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Sunday

Dear Faith:

Thank you so much for your very interesting letter. It is hard for me to picture your present life, but everything you write, or that I get from 4 Dean St. helps.

Tomanswer your questions re Calif.
Yes, I have been there before - quite a few times and Sam was born there. Mitzi still looks very young and they are doing only medium well, I would say. I Mam a bit worried about the situation, but am keeping hands off, except when Mitzitalked to me a bit. I hope, but I am not too hopefull, if you get me.

Your Ma tel. me Thanksgiving Eve. and told me that you and the Crumb were on your way to Tenn. for a meeting. I hope it went well. I urged her and the Crumb to read the article by James Baldwin in the July 17th New Yorker and I hope you will do so also. It is excellent. Jean Holden spent most of this weekend with me and she read it, at my instigation and couldn't put it down until she had finished it. I had warned her when she went to bed, but she started it and that was that!

Ambrose was home for Thanks. from the the U. of Penna. and informed me that he is quitting school to go to work and earn enough money to go to London and do something in the theater! He is very unhappy in his college work and my pointing out that there are other colteges meant nothing. He looked badly, I thought, but spent a long time with me while I was fixing dimner for Alice and Jack who were coming later. Perhaps he just has to do this and find out what it is he is seeking. Anyway he talked, and this is good.

That eve. J. and Alice and Jean Holden and I all had dinner then went in to the Boston Garden - rather like Madison Sq. Gd. only not quite as big and saw the Scottish regiments doing their bit. It was marvelous, with sword dances, bagpipes and the works. The audience was most enthusiastic and stood at the end - for Boston THE mark of approval.

One FINAL remark about the money. I really meant it when I wrote that I want you to do with it what you want right now. I did not label it "college only" for I whall try to send you some next year, and I think I shall be able to do so.

I have much admiration for you, and

much love from

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