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MY VERY DEAR JIM:

FOR SEVERAL WEEKS ALL HAS NOT BEEN SO WELL WITH ME PHYSICALLY. PROBABLY I HAD A TOUCH OF THE FLU, AND IT SEEMS TO TAKE A LONGER TIME THAN USUAL TO GET BACK MY STRENGTH. HOWEVER, WITH THE DEVOTION AND ASSISTANCE OF HILDA WE MANAGED TO KEEP THINGS GOING SMOOTHLY AT THE SHOP, SO THE WORK DID NOT SUFFER. YOU HAVE BEEN IN MY THOUGHTS SO MANY TIMES, AND I REGRETTED NOT HAVING WRITTEN YOU THESE MANY DAYS.

DID YOU GET YOUR BULB FOR THE FOUNTAIN PEN? WE TOOK CARE OF THAT LITTLE ITEM AT THE STORE. MEANTIME, THE I.L.D. SAID THEY WOULD HANDLE THE OTHER ITEMS, AND AS IT WAS AT THE TIME I WAS FEELING SO MISERABLE WE TURNED THE LIST OVER TO THEM. YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED EVERYTHING BY THIS DATE. PLEASE LET ME KNOW. HOW ABOUT THE RADIO HAND BOOK? DOES IT MEET YOUR NEED? HOW ARE YOU COMING ALONG WITH THE SET, AND ARE YOU GETTING THE POWER YOU WANT?

SATURDAY I TALKED TO ANITA BRIEFLY OVER THE TELEPHONE, AND SHE IS PLANNING TO HAVE DINNER WITH US ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT. WE ARE PLANNING TO HAVE A VERY GRAND AFFAIR CELEBRATING HER BIRTHDAY THIS JULY. WHAT A VERY RARE, BEAUTIFUL, SPLENDID WOMAN SHE IS! IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO HAVE HER AS A FRIEND. SHE IS SO CONCERNED ABOUT YOU, AND SO VERY ANXIOUS ABOUT YOU.

THE MOST DIFFICULT TASK FOR ME JUST NOW IS TO DEVELOP AN ATTITUDE OF PATIENCE. WE MOVE SO SLOWLY, IT SEEMS TO ME. WE STARTED SOMETHING ON YOUR ROAD, AND I AM SO ANXIOUS TO HAVE IT MOVE FORWARD TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION--THIS PHASE OF IT, FOR THE PRESENT. PERHAPS SOME DAY I MAY UNDERSTAND WHY SO MUCH TIME IS REQUIRED TO GET THINGS DONE. IT MAY BE, AS OUR BELOVED COMRADES ASSURE ME, DUE TO THE PRESSURE OF WORK EACH DAY, WHEN SO MANY IMPORTANT THINGS MUST BE DONE, WITH SO FEW FORCES TO DO THE NECESSARY WORK. THE FACT THAT WE ARE MOVING SHOULD BE SOME COMFORT TO ME.

AT PRESENT WE ARE BUSY PREPARING FOR OUR MAIN MEETING ON MAY 1ST IN THE SCOTTISH RITE AUDITORIUM. THIS HISTORIC DAY IS MOST IMPORTANT THIS YEAR, DUE TO THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION. HOW MUCH WE NEED LABOR UNITY--EVER MORE UNITY, WORKING TOGETHER FOR SOCIAL AND NATIONAL SECURITY!

HILDA JOINS ME IN SENDING OUR HEART'S BEST AND ALL THE WARM, PERSONAL GREETINGS. WILL YOU WRITE ME ABOUT THE ITEMS, IF ANY OF THEM ARE NOT JUST WHAT YOU WANT? WILL WRITE AT GREATER LENGTH WITHIN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO.

WITH MUCH LOVE,

MARGARET