

Saturday, Oct. 20, 1956

Dear Tommie,

We finally got our orders to leave London on November 26th to report to Croft, England (in the North) by train from where we take off by plane on the 27th, weather permitting. We reach N.Y. on the 28th and will stay for a couple of days and arrive in San Francisco around Dec. 2nd. The transportation across the U.S. is to be arranged after reaching New York so we don't know the exact schedule. We will let you know by wire or phone from New York.

So think we will see you in a little over a month! Wish we could have gone earlier, but can't be helped. We are starting to sort out our things. We can only take a couple of suitcases with us and the rest will go by boat and rail in January or February.

We are trying to sell our car. There's lots of red-tape involved and we must sell it to another American. We hope we can someday own a Jaguar. They are only about \$3700 over here but probably about \$1000 more at home. How do you like your Mercedes? We saw lots of them in Germany. Don't you think the resale values of foreign cars are good over there? Perhaps we can find a used one.

Don't remember if I thanked you for the picture of your house. It certainly looks very nice. It will look even nicer after you get some furniture. We bought a few pieces of Danish furniture here to take home because it's just a little more than in Denmark and about half the price they charge in San Francisco. We looked up the prices in Will's "Interiors".

The radio-phonos we ordered arrived but the cabinet was damaged so we didn't take it. Another one is on order but may not arrive in time. Did you get one yet?

Monday Oct. 22, 1956

Dear Tommie,

Just received your letter mailed to our house dated 17th. Yes, thank you, I did get your address. Sorry to have caused you undue alarm. Mail has been very slow lately and I often get several at one time. The reason I mentioned the address so many times is that I just wanted to be sure we got it as soon as possible. I appreciate your concern over our housing but as I said in one of my recent letters, we can talk about it when we get there. We won't be able to get up housekeeping for a couple of months anyway until our things arrive and in the meantime we will have to live out of our suitcases so any place will do. We have our own bed and dresser in Berkeley which we could use any place. If we decide it most convenient to stay in San Francisco, while



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The Christmas rush is on, we can stay either on Post St. or at your place on Shore View if you have room there. As you say you have the big house pretty well filled up now, so wherever you can put us temporarily will be alright. Please don't bother Henri or Katchan to clean it up - they are both very busy right now. As I said, we plan to stay with Will's folks at least for the first few days anyway. During that time, we can discuss what we will do and where it will be best to live.

I am looking forward to working and I think Henri's idea of my doing some office work sounds most appealing to me. Perhaps after the Christmas rush he could start to train me, and by the time he leaves for Japan, I would be useful enough to take on some of the responsibilities. That would probably work out fine. That way there will be you and I to hold the fort while he is away.

Please use air letters or air mail (15¢) to this home address if your message is urgent. British mail is usually faster since they have three deliveries each day except Sundays.

Love,
Martha