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January 1st

15. North Court
12.5 am
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My darling

We have just listened to the New Year arriving on the wireless & I must write to you - just a line.

I had the most curious sensation of hearing the beat of a train like one does in a sleeper all the time as though I was with you in it. This is probably all hooey & you may still be in Paris, but if you are travelling perhaps it was a mental contact of some odd sort.

Anyway, my sweet, whether that nonsense is right or wrong makes no odds & I send you my thoughts & wishes & love on a huge scale.

"Sink" rang very kindly to say you had got safely to Paris. I have not written before as we have been enveloped in thick fog almost ever since you left. It is clear to-night for the first time.

Miss Kentish rang this evening to wish me a happy new year (very nice, but I do see what you mean about her!) She & Khaki went to the airfield & were sent back to-day & are trying again to-morrow.

You will probably know all this by the time you get this so I am just yattering.

I feel much more as though I know as though I know your surroundings now I have seen your 'chaos' - to say nothing of your American secretaries!! Actually She was charming I thought - screaming with sex!

It is awful to think that you are not in Nuremberg yet when it seems some years since you left.

I hope the Embassy was fun - or at least an experience of worth.

I shall probably add more in the morning & then take your 'ciggies' (which reminds me I am dining with Cunliffes to-morrow!!) & a note from Charles Petrie with his 'George Canning which may pass an evening when you are not listening to Khaki's conversation or cough!

My darling I hope 1946 is going to be terrific for you & I feel it is. I send you my love with my hopes,

Sylvia

Jan. 1st. 2.30.

Darling,

These are just off to Church House. I feel rather mad that Khaki has probably flown but I hope you were not too foully uncomfy & cold. It is artic here & must be pure hell in Nuremberg.

Gerald Renanton got a knighthood in the New Year honours - I suppose he has been doing more than one knew. Anyway I have written to her

Again my dear love, darling

Sylvia

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January 2nd

15 North Court
SW1
Jan. 2nd

My own darling

When I feel the temperature in London I am terrified for you. I can hardly bear being warm in the flat!

It was so awful missing you last night. I was (no ink) in by 10.10 & little Pammie was in a terrible flap because I had missed you.

I suppose planes will fly but I don't feel certain & I hate to think that you may not be hearing from me.

Hat & Mo went with a friend of the Stevensons to a night performance of Peter Pan last night - It was a huge success & they loved it & are none the worse thank goodness.

3rd January

Thank you a million times for your letters and also for sending the "ciggies" and Charles Petries book. It is extraordinary what you say about feeling the beat of the train because I was in the train and lying awake extremely cold and unable to sleep. Your invariable thought for others, and especially for me, must have telepathised and caught up how much I was wishing that I could have been with you.

As you say the Embassy was an interesting experience. The Duff Coopers could not have been kinder especially considering that he and I were never friends and that he hates the even the shade of poor Neville Chamberlain like hell. They asked the usual lot of people that you and I have met at every embassy in London - M Gurber and the Countess Piffilly and all the rest. The house itself which Wellington bought in 1814 without waiting for Treasury sanction - is beautiful. My bedroom had a Sargeant sketch of Lady Diana at nineteen which was at once a joy and skeleton at the feast. Now she is a lively old trout. Moreover they opened the Louvre and I saw some Monet. Monet and Gaughin which made me wish that you were there as well as the headless victory and the Venus (extremely good at a distance) and the famous smile which I regret made me think of "You're the Top." There was a David even worse than the one of Charlotte's which Melford used to have. Madame Racainier - pretty 'art stopped short on the cultivated count.' We walked for two and a half hours after which I stiffly crawled to a good lunch. Final cruddery the cocktails were hot but in fairness the bath water was also.

I have described the haywaining ride on the train. The five hour drive with Lawrence was quite pleasant.

When I got here I had the other ranks collected and made them a little speech about how grateful I was for all the work - which is really magnificent- that they had done over the holidays, three quarters of a million sheets of paper. It must be almost as good as a carter for you to read it.

Khakis cough is much worse. I am really sorry - for him. However he is going to visit the local hospital and I must be philosophic.

Miss Kentish returned a little regretfully but will "settle" all right I think.

John Barrington is a tower of sanity in the billets and apart from the disadvantage in paying 1/3 of Khaki's drink will enjoy it I think.

What about Charles Hodgson OBE? Words fail me. Harry Phillimore has got the same. I have made a note of people to whom to write which I shall try & do.

How clever of you to find and write to Gerald. I think I told you the story of myself as a small boy reading about King Arthur and wanting to be a knight, and then my father making some dirty crack about second

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rate aldermen knighted. I said to my mother "I think I shall be an Earl." An honours list always rouses the feeling slightly.

However, this is very small beside my anxiety to get home and lead a life where I shall not be separated from you. You must step on to a plane as soon as you have rested after the holidays and thereafter we must finish off this trial and get back. In the meantime accept all my love and millions of good wishes. Distribute some to Pam & Mo.

Your very loving

David

PS I hope that Cyril was not too boring. I was sorry not to have a word about "Sinclair's papers."

Jan 3rd

There seemed no more to say last night but I like to write a few words.

Just now (about 2.30) Tommy rang & said that Malcolm had died to-day of a heart attack. Isn't it a horrible thing? Tommy seemed to want you to write some obituary message for the press. You know how xxx he always is but it might be a good idea. I shall wire Mrs Malcolm & try to get onto Patrick Buchan. He plans to find out what they think of doing about wreaths. This is dreary topic but you will want to know.

It gets colder & colder. I hope to heaven you are alright. I do worry about you so & long for news.

I enclose a letter from Charles Hodgson who came bounding in for a drink last night!

All my love to you & let me know soon that all is well with you

Your own

Sylvia

5th January

Saturday 6.25 (5/1/46)

My dearest darling,

I got your sweet letter written on the 2nd & 3rd a short time ago. We are in the middle of a tremendous rush getting the briefs and document books which run to hundreds of pages with regard to the individual drfts and I am therefore sending a short note to enclose all my love & good wishes, and also a note with regard to Malcolm which I hope is what is deserved.

It is really not so cold here so do not worry too much.

The French & Russians are starting their first real trouble on Monday.

I have not been able to do Mo's story but I shall try and do some to-night.

Sweetheart when I try and analyse why this place has suddenly become awful I realise that it is not seeing you after having been with you a week.

As soon as the holidays finish you must come out. I shall lay it on & teleprint everyone on earth to secure it.

In the meantime all love to you with some for Pammie and Mo. Pam will understand I was delighted to hear her although sorry to miss you

Again my love

David

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15 North Court
Great Peter Street
SW1
Jan. 5th

My darling one

It is only a week since you were here & it seems like several years. I am afraid you may not be hearing from me as I am not hearing from you, but the weather has begun to improve so that may be remedied soon.

Pam has written to you & is enclosing it with this note from me. There is very little news - you know the round & there is nothing to say about it.

I long to have your outside interest to stimulate me.

Pam will have told you, no doubt that she heard from Oxford. We are not letting her reading lapse.

Michael Morris is coming to supper to-morrow & Jim Forster to tea. I think Pam is really happy & enjoying her holiday. She looks so much better.

Good-bye my darling & all my love as always

Sylvia

6th January

Sunday evening (6/1/46)

My dearest Sweetheart,

I wrote you a word yesterday to thank you for your darling letter and to try and let you have my obituary on Malcolm before it was too late. I really am awfully sorry about his death. Who will hold our ranks together?

What fun for Mo and Hat going to a night performance of Peter Pan. The first Act never fails whatever they may think of the rest. Harry Phillimore's little girl of three had to be taken out whenever Captain Hook appeared on the stage. Embarrassing for the kind friends who took her but entirely comprehensible.

The snow has not yet reached Nuremberg. John Barrington and I drove over to Munich to-day where there had been a considerable fall. The Braun Haus is a field with a lot of stones and apart from the Town Hall none of the other beautiful (pen ran out) public buildings has got a roof. Sightseeing even when swanning is not very exhilarating in these parts.

The French and the Russians are objecting to the order of our presentation to-morrow, and further the French have produced 108 new documents in the last 2 days after I had undertaken to get their documents translated into English. They will have to take what the German autobahn poetically calls an "ausfahrt" for themselves.

I realise how much I was counting on Christmas during the time before I came home. Still I am determined that you will come out and that will brighten my whole existence. Col Turrall gave me a book called "We the accused" to read. I read 72 pages in 15 minutes and felt nearly suicidal. Shabby genteel psychological analyses - just my cupper.

However this must end some time so one must keep happy and gay till then.

I never told you that I had an unexpected pleasure on my return. I found your letter of the 25th November when Pam had just come back from her pre-exam week end. You were sweet enough to say that she enjoyed the Wishing Doll. Talking of the latter I have written Chapter 8 in an attempt to explain how some more magic was found. The rhyme on page 2 is rather reminiscent of Samuel Smiles 'Self-help' but I do

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not think the lesson can be too often rubbed in and it was addressed - I say it to you only - as much to myself in moments of Nuremberg depression as to Mo.

Well my belovedest once again all my love and please distribute two kisses as usual to Pam & Mo.

Your very loving

David

7th January

15 North Court

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Jan. 7th 1945

My own darling

I still have not heard from you & I do hope you are alright. I know really it is only planes & weather which stop the letters, but isn't it hell without them? I am sure you are 'eyes' with work & I do hope that John's presence has been an improvement in the home.

I am taking Miranda to a party there on Thursday.

To-morrow Joe is taking Pam & myself to lunch & a film as he has to entertain a nephew who is a pure mathematician. Just my type I should think! Anyway Pam is pleased & it will be nice.

Michael (who was here last night) sent a special message of his love. He was very Michaelist all evening but is really a honey.

My life is bounded by the house & the young & there is little to say. Term starts soon so we can again raise hell about your chambers.

Two things which I forgot to tell you.

1) *They say at the P.O that you cannot send money to Canada as it is not in the Stirling block. So that is that & I shall have to let Louis know. I do not see that one need go to great lengths to get it out to him, do you?*

2) *I have got myself a lovely bag with your Christmas present. It cost 12 - 12 - 0 & I do not suppose that I should have got it except for Pam's insistence, but it is beautiful & I long to bring it out to Nuremberg.*

I don't suppose you will get this in time to be of any use even if you do think of telephoning but I shall be out on Thursday. Pam is going to Ann's for the night & Melford has offered to give me dinner out as it is not a Mrs. Wilson night. Otherwise I don't seem to have - or want - much social evening life.

Good bye, my sweet. I think of you so much & long for news.

8th January

Jan. 8th

Your most welcome letter arrived this morning & I must add a word of thanks before taking this to Church House.

I think the tribute to Malcolm is grand & I am posting it on now to Tommy. You are wonderfully good about these things.

It is not so cold here now. I hope it has not moved on to Nuremberg.

*Again my love
Sylvia*

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9th January

Wednesday 9/1/46

My dearest Darling

I was most upset to hear from your letters of the 5th and 7th that you had not heard and then to hear from your supplement of 8th January that you had only got the letter with the obituary of Malcolm. In fact I wrote to you on

Wednesday 2nd Jan sent off 3rd January

Thursday 3rd Jan sent off 4th January including the PX to Mo

Saturday 5th Jan sent off 6th January including the obituary of Malcolm which you got

Sunday 6th January including an instalment of The Wishing Doll

It really is a bit hard but everything is taking a turn for the inefficient at the moment. The British War Crimes Executive have got kicked out of Church House to Lansdowne House Berkeley Square so that someone may have (got) into a flap in preparation and used the letters for another purpose.

Out here the men are a bit stale and the work has not the crisp efficiency which it had formerly. They still work very hard but things are just not followed up so that they go wrong. People do not get things or do not pass them on if they do and no one follows up to see if they have.

Despite this my presentation of the case against Ribbentrop went quite well. I don't suppose you listened to the wireless last night but they had quite a piece about it.

I have not heard a word from Gilbert. He has not told me whether Barnes had paid the £1365 or whether my salary or anything else has been paid.

He really is an old devil. Alternatively it means that nothing has been paid then it is time we had a showdown with Tommy Barnes. If he is not going to agree fees or pay I might as well come home or at any rate make a strong threat of so doing. I hope that Gilbert shows a little nous about the chambers. If he is going to be inefficient as well as depressing it is "wather too much."

I was very interested in Pam's letter with yours yesterday. I am glad that they have written from Oxford and suggested some books. I am also glad that she enjoyed the Sainsbury's and also to hear about her being about to meet "Musher" again. Tell Pam I shall try and write at the week-end.

John has been charming in the house. He is a charming chap. His only trouble is that he is too modest to express an opinion.

I hope that you enjoyed Joe's mathematician and that he did not prove to be too pure. Thank Michael for his good wishes. Do not please bother about xxxx. It seems a very good answer and excuse especially if you could let him know.

I am very glad that you bought a bag even if Pam had to press you.

There is no news here but I hope that this mail will get into order, and that you will get this letter. It carries as always all my love but give Pam & Mo a kiss.

Your very loving husband

David

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PS I suppose that you have not got the letter in which I asked if Melford could have a look in the 2nd hand book shop on the right of Chancery Lane as you go up from the Strand to see if there is still a 2nd hand copy of the Southern Germany Baedeker including Nuremberg.

15 North Court
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Jan. 9th

My darling

I had a most wonderful day yesterday with 3 letters & your PX from you. It was such a joy to hear again, & to get your most amusing account of your visit to the Embassy. It was an experience I envy you in many ways.

Evidently you made a huge success of your Ribbentrop speech. The accounts in the press & on the wireless were most complimentary. I enclose the Times in case you do not get it.

It would indeed be wonderful to step on to a plane. I wonder if I shall ever shake off this extreme tie up, at moments, but I know that will pass - although having Pam at home makes a big demand.

However, if you can fix it when you are less busy - if you ever are which seems extremely doubtful! - I shall take a chance & leave everything & be entirely selfish.

You & all your team must be doing a horrendous job, I hope you will get one of your press boys to write it up 'without tears' for the public. Mentioning the enormous pre court work involved & the quality of sifting research. I am sure it would do good to these ruddy ignorant people here.

I am going along myself to look for your Baedeker of South Germany this afternoon & if I find it I shall send it with this letter.

I do hope Khaki's cough improves. It is simply awful for you. I do think we both owe ourselves & our nervous systems a nice rest together in the spring. When shall we go?

Take care of your dear self & when you can, let somebody else do some work & save yourself up.

All our love to you & especially mine

Sylvia

11th January

15 North Court
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Jan 11th

Darling, I am going to take this to Lansdowne House to-morrow in the hopes of a plane. 'Sink' said there would not be another one till Monday owing to the move. Isn't it madly inconvenient of them to go so far away?

I suppose 'Sink' will be with you now if weather has permitted - the lucky swob - & I hope that he is addressing the general gaiety. He is a very nice man & it was sweet of him to come in before he left. If you get this in time will you say how much I appreciated it.

The party at the Barringtons was a great success. There was an excellent conjuror (the one they had at John Nicholas' where I think we went to-gether to fetch Miranda called 'Uncle Harold'). Mo helped with one trick & adored it looking angelic in xxxxx's white dress.

I enclose 2 lunch invitations both of which I have refused saying where you are. I only send them as a matter of interest.

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Pam is back from Ann's & is glad to be warm again, I think, although she enjoyed herself.

The Sunday Dispatch came in this morning about the Wishing Doll. It makes publicity anyway.

I am still pursuing the Baedeker but it had gone from Chancery Lane & seems hard to find. I will find it though in time. There are some about.

It seems useless to say how much I miss you in every letter. In fact I miss you so much that on our general plan it seems selfish to say so. It is really extremely lonely in spite of the crowd.

Bless you, my darling, & I pray to see you soon

Sylvia

January 12th

15 North Court
Jan 12th

My own darling

Your lovely instalment arrived to-day with your sweet letter. You might have written the verse for me - or perhaps I know something again by telepathy. Anyway I decided yesterday that I must be gayer & try to take a trip. I was becoming so dull, & I have tried & your verse (xxxxx xxxxx smiles self help!) reinforces my determination to be nice. I know it is important & at times so very difficult when one feels a bit injured with life. I know you will understand what I mean.

Mo & Pam were delighted with the story & the Sunday Despatch came around to the house & photographed her reading it!

Pam went out to a flick with Miss Eldridge to-day. Miss E, suggests that she might get an 'A.B.C.' of economics at a Polytechnic course. What do you think of the idea, it might be good?

There has been a staggering bill for Mo's school fees which have gone up to 10 - 10 - 0 & lunches are now charged at 3 - 0 - so plus music & dancing it is a pretty expensive education. However it cannot be helped & I think she really is learning now.

I took my first letter to Lansdowne House to-day for the plane on Monday. I hope it goes off alright. Once they start again they should go each day if weather permits so I shall take this up on Monday.

Good-night for now, my sweet

13th January

My dearest angel,

It was a great relief when I had the delight of hearing your voice to know that the letter had at last come to roost, and then to get your letter of the 9th saying it again. I hope that the story and the weeks PX have come to hand by now. I had a serious word with Sink about your coming visit. I think that the best way is for me to ask Lawrence to invite you and then get it confirmed by the Americans. There will no difficulty I am sure. If there is I shall have such an all-fired blitzkrieg that World War II will be a xxxx by comparison. Will you let me know your views on dates? The position of the trial is

Thursday 17/1/46 commencement of the French case

Monday 4/2/46 (I hope) commencement of the Russian case

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Monday 18/2/46 (I hope) commencement of dfc case when I shall be cross-examining.

There are however compensations. If you come during the French or Russian case I shall (I hope) be fairly free and we might be able to do a bit of swanning. If you come later the trial would be more interesting and I am sure that the British delegation would forsake (this word is forsake) Miss Godshaux for a home product with all her qualifications, as described by you, and a great deal more. I am afraid that I simply want you to come soon.

I never got a bigger surprise than when I saw the Times about Ribbentrop. I am not doing my stuff when I say that I have got so used to giving way for some very good reason to somebody that I never thought my presentation would arouse any interest in the Press. The other extraordinary thing was that although I was standing within five yards of Ribbentrop the whole time I never looked at or saw him or any of them. I was too busy putting the documents across. My first news of the effect on the dfnts was when I saw the "Times". The only comment I had heard up to then was Elwyn Jones remark when I mentioned a man called Scheidt "Ah one of my close friends."

I do not know if I told you that we had a spot of bother here between the other ranks and their CO, Lt Col Turrall. He is a very decent chap but a bit hidebound about regulations on things like leave and not very imaginative about providing entertainment for the mixed bag of clerks, photostaters, drivers, batmen signallers and Guardsmen. It was therefore thought a good thing if the Prosecutors - which meant mainly me - threw a party. We did so last night - a band, a singer, a juggler, speeches from myself and Lawrence, a game of net-ball between the prosecution and the Forces and a sing-song round the piano. There was only beer so no one was over the eight. Everyone says it was quite a success. I made up a lot of apocryphal occurrences which had happened to myself and other members of the British team - the American who asked me if it was not very interesting to come to the law after so many years on the Music Hall Stage went over well because they all know Will Fyfe and "I liking too Glasgae". I don't think Khaki minded my story of the man who came up to him and said "I am so glad to find you are still alive, Lord Birkenhead, but I never realised that you were like my old friend Jack Dempsey" or Elwyn Jones the story of the man who congratulated him on not letting the standard of security in the Coldstream go down since he served in the Malubeck campaign of 1882, and congratulated Mervyn Griffith Jones on the new outlook of the Labour Party. Anyway everyone laughed and only Geoffrey Lawrence asked if any of them were true.

Ruth Glover came to see me yesterday to ask if I could get Sergie out. I told her the best thing was for him to ask the "Bystander" to commission him to draw. I ask you! a stateless White Russian.

It was rather nice of old Winston to send me the enclosed cable. I doubt if anything is worth its xxxx but one might keep it until the next move.

I have had a slight cough which has practically gone. I am staying in today to send it right away. It would be useful if you would without too much trouble send some more TCP fairly soon. Khaki's is better in the face of competition!

I hope that Pam & Mo continue to enjoy the holidays, and that you are not too tired from it all. It would be wonderful to see you xxx in here and laying on visits to the blue Danube and even the somewhat grey Grand Hotel.

I hope too, that Melford has a lot of work. I am resolutely refusing to worry about the future. My plan is to start the next financial year with £8000 in hand and have a good holiday with you. If I get into good work in six months - as even Gilbert thought possible - we shall be comfortably off for the year and we shall have time to survey the political scene. In any case all that is so entirely secondary to getting home and living a normal life with you that I cannot get worked up.

I have not seen a paper for three days as the planes have not been coming out. There does not seem much in the political field. If you could send any New Statesmen or Spectators or any heavier monthlies (is this all

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right?) I should be grateful, and shall do my best to produce articles which will herald my return. There is, however, always a considerable amount to do here.

I am afraid the evidence for the defence cannot finish before the end of April unless there is a throwing in their hands by a few defendants. On the other hand yesterday I went to a pre-view of the Russian film in Auschwitz concentration camp. When one sees children of Mo's age and younger in this horrible place and the clothes of infants who were killed, it is worth a year of our lives to help to register for ever and with practical result the reasoned horror of humanity.

This is a long and rambling letter but writing to you is my only time of normality and enjoyment. Everyone - John Barrington, Phillimore, Miss Kentish and even old Khaki who is much improved - are charming but I have an almost irresistible desire to say "Yah boo" to them all as in fairness I should have in respect of anyone except yourself.

My angel once again I send you all the love in the world with a couple of big hugs and kisses for Pam & Mo.

Your very loving

David

14th January

Monday

I got another letter, written on Wednesday, this morning & I do feel so much better for hearing & although I hate to think of you fed up it is relief to know I am not being entirely unreasonable.

I tried to chase up Gilbert this morning but he was out & I'm ringing again but I want to take this to Lansdown House with some shoes I have got you & a Baedeker which won't be much use I'm afraid. I was telling Sybil Stein I had been searching everywhere & she insisted on getting this one out of the library. Will you look at it & give it to Kentish to send back. It may be amusing for a passing moment & it was nice of her.

I have rung Bendixious (the women tutors) in Baker Street & they are trying to get one for Pam for 19th century history & Elementary Economics. The polytechnic was no good. It is a full course.

I shall write again to-night & post to-morrow.

All my dear love

Sylvia

15th January

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Jan. 15th 1946

My own darling,

You will have heard by now that I am getting your letters. It does help, I am sorry if I sounded gloomy & grouchy without them.

Yesterday after sending off your boots, letter & Sybil Stein's Guide book I went with Pam to the London Library to see if she could get books & work there. They were charming & a delicious old man - who appeared to know all about you - said that she could use the reading room (although it is only meant for members & wives) whenever she liked. It is a very nice room with perfect silence & a reference library. So she should work well. She found & has brought home 3 books on Philosophy which she wanted - we have

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not heard again from Bendixous but we have it all in train & she is going to start work on the 28th, she says. I also found the right Baedeker which I send on so let Miss. K return the other if it is no use.

I rang Gilbert & heard that he had written to tell you that the 1300 had been paid & had sent some cigarettes. He was quite cheerful (for Gilbert!) about the chambers so I think all is well.

There was more about Mo & the Wishing Doll in the Sunday Dispatch & this morning after reading it, presumably, she got a book & charming letter from Augustus Muir who says he knows you. Publicity of any sort seems to have results!

I am just going to take Harriet's trunk to Waterloo & then go to Lansdown House with this

The car is still away being repaired & I miss it sadly.

Mo goes back to school to-morrow (Wednesday) & seems to be looking forward to it.

Halsey St. has fallen through for Melford as they will only sell, so we are having an intensive search for flats. He continues to get work so is pretty contented

It would be such heaven to come out to you for a bit. I must be able to dispose of my responsibilities here, though they seem a bit oppressive.

However, on the old basis that nobody is indispensable I shall come out if you & the weather permits. I hope 'Sink's' visit has gone well he seems a nice if slightly dull man.

I must go or this will not get off. All my love, my sweet & let us pray for Easter.

Your

Sylvia

16th January
Wednesday Morning

My dearest darling

Thank you very much for your two lovely letters. I hope that you have by this time got my long if not very exciting letter of Sunday. I believe a plane went out yesterday.

Lawrence has agreed to ask you and all that remains is to get his invitation O.K'd by the Americans which I trust, in the interests of British American relations, will not be difficult. Lawrence agreed last night so I am getting moving. Sink is most co-operative - I told him how much you appreciated his coming in before coming out. I, of course, want you to come out as soon as possible after the end of the holidays but you must suit your own plans and arrangements for Pam & Mo. They will both heartily approve of your going and then snuggle up to you for days after you have made your arrangements. Still you must be firm and let me have a little time.

I don't know what you did with Gilbert but I have had two letters from him recording receipt of cheques to the value of £1580. You need not bother about Mo's fees or any expenditure of your own.

I have had a letter from Tommy asking me to write to him at length about the Conservative Circle idea. It is quite right and proper of him but rather amusing that he should send it via chambers. He obviously thought that, if he sent it to you, you might not let me be bothered. However one must orientate one's self to these matters which seem so far away.

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I told John how much you and Mo had enjoyed the Party and he was very pleased. Apparently Peggy subsequently developed 'flu which is bad luck. I hope that neither of you got any germs. I remember how good that conjuror was at John Nicholas' party.

It was very good of Sybil Stern to get the copy of Baedeker out of the library. It is, of course, the wrong volume as you had discovered but it is none the less sweet of her and I return it with real gratitude and many thanks.

It is extraordinary that Wishing Doll comes to life again. Lawrence and his marshals had seen the article, I assume in the Sunday Dispatch about the instalments only arriving fortnightly owing to the number of documents to be read. I think that it is all to the good - if it is not a bore for you.

I wrote the above in Court when I was pretending to take a voluminous note about von Shirach in whom I am not very interested. I was then called out to a meeting of chief prosecutors, and I am hoping that Khaki having failed to go this morning has the shame to go back for a piece.

Your second letter dated January 12th was far too modest. You always are gay and nice. I cannot think what everyone, who comes into contact with you, would do if you suddenly were not. Anyway as you saw from my further letter I am not immune to these fits myself. However thanks to your reducing Gilbert to order I am in much better form. I had a letter from Sir Francis Kyffin-Taylor saying that he would help which I have sent to Gilbert. I pity you having to make him do anything except that I am sure that he responds better to direct order than anything else.

I entirely approve of your steps in trying to get a tutor for Pam. I think that Elementary Economics especially is tremendously important. The other great thing is to have somewhere definite to go. I think I did suggest that you got in touch with Donald about the London library. It is supposed to be a heavenly place to work.

As I said there is no need to worry about Mo's school fees. I hope the little angel enjoys it. I have got an idea for the next chapter but I doubt if I shall be able to write until the week-end.

The shoes were an absolute god-send. I was wearing the tight ones and the difference the new ones have made to my comfort is almost unbelievable.

I've just been summoned to a Press Conference so I shall send all my love & thanks.

Your letters mean everything in my life

Your very loving

David

Wednesday 2nd letter

My dearest Darling,

Thank you for the third marvellous letter this week and the Baedeker which arrived this afternoon. I feel absolutely on top of the world and at least 10 years younger and infinitely saner.

I am so glad about the London library which I mention in my last letter. I have also dealt at length with Gilbert.

Augustus Muir's brother Neil was a playmate of mine when I was about eight.

The second main purpose of this letter is to say that if you can fix the dates he will fix that you get two signals one from the Lord Justice and another from the Americans asking you to come out.

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Armed with these O'Neill will see you on to a plane and the next thing you will be here.

Oh my darling do come

Your very loving

David

17th January

15 North Court
SW1
Jan. 17th 1946

My dear darling

I got a most gloriously long letter from you this morning written after your party which sounded really good. Your jokes seemed tremendously funny to me - & I did not believe that one of them was true! Also the cable from Winston which is a most heartening surprise & well worth keeping.

It would be heaven to come out & be 'laid on' even to the extent of being driven to Court & a few evenings of talk together would restore my sense of values more than anything else.

I am not quite sure how to arrange things here. Pam thinks she could managed the flat for 10 days if Mrs Eilson bold in & Melford dined out, but if she weakened they could always go to an hotel. I think about February 15th could be done as far as I am concerned but I will fit in with any date you say. It seems wise to leave it as late as possible as flying would be more regular & certain when this awful cold is over. I am worried about your cough & I am sending off 2 bottles of T.C.P. If this ghastly east wind has reached you for heavens sake be careful.

I shall write more to-morrow as I must get this to Berkely Sq before I send Hat off.

Oh darling All my love & take care of yourself

Sylvia

18th January

Friday 18th January

My sweetest angel

Thank you very much for your sweet letter enclosing Pam's and also for the two bottles of TCP. They will come in very useful because although the cough is improving the cold has rather "come out" and assault, assault et tourjours l'audace is the only way to deal with it. I shall in over the week-end and all will be well. Poor old Khaki has had his eleven remaining teeth out and I am terribly sorry for him but it certainly doesn't leave room for another invalid in the house and I am not going to become one. He is a funny chap. He more or less forced the Americans to take them out more nothing and now has no prospect of a "plate" and will have to live on liquids which will be very novel and strange.

A Swiss female journalist came to see me this morning to criticise de Menthon's speech. she was a rootless left intellectual who talked like xxxx Cunliffe and criticised his philosophic bases. After I had argued with her she got up to go. I found that rootless left intellectualism is bad for the figure. This woman had a pretty face but legs that were worse than Cyrils, worse even than Prue Goddards and one derriere which out Epsteined Genesis . And unbalanced mind may unbalance all.

Although of course I should like you to come at once, I think that there is a great deal to be said for the middle of February. It will give you time to get the new normal arrangements of term time running and to

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plan the house arrangements during your absence. As I told you Peter Carson says that there should be no difficulty. The 15th February is actually a Friday if my arithmetic is right so that would give you a week and two weekends which would be heaven. I fear the Russians will still be on but as I have already pointed out that will give us some time to swan and the weather will be better.

Miss Kentish told me that Mrs Douglas had told her that "she and her friends" including Mr Justice Jackson were going for a few days in the country "taking their work with them". I am afraid I smiled and only partially covered by saying that I did not think they would work very hard. Well! Well! Well!

Tell Mo the French case is going faster than I hoped. They have really tackled it reasonably. Also tell the dear lamb that I shall do my best to produce another chapter to-morrow and Sunday.

There is very little news. I am in the middle of a memorandum on what Dick Clyde used to call "Organisistskys" for the "Americans" but apart therefrom we shall have a fairly easy time for a bit as far as work is concerned.

My sweetheart, there is very little news except to say again how much your letters mean to me and how much I long to see you. I cannot imagine the trial will ever finish but I suppose that sometime we shall regain normality.

Till then once again as always all my love

Your very loving

David

19th January

*15 North Court
Jan 19th*

My own dear love

You have been clever & persevering about my visit. The chief pleasure is that you must really want me to come out as much as I want to come.

In a short & hurried note I suggested Feb.15th but it could easily be earlier - & the sooner the better for me too. How right you are about the children's approach to my visit - especially Pam, but they are perfectly capable of looking after themselves & will probably enjoy it in some ways. Anyway I am xxx selfish about this, & I think one can exaggerate one's importance in keeping things going.

I have now fixed that Nannie will take next weekend off & then she can jolly well stick around for a week or two. Mrs. Wilson will stay & their won't be much cooking. Melford can go to the Garrick every night for a treat!

I am thankful that Gilbert has come to heel a bit. He can't do enough on the telephone at the moment.

I have had to pay 17 - 10 - 0 for the car tax which is a fair bit but I could not use the car without when it is repaired.

Moons is open again & I have booked some space so the poor old car might have a chance now. If ever you could ring up & we could have a cautious word about my visit I should love it, but I realize it is a bit tricky in many ways.

They have been charming at Lansdown House & arranged for me to take my letters to the foreign office instead of trapesing to Berkeley Square. It is most considerate. I feel Sam O'Niel will lay me on awfully well when he gets word & I do long for it.

How is your cough, my sweet? I worry about that.

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Pam is in Liverpool for the weekend & returns on Monday. I have had another go with a calendar & now suggest Feb. 8th (I keep to Fridays as a weekend seems desirable) & if I stayed for a fortnight I should have some time with you - & possibly some cross-examining about which I do not care much one way or the other. If you have, however, layed on the 15th, the 15th will still be fine! Oh darling, won't it be heaven?

All my love, & thank you for your beautiful long letters which help me more than you know.

I will send off books on Monday

Your own

Sylvia

20th January

Sunday night

My dear and only love,

There is not much that I can add to my letter of Friday except to forward Chapter 9 of "The Wishing Doll". I hope that it is not too dull. I think that Miranda knows and likes "Jack o'Hurlyledean " which is the basis. I think that the song is in the Golden Treasury if it is wanted but it is almost all quoted. Ask Pam to forgive the anachronising.

My cough is practically gone. I stayed in yesterday afternoon and last night and have also stayed in all to-day. In addition to the chapter I have done the memorandum on the Organistkys for the Americans so I have not wasted my time.

The French are doing their case much better than anyone expected. We are going to fit in the balance of our individual defendants on Tuesday or Wednesday. Then we have a few days easier before we start preparing for cross-examination. If we could only get on to the Defence we should feel that the end was within purview if not within sight.

My dearest angel I look forward with immensity of pleasure to the 15th February. It will be wonderful. Until then and always all my love

Your very loving

David

PS Have I thanked you for the TCP? If not, I do now immensely.

Love again

D

21st January

15 North Court

SW1

Jan 21st

My darling, It was devastating that I missed hearing your voice to-day. I was meeting Pam on her return from Liverpool by the 10am train. As it finally got in at 5.50 owing to fog I might just as well have been at home at 2.30 clock!

She was in good order in spite of the journey of the journey & went straight out to the theatre with the McCosh & is not back yet.

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Basil gave a quite amusing cocktail party to warm his new flat. Goldies, Lynskey's Derek Walker-Smith, John Morris & a lot of others were full of questions about you. Derek said that they were crying out for you in the House.

I will send off the Burns to-morrow in the hope that the fog will lift. I do hope you have not got this immense cold but I fear you will have.

I expect you will have seen that Rayner was made L.C.J. & it was announced to-day. Oh, well, my own reaction was one of relief that you were not called upon to take a really difficult decision. I doubt if we should ever have felt really happy if you had abandoned politics now. I hope you feel like this too.

You can't think how I long to get out to you. Believe me nothing but lack of transport will stop me. On the whole I am inclined to believe that everyone is half baked except the Fyfe family!

I cannot find any 'heavy monthlies'(!) at the moment but send the New Statesman, Spectator & one or two odds & ends including the Liverpoolian in case there is any gossip in it.

To-morrow Pam & I are lunching with David Stevenson (Melford's 20 year old cousin) at St. James Palace. He is on King's Guard this week. It should be fun - & anyway interesting.

There is a Queen Charlotte Ball on April 6th to which Mrs Duncan-Barret wants us to take a table with her. I suppose you may not be home even then but I think I should do it, don't you?

Oh dear, I can never write fast enough to say all the things I want to you, it will be a wonderful relief to talk.

Good night, my sweet

Sylvia

23rd January

Wednesday 23/1/46

My dearest Angel,

I have just received your letter of Saturday 19th. I am overjoyed by the idea that you will come out a week earlier for a fortnight and I shall proceed to-morrow to lay that on. The difficulty about ringing up is that we are very thick on the ground with Sinclair in addition to Khaki and John Barrington. I did try to get through last night but the line was too busy. I shall try again, but in the meantime take it that the 8th is D-day.

We are having a slight crisis in that Hess's counsel has had an accident and broken his ankle. As his name is von Rohrscheidt, John suggests that he slipped in the Auspahrt. It may well be true.

I told you I had handed my left intellectual Swiss to Elwyn Jones. He dined with her last night (I must say he calls her Ten Ton Tess) and she told him the story of her life. He says that she was pretty Tchekov but to me she sounded more like the Pink'Un in every sense. I always have a suspicion of women with 40" waists who tell Labour MPs how they have to fight for their honour.

If you got an obscure message from Mrs Wilson it was that I wanted a copy of Burn's Poem. The international Press want me to preside at a Burns dinner on Friday. As, however, somebody is going to propose "The Immortal Memory of Robert Burns" it is not as vital as I thought.

I enclose the PX and a cheque for £100.

All these things are supremely unimportant compared with the thought of your coming out. We shall have a grand time. Pointing out the sights will be fun enough - and we shall try and arrange some less formal parties which will, I hope, not be unamusing.

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I am in the middle of von Neurath but thereafter I shall have some freedom (perhaps -with you) except that Pat Deane has come out to try to get me to indicate how the next trial should function in which I shall have no part. I don't mind being a mug and helping but I hate so being taken for one.

Never mind if you come out I do not care about anything else.

Again all my love

Your very loving

David

26th January

Saturday 26/1/46

My sweetest and most divine Darling,

Thank you a million times for your two letters of 21st and 23/24th which I got on Thursday and Friday. I am most grateful for the periodicals, pamphlets and books and also for the volume of Burns which arrived in time to provide me with some most useful ammunition.

I do sympathise with you and Pam about the terrible lateness of her train. The journey however produced a most amusing letter from Pam describing her visit to Liverpool. There is not much she misses. I felt my own reactions to Robertson Creighton radiate out of every word.

Basil's cocktail party sounds great fun. I have to steel myself to believe that that world exists, but the fact of its existence is of no importance compared with thought that you will be out in less than a fortnight. I have told Peter Casson and he is laying everything on for 8th February. Sinclair will be returning on Monday 28th January. I have told him and he has promised to get in touch with you. I am sure he will but ring him if he does not. You may have been rung by Col Turrall the head of our troops who will have told you - I hope with reasonable clarity - that you are coming out as a VIP guest of Lord Justice Lawrence. He very sweetly thought out this way of dealing with it for himself but I had already thought it out and laid it on before he told me. If he has not spoken to you tell him how wonderful you - and I - think he is.

I could not agree with you more about L.C. Jship. It is a relief that the problem will not arise. After all I am only 45 and Rayner is 67.

I am strong for the Queen Charlottes ball. I doubt if I shall be home but I shall be prepared -as I told Pam to pay for Orchids & champagne for as many as you like. Spare no expense and make it a good party with my love.

I am frightfully glad that the new instalment was such a success. It just happened to run well but I thought Mo would like the sings. I am also glad that Pam and Jenny enjoyed it. The Daily Mail photograph is adorable.

I did not hear Michael's Brains Trust but I can imagine that his incisive manner would be excellent.

The Times and Telegraph gave me quite a pleasant notice about von Neurath.

The Burns Dinner was a great success. My speech I think went well and everyone was complimentary about the way in which I presided. It is, after all, very nearly 27 years since I first presided at a Burns dinner as President of the Caledonian Society at Oxford so I should have some experience.

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I am sorry that you arm and shoulder have been bothering you. Please have as many Grievances as you think will do you good. I hope that the weather out here will be good for you. It is excellent at the moment. The rest may help us as I sure that it is - whole or in part due to doing too much.

I hope that you got the PX and the cheque for £100 also that you have not missed or I have not missed the part of those 2 bills which owe to me.

Once again my adored all the love in the world

Your very loving

David

15 North Court
SW1
Jan. 26th 1946

My own darling,

It seems a long time since I wrote although it is only two days. In the meantime your lovely PX has arrived with biscuits amongst it which was a huge success. Oh, my darling this is one of the nights when you seem to have been away such untold years. I think perhaps one gets a subconscious resentment that we cannot at least have our Saturdays.

Anyway I shall come out to you soon & then, please God, the ruddy trial will end & we can return to normal.

Do you think that we really could have a short holiday when you come home? If I said you thought of nothing but work I take it all back. I just did not know it could be such an obsession as it has become with Melford! However, it is all to the good & keeps him happy. I wish it did not annoy me to see anyone else getting it with you away! I am a swob & it does no good to anyone - especially you!

Pam & Mo & I have been down to the Tonge's for the day. Fortunately Miranda liked Caroline immensely & she certainly is a charming & rather attractive little girl. It was all rather a success.

We have fixed Pam's coaching with a Mr. James who is a tutor supplied by Davis Laing & Dick of Holland Park to coach in economics & history. She is going to do 4.15-5.15 on Monday, Wednesday & Friday & read in the mornings. The tutoring is 10/6 an hour but if satisfactory seems worth it. I hope you approve & that Mr. James proves alright. She is starting to work on Monday.

Nannie is away this weekend, but really it makes extraordinarily little difference. Mo is terribly good & so very gay & game about everything.

I wonder what you are doing now. Probably in your house & thinking of bed like me. I do hope your cough remains better.

Rayner rang up on Thursday & said he had heard from you. He is a grand old man & very changeless with success. He does not seem able to become pompous for which we give high marks, although he is obviously delighted.

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27th

It was so wonderful of you to ring this morning & confirm the 8th. I cannot tell you how much I am looking forward to it. Parties will, of course, be fun but just being with you & laughing at ourselves & others is all I really ask.

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I am terribly sorry I was so mad about your letter. The paper wrapping the PX had got stuck down to the bottom of the envelope with your letter underneath. I had looked carefully I thought as I had rather hoped for a letter that day.

Thank you, too for the cheque. There are one or two things outstanding which I will pay.

If 'Sink' does not ring me soon I shall ring him & perhaps ask him to dinner in the hopes of a lot of 'laying on'!

I enclose a letter from Pam & one or two things of possible interest.

All my love, my sweet

Sylvia

P.S. I was just leaving for the Foreign Office when Gilbert rang to say the Chambers are yours. I will give you details when I write to-night. But I am so delighted I had to open this letter to tell you. S

*15 North Court
Great Peter Street
SW1
Jan. 27th*

My own darling

Isn't it nice to think that chambers are fixed? Gilbert is honestly delighted & getting on with the job - in a slightly Gilbertish way! I am taking round Duffin this afternoon with a view to getting on with the painting & then we can get the bookcases up

Gilbert is - very wisely, I think - getting estimates for 2 power points & the telephone is in so you may have a happy & normal few years after this - & how I long for them. I find all this gets harder to take as time goes on. I do know how you feel about being 'taken for a mug,' it so exactly corresponds with my feelings. I cannot believe that I shall see you in just over a week, it is too good to be true.

If this gets to you in time could you send back some library books, they are rather reluctant to part with any more until some come back & there is a new Michael Innes I should like to bring out for you.

Pam had a most successful morning in the London library where they were all very nice to her & to-morrow she begins her coaching so we have not wasted time. She is a tremendous Fyfe & hates wasting time.

I am sure we should spend a bit of money making the chambers nice. You owe it to yourself & you know I get an immense pleasure out it & it will be a reward for me too.

I send on this letter from Charles. I feel a bit of a cad because I opened it to 'see what I wanted' & find it is really very nice - if a bit out of date in style!

Pam is coming in for lunch these first few days as she gets very hungry after not working for a time.

Do you remember a strange woman called Babs Foster who used to play tennis with us at Hill House - a blonde? She has written asking me to go to lunch at xxxx at which Lady Louis Mountbatten is speaking on Thursday. To show you how bored I am I am going. It will at least be odd. One of those two boys is in the Fleet Air Arm & the little one at Harrow - aren't we old?

This beautiful block was sent here for 'Major Neville.' I feel he would like it to be used.

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All my dear love, my sweet

Sylvia

30th January

15 North Court
SW1
Jan.30th 1946

My darling,

Your sweet & welcome letter of Saturday arrived to-day with the library books. I will try to get the new ones off to-morrow. I am sorry I was so barmy as to enclose the bills! I was so keen to get all the bits & pieces to you that I went too far! You will be relieved to hear they are both paid by now.

I am sitting with Mo listening to Children's Hour. She is very sweet, a conversation at breakfast this morning might be a slight compensation to you in moments of doubt. I was talking with nannie about proper - especially me - having bad manners & Mo said "Daddy hasn't bad manners" & Nannie replied 'You mustn't judge ordinary men by your Daddy, they aren't like him at all.' It was perfectly straight & rather sweet I thought - Gosh, how I agree with her!

We had a most successful session in your chambers. Gilberts seemed to like Duffin & we have made lovely plans with which he is getting on. Your room really ought to be very nice indeed. I will 'tell more' next week when we can talk & think about it!!

I am glad the Burns dinner went well. I am sure you were grand.

I enclose a form to fill up for Georgette. I told you that she had given your name, didn't I? All you can say is 'good' to everything (which it probably is!), and sign it I should think. Also a letter from Topping which is rather nice.

11pm

As I was writing this 'Sink' arrived for a drink. He was perfectly charming & had obviously adored every moment of his stay which he painted in such lurid social colours that if I did not trust you so much I should think your life was one long round of gaiety & vice!! Anyway, it had all been a huge treat to old Sink & he greatly endeared himself to me by saying you were the best liked man in Nuremberg by all nationalities. Very fair I must say.

He had, I am pretty sure, come to sell me that I should go out to you on the 10th, instead of the 8th. General Leys (?) is coming out on the 10th & they must have the Dakota without fail.

I said what seemed required of me (which we are apparently unable to help doing whatever our feelings!) that it made no difference to me as long as you understood. He promised to ring you to-morrow & I hope he makes himself clear. I suppose it is true that 2 days do not matter in so long & I am certain of being layed on with a military VIP around.

Pam had enjoyed her coaching a lot - Mr. James is a socialist of about 25 who - reading between the lines - took a good view of Pam. It should all develop her thoughts & ideas which is our main object & she is more likely to convert him than he to convert her.

All my love, my sweet

Sylvia

31st January
Thursday

(31/1/46)

JANUARY 1946

My dearest love

Thank you very much for your two lovely letters of the 26th/27th and 29th which arrived last night. Before I say more, Sinclair rang up to-night and told me that, in order to be sure of the VIP Dakota, your date had been moved until Sunday 10th February. I hate to have to wait another two days but I think it will be quite good coming out with Oliver Lease. He was a captain in the Coldstream and a company commander at Bushey when I was there in 1918. He commanded the 8th Army after Monty and in Burma this war. He was a charming man 28 years ago and may be still. But the main thing is that everything will be laid on *prontissimo* at all stages.

I have had one of those days which you describe so ably, to-day; an endless row of people coming in to my room to ask me things and endless politeness to foreigners but far far worse the feeling that this damned show is going on for ever, and that I shall never get away from this collection of twits into the conversation of people who make sense - which is only you.

We shall certainly have a holiday. I counted up that if I come back in May I shall have £3000 for ourselves after providing for all the tax to date and all the expenses for the rest of the financial year 1946 - 47. Therefore we have enough to live on if I do not make 1d at the bar. So why not use it by enjoying ourselves a little.

I am very glad that Melford is doing so well. I am, however, only worried - and that not very much - by the fact that I worry so little to see Raynor and Donald ranges and others getting work. I at last want only to lead a normal life of my own choosing with you (You may choose a little too, said he hastily but you know what I mean).

I am glad that Caroline Tonge - tell Mo I nearly wrote Curling Tongs - went over well.

Pam's coaching sounds marvellous. It is astounding how cheap it is. It makes one feel rather humble.

Sink sounded in very good form despite the paint poisoning from his newly painted room. He had a wonderful time out here - darting from one party to another. He is really a very nice old boy. He was extremely badly wounded in the last war. Joking caddishly, Khaki always puts it "His balls were not shot off but only by less than nothing" It took me quite a long time to discover that we was shot through the thigh.

I am terrifically glad about the chambers, and in spirit (support) you in all your plans. I was so pleased I said to Gilbert "do not worry about the extra months rent. I am far too glad to get them." It was thrilling to learn that you were taking Duffin and I look forward to finding them magnificent.

However as any place where I had not to talk frightful French and try and find a compromise between sanguine foreigners would be heaven. I feel an awful cad because everyone is so nice. John Barrington is wonderful and always pauses expectantly so that I find myself expressing my view, as is wanted, but breathlessly which I do not want. Miss Kentish is always cheerful as if she had just found another worm. Phillimore & Dean come in with the most luminous ideas, and Khaki says "If I may humbly suggest after the kindness of Sir David" until I go to bed and wake saying "Enchante, M'sieur c'est tres interessant, le lemon etait manifique" - themselves in question having spoken - passionately it is true - to a point which has been proved 5 times before. Still we shall get some fun out of it together.

How interesting si n'est pas formidable about Bals Foster. I hope you enjoyed the lunch. Miss Kentish occasionally gets a snob weekly and I look at people in evening dress and wonder where this place much more magical than anything in the Wishing Doll can be.

Tell Mo that I shall do my...(page 7 missing)

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15 North Court
Great Peter Street
SW1
Jan 31st

My darling

This may not be over long as I want to get it over to the foreign office as soon as possible

Yesterday James Stuart's Secretary rang to know when you would next be home & I said probably not until the end of the trial. She has just rung again to say James wants to know if you can possibly get back on the 12th & 13th of this month for the Second Reading of the Trades Dispute Bill? I said I simply did not know, I knew you would if it was humanly possible & I would write & ask you at once. I made the position as clear as I could to them & I know that the time of year makes everything awfully difficult but don't let my visit affect you in any way - it can be any time. It is at least nice that you are needed so much.

Donald rang up & came to dinner last night. You will have seen that he has succeeded McKinnion. He was charming - I do like him so much. He said you would be inundated with work on your return. He seems really happy at his appointment. It was typical that he should think of coming to us the day it was announced & not want to be grand in any way.

I forgot to enclose Georgette's form & do so now.

Gilbert is being most cooperative about Chambers now & they should look lovely for your return.

Forgive this scribble, I shall write more late. Pam has written with her news

All my love, dear heart

Sylvia