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Dear Maggie,

If I make the plane early Thursday--and it is a big "if" because I am indescribably weary from the pressure of working on the ms. and multiple other pressures--I will be in Victoria on the afternoon of the 12th; I would proceed early the next morning to Vancouver, where I am to speak again, at the College; then I am to have a filmed interview for Canadian TV. I don't know what time I will be finished with those engagements but my original schedule calls for me to leave Vancouver for NYC late Friday night, the 13th.

However, I have made inquiries about flights from Vancouver to Los Angeles and find that there are several--one makes several stops but does go between the two cities. The other flights involve changes of plane at intermediate points.

Therefore, in case I have to cut things closely--i.e., grab a flight that I might miss if I stopped to phone or wire you--I think I should warn you that there is at least a possibility that I will turn up in Los Angeles sometime late (or very late) Friday night, without having had an opportunity to let you know in advance. If so, I would plan to phone you from the Los Angeles airport when I do disembark there--although I hesitate to do so in the middle of the night. If it is very late, perhaps I can get some sleep in an airport hotel (if there is one) and call you in the morning on Saturday.

A newly-found friend and researcher, Dick Sprague, will be in Los Angeles Saturday and Sunday, the 14th and 15th; he already arranged to see Ray sometime on Saturday. He is a very nice man, I think (I've seen him only twice--once for lunch, and then he accompanied me and gave me much moral support at the Barry Gray radio program). I have given him your telephone number, if he should wish to reach me in Los Angeles on Saturday.

I absolutely must fly back to New York on Sunday because as you know I am temporarily in charge of my office and must be present Monday morning without fail. I hope that I will have no difficulty getting a seat on the plane--perhaps I can arrange that when I arrive in L.A. from Vancouver.

Is any of this intelligible? I close with the hope that I will be seeing you again, at long last, in about 3 or 4 days, in Los Angeles, and that you will bear with the uncertainty of my plans for arrival and that I will give you no cause to regret the visit.

This will reach you too late for a reply or phonecall so if there is an urgent need to reach me, it will have to be in Victoria. I don't know what hotel I will be in but if you can person-to-person to Gordon Pollard (the man who tendered the invitation and made all the arrangements) he should be able to put us in touch or at least give me a message. Pollard's number is (Area code 604) 385-4707, at home. I do not know the University number but his stationary is "Alma Mater Society of the U of Victoria, Student Union Building, U of Victoria, B.C."

Until Friday or Saturday (I hope), all my love and warm anticipation of seeing you again,