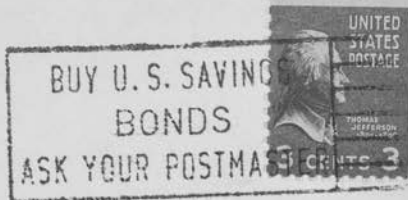
This can be
only a brief line, but I
know you'll be anxious to
hear. It was such a
shock it is hard still
to believe - and yet that
is the way Mother always

said she wanted to go - and
if it had to come, were
glad for her sake it came
so swiftly.

I got home Monday morning
before the services which were
lovely - the most beautiful
flowers you can imagine, and
everything beautifully done - Friends
and family all helped with their
messages and sympathy. We
appreciated your wire so
much -

I must leave again
to-morrow evening and shall
be back in Wellesley before
you receive this -

It was good to talk to
your Mother Monday when
she called us up - I've
thought of her such a lot
in all this time, she and
Mother were so close -
With love from us all
Margaret



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Jan. 14 - 1939

Dear Lottie -

I was delighted
with your card and Press
in Boots"! He makes a
charming addition to my
cat library and has been
purring over him very hap-
pily!

I had a grand letter from
your Mother & it sounded
like a very happy vacation.
It probably seems as remote
now as mine does. Love only

been back 10 days, but it
doesn't take long to slip
into the harness again - and
I've been so busy getting
exams made out, I've
been plunged in the academic.
We had a fine vacation
However. My first weekend
I went to
in Bryn Mawr
the Philadelphia symphony
& lo & behold there was
Marion Anderson, singing
with them - an all Brahms
program - I agree she has
a very beautiful voice - and
a charming stage presence.

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was the N. Y. concert all
your hoped for?
our family gathering in
Washington was great fun -
I left early, and heard that
(Polly's mother) broken her arm
Marion & Polly & Jim -
skating with Mary stayed
so I suggest longer than
on with her longer than
she'd intended. She (Mary) said
she'd had a good talk with
you over the telephone &
hoped to see you later - as
did Morgan, tho' he was
planning to head for Florida

soon & may have gone already.
We've had some grand
skating here - and the day
snow - tho' not as much
as we'd hoped. I've just
come in from a good
walk around the Lake.

I hope you'll have a
grand winter. I shall call
up & hope to see you if
I make N. Y. during the
examination period -

Much love

Margaret

We all thank you card particularly
charming.



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Nov. 14 - 1939

Dear Lorraine - I just hated to
send that wire this afternoon
as I'd been looking forward
to our visit - but I'm hobbling
around like a centurion and
am told I'll be hobbling for
some days yet - which would
make me an extraordinarily
bad hostess - no driving into
Boston or anywhere else, and
especially no walking! I gave
the breech a bang on the
stairs - one of those exasperating

performances that seem so unneces-
sary - nothing serious or acute,
but knees being what they are
caution seems essential - My
friends & doctor full of gloomy
stories of what happens if
one isn't careful, etc. etc. -
So I decided I'd hope for
a later date - I'm awfully
disappointed, however! I'll let
you know developments -
much love & many
regrets - Margaret

Shall expect you at Framingham, 5:20, Fri.
unless you wish something else - will that be
all serene? It's the Springfield branch of the
New-Haven line, you know.

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Nov. 13. 1939

Dear Lottie -

Your letter came this
morning & I'm rushing off a
line of enthusiasm and train
schedules - As I have engagements
both afternoon & evening on Thursday
besides Friday classes to get ready
for, I think Friday would be
a better bet, this I wish
things were better arranged, so
I could say Thursday!
There's a train that leaves N. Y.
at 12:10, due in Framingham at
5:20. where I could meet you,
it being only a few miles from

Here. That would be the best
gamble as far as the chance
of my meeting you goes, as
I teach until ~~2~~ 3:30 Friday
p.m. If you'd like to come
earlier & make yourself at
home in Horton, you'd be most
welcome - but I don't know that
point!

There'd be very much there's a 12 o'clock
train on Sunday due at
Boston - Shore Line - due at
5^{p.m.} in N.Y., and also a 12:40 from
Framingham due in N.Y. at 5:50 -
so that will be easy to arrange
as I can drive you to either
point you prefer - Probably the Shore
line is a better train -

Meanwhile, cheers for Friday - I hope
we won't have a blizzard to greet you
but it snowed this morning! Love, Margaret



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Oct. 24. 1939

Dear Father -

I've determined to
drop a line - or the beginnings
of one - before another day is
gone - you've been established
now long enough so that even
the wedding must begin to
seem a long way behind -
and personally I feel as tho'
I'd been back on the job
for months -
I was glad to have
your letter last summer -

if you can remember writing
one that far back! - and
I had such a nice birthday
letter from your mother last
week - telling me your ad-
dress, which I was glad to
have - I do hope things are
starting out happily again
& that you are enjoying
your work - were you later
getting started? In a good
cause anyway - I hear it
was a lovely wedding and
I can well believe it!
I am plunged in to the
ears again with my service

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Find drive starting in about
a week, a new course -
and to my sorrow another
6 day schedule, which I
thought I was going to
avoid this year, but at
the last moment couldn't -
I am enjoying it all
enormously. However -
great gap here - Nov. 7!
Things got all out of control
at that point but here's another
try anyway! The drive is in
full swing and it's a rare

moment I can look into a
Latin author or teach a class
on anything more substantial
than inspiration -

So I'm not going to try
to redeem myself on paper
now but ask what chance

I have of your coming up here
for a weekend - I'd love to
see you - but I know

you're busy too - so if the
plot looks too thick we
can postpone it - There are

two main possibilities ^{for me} at
the moment - the 18th or

Dec. 2nd - (I'm all tied up

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the 25th and this coming one, the
11th -) But if you could come
for either of the other two
it would be grand - I have
to teach Friday afternoon and
Saturday morning, so bring
a book! Drop me a line,
if only a postcard, as soon
as you can, as I hope to
be able to get the guest-
room - and one has to apply
for it well ahead sometimes.
I certainly do hope the answer
is yes!

We get no Thanksgiving vacation,
but I'm going to South Hadley
for the day - the 30th in Mass. -
you have the 23rd, don't you?

any plans?

Have you any friends here at
college now? My impression is
they graduated last June - but
let me know that too. if you
have any you'd like to see!

Apologies - hopes & love

Margaret



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