

Monday, Feb. 10, 1969 11:15 A.M.

Dear Yipka,

I returned from a three day tour to Elath late this afternoon and found your "letter" waiting for me. To show you how reliable I am — I already mailed a check to Keenan Drug Co, and the copy of the telegram from Beners Clut is on its way to Menachem.

I am now living at the Hotel Ami. The room is nice, but I must be a magician to find room for all of my things plus Varda's plus some things Menachem left behind (deliberately).

Thursday Albert told me he had some guests coming on Feb. 16th and he had long ago committed himself to putting them up in his house. Originally they were to arrive March 3rd, but they pushed up the date by two weeks. I told him that was no problem. As soon as I'd return from my trip to Elath, I'd find a room and move. To myself I thought Fri, Feb. 14th would be ideal because the cleaning woman will be there on Fri. and she could have the place cleaned up, and that would mean a few less days to pay at a Hotel. Fri morning he awakened me to ask what arrangements I'd made about Terry (because I'd be away 3 days). I had already told him that Seth was coming for Terry and would keep her in Jerusalem while I was away — but I sweetly repeated it as if he hadn't heard it before. Then he went into a tirade about how miserable "that animal" made him feel. He said such ugly things in such an ugly way; all of which was contrary to the way he behaved towards Terry and the many times he spoke of how delightful she is.

When Seth came for her I told him he'd have to keep Terry until next Fri. when I will have moved into a hotel.

About 10 o'clock Albert called. He apologized for the way he behaved in the morning, but he's had many problems and has been very nervous lately, but in the same sentence he said the sooner I "got out" the better. I said I would do whatever was humanly possible. I told Seth to wait to see what I could arrange over the phone. I called this hotel and this room was available starting this P.M. and I could keep Terry with me.

Seth told me I should have everything packed and he would come on Monday and move all my things to the hotel, and that I should come directly to the hotel from the tour. We even arranged for a taxi from Hertzler (where Albert's house is) to the hotel.

Well, I spent the rest of Friday — thru the nite — packing our things plus arranging what I would need for the 3 day trip. I also had to do some laundry which I had already put in to soak. They dried by 6 A.M. — I put up a line in the kitchen and focused

I was to be picked up at 7:30 for the trip — and had a few minutes walk to the ~~post~~ pick up point. I was so tired I didn't trust myself anymore — so I left the house at 7 A.M. I was washing as if I had had too much to drink.

The first day of the tour was over at 5:30, and we'd be on our own to see Beer Sheva that evening. I thought I'd go to my room and rest until dinner time. Well, I awake a few minutes before seven and decided no dinner was worth getting up for. I fell asleep again and awake at 11 P.M. At that time I decided that the world still wasn't worth looking at, and fell asleep until the next morning. It took me two hours to bathe, dress, and re-arrange my luggage — still tired, but by the time I had breakfast and got some fresh air I felt fine again. I was

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able to enjoy the next two days of the trip.

Par for the course — another day — another problem.

Tomorrow I will visit Varda, and if she's in as good a mood as she was the last time I saw her (last Wed.) I will have a good day.

I do hope I will be receiving a peal letter from you soon.

If you have already mailed one to Koplan, I will receive it.

Seen my dear husband yet?

Love,
 Ruth