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Wednesday

Dear Lottie -
Just a line out of
the rush of beginning the term -
Holt Taylor said that for an
otherwise unknown address in
Military Intelligence, to write to
the " " Division, War
Department, Washington, D.C. They might
not give you his address but
would in that case presumably
forward a letter sent there &
Best of luck! (Perhaps you
asked Jim & he was able
to give you the same - I'd
written him, but he'd missed
the letter before starting for Little

Falls, I think).

The enclosure I happened on one
day & tucked away to send you
- a little belated, but here it
is!

I do hope everything is starting
out well - Love to you
Margaret



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Feb. 27 - 1944

Dear Lottie -

I was so pleased to
have your letter a few days
ago - and to hear all is going
cheerfully - was glad you met
Sylvia Dillon & somehow amazed
you never had before - she is
a lovely person - spent several
weeks with us in Coen & Alene
the summer of '27, just after she
graduated from college - Her
sister, Susan Roberts, who lives
in Bryn Mawr, was here a
couple of weeks ago, showing
her young daughter Peggy, the

college. She will enter college
- She hopes either Vassar or Welles-
ley - next year -

It's been an extraordinarily
busy term - lots of committee
work and a perfect avalanche of
extra reading in connection with
a special course in which I'm
directing one of our seniors, and
in which I know far too little
of the field - which brings me
to the point of the weekend -
I'd thought several times I'd
like to suggest your coming
up for a weekend this spring -
but have really been too
swamped - But it would be
a happy solution if you
could spend enough time at

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Wakefield to make the trip worth
 while for you & then come
 out here perhaps for a night
 & a bit of a visit - Wakefield
 is well on the other side of
 Boston, so that it would be
 much simpler for you to go
 directly to Boston - shorter by the
 Shore line - & then out to Wakefield
 - I'm not sure whether there
 are trains or bus-connection, but
 could look it up, or perhaps
 better yet, your friend there
 would know the easiest way & you
 could find out directly from her
 if you took an early train from
 N. Y. Saturdays you could spend
 Sat. afternoon with her, meet me

in Boston for the symphony to
come out here for that night -
we could have a visit to a
walk Sunday & I could put
you on the train at Framing-
ham that afternoon - or of course
if she wanted you to come earlier
I spend Friday night with her that
would give you more of a visit
there - I'd like to suggest your
spending Friday night here - but
I'm going to have to count on
ploughing this a lot of work
weekends - so I know it wouldn't
work out - There's an extra year
of College Board Committee work -
of which I'm chairman - from
the middle of March on this April
which is going to change my
style considerably!

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I think the weekend of Mar. 25th & 26th would be best for me - I do hope it will fit in - Let will be grand to see you! Let me know when you've heard from the Wakefield friends whether that would suit her too - and be sure to ask her the best route from Boston. People who live in suburbs always seem to know better ways of getting there than the uninitiated can discover! We have one "long" weekend in lieu of a spring vacation in a couple of weeks - I'm not sure yet which direction I'm going - but if I should come to N. Y. I'll hope for a glimpse of you - Love to you - Margaret



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been rehearsals for a
Faculty Show - which pro-
mises to be fun, but
does not simplify life -
more anon -

Belated Easter
greetings, & love
Margaret

Dear Lottie -

Send pures for
the charming pussy -
and so glad to have
your note -

Sorry the Spring has
been so complex - but
I trust you're enjoying
it! A last straw
for this month has



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July 23, 1944

Dear Lottain -

What superlative contributions have you been making to my cats! I found the book when I returned from South Hadley last week - couldn't read the date on the package to find out how long it had been waiting for me - but trusted you would understand what had happened if you didn't. Dear - I'd seen reviews of this very collection & had a mental note I was going to invest in it soon - so it was a wonderful inspiration on your part - and Live

read a number of the stories
with great delight - Many
many thanks!

I'm back at work now - not
teaching, but working at some
research - Wellbury is really a
very pleasant spot in summer
and these last weeks - I should
say this last one, that I've been
here, beautiful and comparatively
cool - I expect to make a short
visit in Maine, leaving next
Friday - otherwise keeping to
my work, pretty well until classes
start again late in August -
I gather you too are still
at it? At least that was the

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last word I'd had, that you
planned to stay on in N.Y. and
finish up - so I'm sending this
there - but trust you're going
to get some vacation, and shall
be so interested to hear of the

next plans -

I enjoyed my six weeks teaching
in South Hadley enormously - this
at the end was saddened by
the sudden death of Allen Cox,
Blanche Brotherton Cox's husband -
one of my old friends there, whom
I lived with my first year at
Mt. Holyoke - I'd seen a lot of

them thro' the summer and been
so impressed by what a happy
marriage it was - I stayed
with Blanche the last week,
after the funeral - they'd built a
beautiful home on a hill in
the woods about two ~~miles~~ ^{miles} (!)
from the college - ^{on a visit -}
Dad Taylor is in Cambridge now
- Holt in Normandy, when last
heard from - I'm going with her
to Maine, as a matter of fact -
Many thanks & pass on again for
the delightful book - and drop
me a line some day about your
plans! Love to you
Margaret



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Dickinson House
South Hadley, Mass.
June 21 - 1944

Dear Lottie -

When I came back
from classes a couple of days ago
I found a mysterious package await-
ing me - forwarded by a kind friend
at Wellesley - and took it into possession
of pleasure when I opened it -
The kittens have been on my
bureau ever since - a delightful
welcome when I get up in the
morning and many a time dur-
ing the day! They are all
perfectly enchanting and unusually
appreciated!
I'm having a pleasant term of

summer - school teaching - combined
with catching up with old friends
& Raunts. It's hard to realize,
but it's ten years since I
taught here before - I'd been back
to visit, of course - but never
to dig in - and I'm enjoying
it all -

I hope you're having a good sum-
mer - sending this to N. Y. on the
assumption you're there still -
Best of luck and many peaceful

thanks! Love to you
Margaret



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Mar. 15 - '44

Dear Lottie -

So nice to have your
letter - and your life sounds so
complicated as mine! I didn't
answer immediately because I
hoped surely to see you - and
then my N. Y. trip was so busy
& the plot seemed so thick
that I decided there wasn't any
use just saying 'hello' & 'good-by'!
What with all the complications
I should think you'd feel like
postponing a weekend in this

direction - April threatens to be
such a jam for me I don't
dare urge a real weekend. so
unless you can combine it con-
veniently with a visit with the
other friend - joining me for Satur-
day night & part of Sunday - as
I suggested before - you certainly
wouldn't feel rewarded for the
long trip - and your own sche-
dule sounds such that I
can well imagine you'd welcome
an unscheduled interlude!
However - of course I want to
see you if you do come
this way - and would love a
visit of course - so if you

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Have any designs on either
 the 9th or 23rd. So let me
 know and ill hope to get
 organized - one reason for my
 uncertainties is that my College
 Board Committee work gets very
 intensive ^{for} two or three different
 sessions in April - I am chair-
 man, & when the material comes
 to me I have to plough thro'
 it - get out copies etc. very
 promptly - and whereas one
 intensive period will come right
 after Apr. 1st I'm not perfectly
 sure when the next batch will

arrive - and there might be
a weekend crisis!

It will be wonderful for
you to see your Mother. I've
been meaning to write her for
weeks & may send a line
to her & heri-
go you - my love
on!

Have a grand time on your
various projects!

Lots of love
Margaret -

I'm going to be in N.Y. May 6th for
a Committee meeting & might see you
then - that Sunday perhaps - if
work out the weekend -
we can't