After writing the note to you last night I returnod to the livine soon, where "il uta kaittine, and told har what I'd writtan. She said, "Goodi I wish I thought she could come. I tould like very rach to see her." these are apyrodinate but faithifol words. Suhconsciously whe was sqying more. I say it consciously.
As a result of the kind of life ve have had forced upon us, boginiting with the intruaions of helicopters and sonio boons into our bucalic tranquility, and perhaps more, by the way people have treated us, LIl has tonded nore ani more to vant less and less to do with people.. I can't and don't sey her feelinge are unjustified, for they ars, of the recent things you know enouch, if not all . So, we see too few poople. It fan't zood. I see anre because I get aronnd wore, It is a very rane thing when she wante to viait anyone, and the infrequent occascians are generally on wy initifitive.

There are fer people in whom ahe has any interest, few she really trusts or likes.
You are one of these fev. It is that staple. Ifvess she just took to youl rieft off the bat.

So, what I an also seying is that this invitation is not as monlfish as it way seem. I do Indeed think it would be good for you to get ews, end that here would be good for you. But I quate selfish in sesing it mould also be gocd for us, perticularly for Lill. And I would hope yoi ufght do it for more than a veekend. For all of ws, the three.
Unless therex se something of which I do not know, I belicve it tould be good for your fanily, too. lou are too stronc, too dependable, too alvays-thero, too available. That you have had to be is one thringe But it can't continue forever, and they all have to learn to be more seli-reliant, to stand alone as, ultumately, all will have to.

Hicht now there are more than the usual problems. hmone these in the failure of our lagyer to do even the minthum in pur demege suit aifinist the government, and it is, inveitably, depresadus for her and fortifies her distrust of pookle.
a couple of veeks aco the local papers had a party in a beautiful spot neas which we used to live. It was for those who had been the subject of colvmase by one who for these papers passes as a columint. She really didn to wht to co. Centle I oesed her thto egreenent to go. Actually, she enjoyed it. She met for the first time the vife of one of the funtor euitors. They also hit If right off. She told me as we left that she liked that woren. And thin woman had guite oponly said pretty much the same thing, not privately, and sugested that we get together. Lil has done nothing toward this end, not even the one tine I autuested it.

Yesteriay, wien we returned (rom DC, where she had her amual chechap (lo.k.), I, vent to the post office, which is accross the street from the pepers' offices. She couldn t gee me from whare I parked. I went in and spoke to this uditor about our getting together. e told no that his wife also had taken to Lil insediately, and we will bo enginoering somethine soon, with or without the overt leadership of the wosen. but unfortwnately, this is the only way it can or will hapien.

Fou have only a sliget notion of how bed our situation 1s. This elves you a gilseer of soictiting other than the financial acuteness. and that is so bed that oven when we have taken the settlement for dire damge to our Hyattatom property aniput it on ficiediate and pressing obiligntions, Inl docsn't see hov we can make ta it to the first of the year, when she hes short-term and low-paid employment. Raturaliy, the finsmeial situation adis to the opyressiveness she feels I think much more than I. (And as a result our rittom property is ontirely uminsured-minsurable because we have 't the money to malder these repairs.)

He have to linave shortly for a brief period, so with the fragent of tine, I aid this oxplanation to the invitation. I do hope you can aake it. And I thini wih goos to all the $D C$ area airports. If there is a battar flight to Priendahip, the difference for ne is minutes only. It and Dulles micht be better for you in that there is greater IHkelihood of non-stops froa where you'd originate. However, whon hirley was here, she had a nonstop from St. Louls to Mational.

Soeaking ot Whirley, whin I wes in St. 1 in trigy to confront Cerold Irank, she anit San met ne at the airport. We had a drink and supper together. I carrind m "spy cmanc and took a couple of snapshoto of tiem Crame out ervat. Considerinc everything, both look event.

Best to you in your oun unonviable situation.
Sinceraly,

