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My sweetest angel

I have just received your letter of 22<sup>nd</sup> February - so bad has been our communication with the outside world. Mervyn and the VIP arrived today Mervyn having set out on Monday. I am therefore writing a short letter to thank you enormously in case the VIP plane goes back early tomorrow.

It is sweet the way in which you ask for news and it brings back our lovely ten days. I hope that you have got the letter I wrote on Sunday but suppose it is doubtful.

Things have changed very much. As you may have seen in the Press - I don't know because we have no papers! - I have been revisiting applications for witnesses which meant a considerable amount of preparation and then dealing with the organisations.

Our social life has been confined to the Russian Red Army Day which I described in my last letter and having Niki Volschoff and Gen Gill to dinner last night. I have not been to the Grand since you left. What a wonderful time we had.

I am very glad to hear about Pam and the Socialists. She always turns up trumps. I have just heard very good reports of her from Kenneth Duke and got her message of love. Give her lots from me. It is awfully good of you to encourage her social round as it will do her so much good as well, I hope, as giving her so much enjoyment.

Apart from the other uses of Benson Greenall, I hope that he may assist in getting us a further lease on the flat. My idea of heaven is to be back there with you.

I am very glad that Melford is doing so well.

The jokes however really matter. I don't think there was an hour of your visit when we were not laughing ozone into our system which does so much more good than champagne.

I shall deal with Archie & Wassner . I am frightfully anxious to see the chambers. It will be strange.

My darling I must stop as I have kept everyone working everyday this week and I feel they ought to get off at the early hour of 6.30!

Give my love & kisses to Pam & Mo and accept an enormous balance for yourself

Your very loving

David

**2<sup>nd</sup> March**

15 North Court  
Saturday. March 2<sup>nd</sup>

*My own dearest,*

*I got your glorious long letter written last Sunday this morning. I cannot tell you how much it interests & stimulates me to hear about the trial. I feel so very much a part of it even after 10 days. I must say I should love to be there to hear you now that you are doing more, but we could not have had so much fun as we did if you had been so busy.*

*Reports are getting much better now that interest is picking up & your name is constantly in the papers.*

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*Now for one or two home things -*

*1) I gather Tommy has written what must have been a singularly irritating letter suggesting (doubtless in a most round about way) that he would like to come to Nuremberg. I told him it was getting extremely difficult as a great many people had begun to try to get out. This is as it may be but is a story we had better stick to for the moment, I think, don't you?*

*2) I spent yesterday afternoon with Gilbert in the new chambers. He is in tremendous & most optimistic spirits & full of luck about your future. The chambers are taking shape & begin to look very nice. The painting of your room is finished & the books are going from here on Wednesday.*

*3) I showed Lionel Hale your article for the French paper at Melford's request (M thought it wonderful) & Lionel is so impressed he says we must get it into print as it is. It can be anonymous, of course, but he said it had told him so much & set his mind at rest on so many points that he felt it was a real contribution to this country & ought to be done. Tommy is making some copies for me. I hope you do not mind this. It was so impressive that anyone so generally well informed as Lionel should be as ignorant of Nuremberg & so enlightened by your article that I feel it must be right. He has since rung me up about it.*

*Of course Mo understands about the story, she says & all she really wants - like all of us - is you home again.*

*I am sorry about the TCP & enclose another bottle.*

*I hope this is not too long & difficult to read with all you have to do.*

*Please give John & Khaki my love, & with so very much to yourself, my sweet*

*Your wife*

*Sylvia*

**5<sup>th</sup> March**

*15, North Court  
Great Peter Street  
March 5<sup>th</sup> 1946*

*My darling*

*I am writing this in the train going up to Liverpool once more, so it is duty & not gin which makes my writing shaky!*

*Oh dear, how much I want you home - you'll never know. Little Mo keeps saying, 'I want to look at Daddy' & I know what she means. We had a successful dinner with the James (Pam's tutor & wife) at which Tony Shaw assisted us. Melford was working late in chambers. (He finds moderation in anything difficult, evidently, and has now gone entirely to town about work & is worn out!)*

*The weather is stinking & I doubt if planes will be flying at all this week. However, it is March now & soon it must begin to improve & it will make you a lot less cut off from the world - I won't say civilisation as I think you have all there is about in Nuremberg!*

*Did I tell you that I liked Susan Phillimore very much. She is young & very good looking. I think & hope it was mutual as she has asked me to dine next Tuesday.*

*Raynor is coming to dine with me next Wednesday. He is very keen about his new job & so ungrand.*

*We got Pam (as she will probably tell you herself) a beautiful dress for 'Charlottes' for 15 - 15 - 0 in Berkeley Square. She looks lovely in it.*

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*I am receiving guests to-night with Sir Francis Joseph at the Welldoers Dance at the Adelphi. I suppose it is all doing some good. What I really want is to have you home & take a month off doing nothing for anybody. I feel you will be even more ready for it than I shall by the end of your party.*

*I went to Olives for drinks on Sunday to meet a Russian & his wife. They have lived in England for 12 years - but were very Russian. The mention of Rudenko & the other 'boys' was magic with them & I find that his brother is one of the interpreters of Russian into German, a big dark man she says. ( So you can take your choice of dozens!)*

*This is all very dull & I long for news of how you go. It must be getting tremendously interesting now & I know you will no time to spare from work, so don't feel you must write often. I really understand*

*All my love, my sweet*

*Sylvia*

### **8<sup>th</sup> March**

My dearest Darling

It was wonderful to hear your voice yesterday. You were terribly good to pass it on to me. I suppose Tommy is anxious to show what important things are coming up in Liverpool and that there is plenty for me to do. I am sure that there is. Why on the other hand he need ring you up at 1am it is difficult to understand. However one must take him as he is.

I could not be more grateful that I am to you for your work in Liverpool. I told Gorshenin the A.G. of the Soviet Union and he was most impressed. He said "That is a partnership. We have not that in Russia. Women take part for themselves but not for their husbands. Lady Fyfe would be excellent" This means a lot from them.

I am extremely sorry that the picture of you is the East view of Lady Maxwell Fyfe looking west.(The other is a fork supper on Red Army day with Madame xxxxxxxxx and Tommy Dodd). I enclose the photographs and also La Nef with my article. I think it is rather improved by being translated into French. Would it interest Pam?

Despite Winston's speech the party to the Russians was great success. Temperamentally I am against verbal violence but then I am coloured by getting my particular Russians to do my particular job. Everyone including the Russians seems to have enjoyed it.

This is very short in case the plane comes in to day, but it carries all my love and kisses with hugs for Pam & Mo

Your very loving

David

Friday night

My sweetest angel

After writing a very short note this morning to enclose with the photographs and the copy of La Nef. I had the joy of receiving both your letters of Saturday (2dn) and Tuesday(5<sup>th</sup>). I am terribly glad that you still find news of the trial interesting. It was so wonderful when you were here. The whole thing appeared so much more worth doing. I have however had a very interesting week dealing with the applications for witnesses and documents. Although it has been hard work (especially - though one must either be seen or dine at the Savoy - after the Russian party) it has given me a wonderfully comprehensive view of the case and possible line of defence.

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You were so right about Tommy. He said "When can I see you?" or some such words and it only vaguely struck me that he might be wanting to come out. For the moment it is truly difficult. Nick McCuskie is coming from Berlin. Freddy Birkenhead has come out to do a "feature" article for the "Telegraph" and my only reaction is "a plague on both your swannings." It is such a business getting the cross-examination arranged internationally and nationally that I view both their arrivals with irritation almost amounting to horror. I think that the only thing is to stall in the faint hope that things will get easier.

I am terribly excited and pleased about the chambers.

By the time you get this you will have had the chance of seeing my article in French - also the reference to me in the article of M. Edmund Vermeil. I think that translation greatly improves it. I have still a lingering desire that you and Melford and Tommy should lighten it and make it yours. I think it would have great appeal under your name but I believe what it says can be said beneficially to the trial however it is used. If you have the time please make an effort and read Christiann Fedine's article. It is pure poetry.

Again I cannot say how proud and grateful I am that you have done so much in Liverpool. It was most interesting to hear from Susan Phillmore and Rayner.

Pam's dress sounds idyllic. I do wish that I was going to be with you. Talking of dances, however, I long to hear of the League of Welldoers.

I shall keep a look out for the big dark brother of Olive's friend. I am surprised he is not the nice lad that translates Russian into English because Piddle says he is a Prince or a Count (This sentence looks a little odd!) Anyway he once had a title.

I have had a very interesting week keeping the applications for witnesses and documents within bounds. I managed to cut out a lot of dead wood while, I hope, letting the German counsel feel that they had a square deal. I am told that even Frank laughed when I said "This witness is designed to show 'Rosenberg wouldn't hurt a fly. I've often seen him not doing it - not hurting flies'"

The defence started today. They called two dull witnesses for Goering. The first was not too well cross examined by Jackson. He covered the ground but had no form. I had an awful low in the middle of his cross examination when I saw the trial going on until July but he finished fairly soon after, and my xxxx optimism returned.

I should think that Goering's witnesses might finish on Tuesday, he himself give evidence ( I nearly wrote "take the stand") on Wednesday and his case finish on Thursday. When I finish with Rib next Monday or Tuesday (18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>) the back of the case will be broken. BUT I DO WANT TO GET HOME.

Well , darling, give lots of love to Pam and Mo and accept millions of tons of it and kisses for yourself

God bless you

Your very loving

David

*15 North Court  
March 8<sup>th</sup> 1946*

*My darling*

*It was wonderful to have the excuse to ring you up & I hope you did not think I was jittering unnecessarily but there just did not seem an answer for me to give. Old Sink was sweet about it & I have asked him to dine next Wednesday when Rayner is coming. I have asked Peggy Barrington as I thought it might amuse her. She has a stinking time - worse than I do.*

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*It is tremendously exhausting for you to have the social round & the hardwork but on the whole the fun of the social part works out on the credit side I should think.*

*I have just 2 points for you this time.*

*1) Gilbert has heard from Albert & is writing to you himself as to whether you want to take him on again. I said I was sure you did. I think Gilbert's idea is that he should do the work of a secretary (of whom he quite obviously lives in house!) If Albert could work up his shorthand it might work out & I am not sure how K. would do in chambers after this very close social contact with everyone, are you? However, sufficient to the day & the answer required for the moment is - do you want Albert? Gilbert obviously does & I feel sure you never thought of anything else but having her back & I said so.*

*2) Archie Clayton rang & said he had not had his stuff back which I sent off soon after I got home. It is probably the post but really people make me tired thinking you have all day to concentrate on them.*

*Pam has been asked down the weekend after next to stay with Jean Cohen. She has accepted with some reluctance! - & is meeting Jean & Edwin in London & going down with them. I am sure she is right to go.*

*We are all very well & Mo has so far stayed remarkably well & at school in spite of the lousy weather.*

*I think the Welldoers was alright. I drew raffles & auctioned champagne & worked quite hard for them. I had a very nice letter this morning thanking me.*

*I am just waiting for the van to take your books along to Chambers. We look most bare without them.*

*Don't work too hard - or if you do please try to have early parties. It is a long strain remember.*

*We all send our most special love & soon now it will all be over, please God*

*Your own*

*Sylvia*

**10<sup>th</sup> March**

Sunday 10/3/46  
4.40

My dearest Angel

I have just received your lovely letter of the 8<sup>th</sup>. I hope that it is a sign that posts will be getting a little better. I have been working all day on the cross-examination of Goering's private envoy to Britain - the Swede Dahlerus. John like the true gent has looked after Nick MacCuskie. You can imagine what a tremendous pleasure it was to receive your letter as I was having a bit of a low though quite a small one.

May I clear up your points? ( No coupons for brassieres)

1. Albert must certainly be engaged. As you say, I never had any idea of anything else. The real answer to the Mrs K problem is as you say again sufficient unto the day. I entirely agree about the difficulty of fitting into chambers after the odd life here. However I shall get paid over £12,000 for this case in the financial year 1946-47 and should make with a reasonably pessimistic outlook another £5,000 between June 1946 and April 1947. On taxation of such an income it makes little difference whether I pay another £14 a week between Albert and Mrs K. I should think about £45-50. I could therefore keep the latter for a few months and see if she was any good at the House. We did rather mention the idea of her being my political secretary after the trial before she gave up her job. I feel however the perfect secretary would be more learned and political

2) I have sent off Archie Clayton's stuff. I should think the posts must be the cause of the delay.

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I hope that darling Pam is not too bored. It is right and sweet of her to go but I feel for her launching into the blue - the very blue of unknown relations.

You are wonderful - the way in which you have obviously been the success and made the success of the Well-doers Ball.

John has just come in and is tremendously pleased about your invitation to Peggy. He is the very salt of the earth.

Freddy Birkenhead dined with us last night & Nick. Freddy is charming and very much the old friend despite the lapse in years since we met.

Elwyn Jones is coming in to talk about a sod called Koerner who was Goering's assistant in the 4 year plan so I must return to my sheep.

Once again I send you all the love in the world and a million thanks for your letter which as you see has cheered me up no end.

Much love and many kisses to Pam & Mo and again to you

Your very loving

David

PS The man Jones has not come so I am adding a few words. Will you tell Pam with what immense pleasure I am reading the Hannay omnibus. I hope to come tonight to the bit where he gets into a barge in the Danube in Bavaria, which you now know so well. The people in the books are so awfully nice and nostalgic of pre-Socialist days.

I also enjoyed very much the Bernard Newman. If you could get me one or two more of his. I have not read any other - it would be marvellous.

Sweetheart I do get the most awful pangs to be home.

You must of course come out again in May at the latest but even that is not all I want. I want an ordinary life together at home.

I am extremely cheerful but I wanted you to know what I thought

Once more my love

David.

**11<sup>th</sup> March**

*15 North Court  
SW1  
March 11<sup>th</sup> 1946*

*My darling,*

*Thank you for your letter, the comedy photographs & Mo's PX. A parcel from you makes the day for all of us. Please do not think of her story. She is full of understanding about it.*

*Peggy Barrington rang this morning about the book straps. (It was a nice thought to let John ring her & she had been so delighted). I got in touch with Gilbert who - after half an hour raising difficulties & objections - has got hold of 100 & I shall get them off to you.*

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*I have just sat at the next table to John Phipps & his wife at Bellinaters where I was having lunch with Joe. I sent messages to you about the straps which should get to you before this.*

*Your article is tremendously impressive in French. How right you were about the sort of English which would translate. It is practically word for word. As a matter of fact the article in English has been such a tremendous success with everyone who has read it that I am reinforced in my view that it is brilliant in any language.*

*After I have written this I am going to have a try at making it into a sample from me for the Liverpool press. I told Tommy I would try to do it 'over the weekend' & by 11 this morning he was on the telephone to know why he had not got it! I must say it will be a joy when you put on your old mantle again! What you - & the Russians - say tremendously, I genuinely love doing what I can to keep this end floating till you come home. The trouble is I feel so terrifyingly inadequate.*

*I enclose a letter from Mo written alone on Sunday,*

*All my fond love, sweetheart,*

*Sylvia.*

**12<sup>th</sup> March**

15 North Court  
SW1  
March 12<sup>th</sup> 1946

*My darling*

*It was wonderful to get another & much longer letter from you this morning. Please do not feel you must write often now. I do indeed understand that you are having a frightfully hard time.*

*Jim Passant rang up yesterday evening & came round after dinner to tell me all about you. He is such a nice man & quite wildly enthusiastic about you & the terrific job you are doing. It was wonderful to hear news of the trial. I simply love following it.*

*It is odd that you should have mentioned your article this morning. I sat up late last night & did a short sort of precis of about 1000 words. I shall copy it out for Tommy & then send the rough one to you. I hope to heaven it is alright - I do fell I am better in the kitchen or 400 but let it pass!*

*Donald has asked Pam & me to tea this afternoon & is coming to dine here next Monday. His friendships are quite genuine which gives one a warm feeling.*

*I do feel you will be due a little rest when you come home but I know that people will fall on you with a cry from every side so perhaps we should try to get away for a week - or even better, just stay here & hide by the fire & in theatres.*

*Apparently the 100 straps which Gilbert has arranged for, came through the department but presumably it does not matter where they come from as long as you get them*

*All possible love, my darling*

*Sylvia.*

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13<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 1946

My sweetest one

Thank you a million times for your letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> which I received this afternoon together with Mo's delightful letter. It was really terribly sweet "I am loving for you to be home" brought a lump to my throat. Tell Mo that I adored it and thought her drawing of herself in kisses and hugs really marvellous.

Everyone has stood amazed at the arrival of 100 straps which took me quite a minute to think out as an excuse for John to ring up Pegger on the anniversary of their wedding. Talking of which ringing up we hope to infringe on your party an hour in order to announce that John will be coming back to-morrow in order to attend a conference with Hartley and the F.O on Friday. My delegation are so good in that way. Everyone at once agreed that it was John's turn to go back - I having had the infinitely greater privilege of a visit from you.

John Phipps told me of your message without (tactfully) disclosing your cavalier? I have guessed it was Joe and turned the conversation on him at dinner but John steadfastly refused to give you away. Jolly good, the old Wykehamist tradition!

I am glad that you liked the article in French. Did I tell you that they sent me 2000 francs (now - prepare for the fall - £4-3-4) for it. I sent them a charming letter and asked them to devote it to some good cause which La Nef or Madame Faure favoured. I am extremely glad that you are going to redress it for Liverpool - Tommy is a devil! - and more than ever grateful for your help.

I had my first bit of cross-examination to-day - Field Marshal Kesselring. Everyone was frightfully nice about it. In my own view - after being unnecessarily het up about it, afraid I should not come off - I did rather knock Hell out of a conceited German Marshal. I do not suppose it will get much press as the space will be devoted to Goering going into the box. Actually he, Goering, was extremely clever - very calm, factual and a little dull. Jackson is going to start his cross-examination. The oddity about his attempts so far is that they have no form and no follow up, but a wealth of carefully prepared material. Curiously enough for the effete Old Country I get the impression that I have been brought up in a much harder and tougher school. One up for Uncle Starkey!

Nick has left after "dear ladying" everyone in sight, including Elsie Douglas. He told the rather crow-like wench, Miss Halimb " You have obviously been chosen for your beauty" which went very well. He is a delightful person at about 5 revs to the minute.

I have diagnosed Khaki's complaint. It is ENPHASIAPHOBIA a fear of people speaking to one too long. In other words a reluctance to have less than one's fair 80% of the conversation. That accounts for his bringing a book into breakfast and leaving me to sit up until 12.45 with Peter Casson while Khaki, having asked Peter in for a drink, goes off and has a bath before bed. Still, he is a good chap and could not have been more generous about my work to-day.

I am afraid that I have meandered on but it is all to show you how much I want to talk to you and how absolutely I love you.

Once more my love to Pam & Mo

Your very loving

David

PS Would you be an angel and send the ointment for my hands. My pot (only in this restricted sense) is finished. It was wonderful to hear your voice, Love again D

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**17<sup>th</sup> March**

Sunday 2.20pm

My dearest darling

It was wonderful to hear your voice this morning. I know that you understand that I am not more forthcoming on the telephone in case we are interrupted. I hope to check all the time my desire to hear all the personal things and tell you how much I love you. However the "official" side of what I was saying is interesting enough. On my calculation, with an attempt not to be too optimistic, the trial will end on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July. That is another 18 weeks. The defence witnesses will end at Whitsuntide which is exactly 12 weeks. Roughly I have earned £9,000 (nine thousand) up to date in the trial over and above the £1365 already paid. It may well be that when the treasury realise that it means paying me another £9,000 to keep me to the end, while even keeping me to the end of the defence witnesses means another £6,000, they will jump at the idea of my return. The only thing that I shall really be missing will be the case against criminal organisations. It will be extremely annoying not being in at the death but there are much greater compensations. One is that, like you, I sometimes think that my reason is going despite the charming qualities displayed by everyone, and this might be staved off. However the greatest interest of cross-examining Hess, Ribbentrop & Keitel will anchor my sanity more strongly. I certainly think that we had better begin to collect fees before the Treasury realise that they will have to pay me about twice the AG's salary!

Goering has given his evidence quite well except that he was too long and grotesquely egotistical. "I and the Furrer" sounds a bit silly when the others main plea - it is no defence- is that they could not argue with Hitler. Goering has in fact pleaded guilty to a great deal of the indictment. I hope that Jackson will say that we shall so argue and restrict his cross-examination to the points where we have really deadly stuff.

The other general trouble is that it takes away some of the moral prestige of the prosecution when the victorious nations can't keep friendly for 10 months. As Khaki would say "Far be it from me to blame anyone, but I very humbly suggest that there has been a failure of personal contact."

I have not had a letter for a few days, since Wednesday I think, because the planes have been bad so I was delighted to hear this morning that all was well with you all.

Even this will pass away, and we shall have a lovely holiday. Till then once again take al my love giving a little with big hugs and kisses to Pam and Mo. Forgive this rather gloomy letter. I am not under the weather only trying to think it out.

Once again my love, my love

David

**19<sup>th</sup> March**

15 North Court  
March 19<sup>th</sup>

*My darling*

*I am just going to lunch with 'Sink' so I am going to take a letter to Lansdown House & ask him to get it off. Pam has written & sent you one or two of her essays to show that she is really working but don't read them if you are busy.*

*I also enclose a Liverpolitan with the really rather frightful result of Tommy's tearing speed. He has obviously not been able to read my writing (& I am not surprised it was written so quickly) & some of the grammar has suffered but I suppose it does not matter. And what about the photograph!!! Anyway I did my best & not many people see the Liverpolitan. I want your article printed as it is.*

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Later

*Damn! As I was writing this at 12.15 this morning Charles Hodgson came in. He had been to Westminster County Court & was having lunch in Cowley Street. So, as he had an hour to spare he could not believe that everyone had not been waiting for years for it to happen! What a cad I am - but I did want to finish my letter.*

*I had a very nice lunch with Sink who is a charming old bore & sweet about you. He says he has got priority telephone calls through for you as well as the judges so we can really talk without this awful phobia that someone is listening.*

*Your name was on the wireless to-night as cross examining & apparently making the first bit of headway in the trial since you last spoke. You must have been going raving mad listening to the other stuff.*

*Did I tell you Donald was going to dine with us last night? I asked the Senters to meet him & they were a great success. I must say John has a sure eye for the right stuff to do for which I give him full marks.*

*Oh darling. Is there a number on your pot of hand cream? I have nothing here & I have been over to Sloane Square where they are all new people & cannot trace the thing it is so long ago.*

**20<sup>th</sup> March**

Wednesday morning

*Darling, it is a glorious day with bright sun & flowers coming out in the Park so perhaps this long, long winter is going to end sometime. Also the Times & Telegraph (& doubtless 'all the paper') say that your cross examination went beautifully. 'In a few skilful questions'... the Times says. I fear Mr. J.J. felt a little out of it!!*

*It is a tragedy you have been messed about by other people but you are going to get huge personal credit.*

*This weather makes me feel that it would be rather lovely to go & stay for a week or so in Cornwall when you come home. I suppose we shan't & when you are back I shall not care at all where we are. It is just an 'anonamus desire.'*

*The trial is now back in the press in a big way so I feel better about it. You must be working like a black. My poor sweet. What about parties?*

*I hear Hartley is coming out on the 5<sup>th</sup> - & making a general flap in doing it. What a man!*

*All my love, my own darling*

*Sylvia*

*PS I think Leslie Hore Belisha is only keeping in touch!*

**21<sup>st</sup> March**

21.3.46

My dearest Darling

Thanks to our crazy service I got your letters of the 12<sup>th</sup> (together with one from Pam) and of the 18<sup>th</sup> yesterday. In the meantime Tommy had sent me a copy of the Liverpolitan with your article but I have not had your rough proof. In case the post has gone wrong, may I say that I have not got the ointment for my hands. If you are sending the latter would you add sometime more TCP, drops, vick and shaving cream. Do not bother with them all at once but when you can. Sorry to be such a trouble.

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Friday morning

I think that my cross examination of Goering went all right. Everyone was very pleased. Jackson had not only made no impression but actually built the fat boy up further. I think I knocked him reasonably off his perch. Did you hear the extract on the BBC 9 o'clock news last night?

I am so glad that you - and Pam have seen Donald. He is such a sweet person with such wonderfully reasonable standards from which he surveys the world.

The plans as to the futures have received an additional complication. Khaki got drunk at a party and said something to Lady Birkett about her "damned cissy of husband." Lady Birkett, of course, took no notice but one or two people told Khaki who went and apologised. He was completely oblivious of having said it. Birkett and Lawrence had a word with me after which they decided to take no official action, as Khaki promised to turn over a new leaf. As however Norman Birkett told me - which I did not know before that Khaki had taken his (Khaki's not Norman's) trousers down and danced a striptease at the Russian party after the English judges and I but not unfortunately the American judges had gone Khaki obviously becomes a strong candidate for going home.

That is one side of it. The other - which makes me feel a cad is that when I informed the lads of Tommy Barnes letter so that they could consider their personal reactions, Khaki wrote me a charming letter offering to go.

I think at the moment all one can do is to give it another few days to see if the tempo is quickened when Goering gets out of the box. I was most impressed by your ability to take an objective and long term view of the trial. That is the only thing that worries me. I have to bother about my future politics or money. I agree that it is easy not to bother about money when you are earning £500 a week. It is however becoming really bloody being away from you and home. It will soon be five months since I left permanently, so to speak, and it is much more than we ever bargained for that it should go on 4 months more.

Perhaps it will take on a sudden spurt when I begin to cross-examine first.

Sweetheart I shall write again on Sunday but in the meantime once again all my love

Your very loving

David

I enclose a sketch of Dahlerne done by Nuremberg. Will you keep it as it may be valuable.

**23<sup>rd</sup> March**

Saturday 23/3/46 6pm

My dearest one

This is only a short note because, after all, there is very little news. We have at last finished with Goering and on Monday I hope to have a go at Hess. Then about Wednesday or Thursday I hope to knock Hell out of Rib and if I could do the same for Keitel with reasonable speed we might get the trial within bounds. I am sure that you have gathered the position for yourself. Jackson could do very little with slap happy Herman and I had to go in to prevent him being firmly reseated on his pedestal. The English Press have been very kindly. I do not know if you saw Osseau Goulding's yarn in the Telegraph. It was quite good.

The only snag is that Mervyn got a bad cold which is going the rounds. I am fighting it off and I think it is well under control.

By heaven's grace there is no social nonsense this week-end and I shall get a reasonable rest as well as through a lot of work. To-day has been a gorgeous day and I feel that I hate the horrible whole of Bavaria; I am so anxious to get home.

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I hope that you and Pam have got my earlier letters and that Mo has got the PX with the note in verse. I wrote it in court just after I finished with the fat boy.

I should be terribly grateful if you could let me have the shin ointment and if possible the powder. By one of these pieces of bad luck the servants either dropped or threw away my pot before it was quite finished and I have rather a rash on my right leg although fortunately only 1 spot on my hands. This warm weather will probably cure it but it would be nice to have the ointment in reserve. Again my apologies for bothering you.

Hartley is coming out to pay us a visit in a fortnight which will give me a chance to talk over the future. The recent happenings both as regards Jackson on the one hand and Khaki on the other do not make it easier for me to go but nevertheless the prospect of paying me £18,000 may have the deserved effect! Watch and pray.

Except to send you once again all my love, I do not think there is much more at the moment, but I shall leave space in case anything occurs to-morrow.

**24<sup>th</sup> March**  
Sunday 10.55

Thank you a million times for your lovely letter which came in this evening. You are sweet about the reaction to my cross-examination

I am afraid that there is no chance of getting back even for the cotton market - much though I should like to. You did quite right to say "No". It is barmy at the moment to ask me although I wish I could be there.

How nice to see Mrs Chamberlain & Tommy. It hurt about cold country houses in North Yorkshire very nice. Yes? No? Still sweet to ask us.

I enclose two cheques for £100 for yourself and £109 for the rent. I cannot for the moment - I have I hope remembered Benson Greenall - think of the landlords second name.

Khaki came in ( from a day with Ruth Glover) with the news that Hess is not going into the witness box. Although I spent the morning getting up a cross examination, I hope the news is true as it shortens the time.

My sweetest a million more thanks. You have no idea how much good your letters do me.

My love again

Your very loving  
David

*15 North Court  
March 24<sup>th</sup>*

*My darling*

*I do so hope you have had a slight rest over the weekend & feel alright to continue your spectacular performance. It will be a thrilling - if gruelling week & please do not write until it is over. When it is I long to hear about it with a wealth of detail but not until then & I really mean this. I enclose a bit which appeared in the Evening News & two letters which can be dealt with anytime*

*We are very well & this is only to tell you so & send our very special love. I shall picture you all this week at the rostrum & hope to hear you again on air*

*Good-night, my sweet*

*Your own wife  
Sylvia*

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**26<sup>th</sup> March**

*15, North Court  
SW1  
March 26<sup>th</sup>*

*My darling*

*I had my lunch with the B'heads. They really are perfect honeys & have all the right (by which I mean our!) reactions.*

*I wish you could have heard him talk of you. It would have made you realise you really were doing a job to be proud of. He has an (&when I say 'he' it is entirely your) article in the Telegraph to-day. It is extremely well done & I hope you will see it. I gather he has another one about the prison coming out on Thursday, & he has promised to ring up & come round & discuss the trial still further one evening soon.*

*You can't think what it means to get in touch with it all again. I never knew how much your interests were my life until now.*

*We have just heard on the news that Rib will not go into the box. Won't that speed things up a bit? You have fairly put the fear of God into them. Wouldn't it be heaven if the whole trial crumpled up? I know it is only a beautiful dream but having it will hurt nobody & do me a lot of good.*

*Pam is having a great week with her boyfriends. She is out with Tim xxxx to-night, Jim Foster to-morrow & Jim Wilson on Friday - not bad at 17!*

*I went to a cocktail party at Rees Reynolds to-night. It was all very polished up & slightly bogus. But they were very friendly & sweet. Charles Hunt, Rory Fox Andrews, 'The Zinkusers' - all madly gay!*

*To-morrow night old Sink is dining again & Prue & Archie Clayton. Oh dear!!*

*I am sending on a very nice letter from Billy McCANN. He does not change but is really awfully loyal & nice.*

*If any drama arises I will add to this to-morrow but it seems doubtful.*

*All my love my own darling & remember - no strip tease!!*

*Sylvia*

*27<sup>th</sup> March, Wednesday 9.45*

*My dearest Darling,*

*This is a very short note to tell you that owing to the balminess of the F.O - which from you last letter I gather is known to you - I have to thank you a million times for your letters of the 14<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> which have all arrived within the last 3 days.*

*The one of the 14<sup>th</sup> enclosed your draft article which of course, I had already read in the Liverpolitan. I thought it was wonderful and I am very grateful and proud.*

*I am glad that Pam escaped the Cohens.*

*It is what Tennyson called "revolving many memories" to think of Ka's death. What fun we had in the days of her effervesence. It is sweet of you to write to Dora. I wonder what Nancy is doing.*

*I was most interested to hear about Mrs Chamberlain. Going over all this Muriel stuff brings Neville back very clearly, I am so glad that you went.*

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I find that I have been a poop and brought and brought 4 letters back without the one about the chairs, which sound marvellous. You were lucky to get them at that price. Let me know if you want any more money. I sent the £100 before I got your letter about the chairs.

Freddie Birkenhead is really charming. He has given me a wonderful write up in his article in yesterday's "Telegraph." I wondered if you had had a chance to look at it before your lunch. Also you may recollect one or two bits out of my La Nef article. It is a course publicist who writes his own propaganda. Freddie is so quiet and then lets out just the crack which lets you know that his mind works like ours.

All the cold things arrived this evening. My cold did not really develop but they will send the few bits scattering away. It is sweet of you to take so much trouble about the ointment. Fortunately the gloves are so impregnated with it that they have helped a lot.

I think that the Highlands Hotel would be a marvellous idea again. It had a lot of advantages and never got one down by its atmosphere as so many hotels have in the past. Please fix it up and accept my complete confidence and gratitude in place of help that I should like to give.

Darling, this is a very scrappy reply, but I shall try and write again before the week end when I hope to have finished with Rib. In the meantime I once again send a million thanks and all my love. Give a kiss from me to Pam and Mo.

Once again all my love and thanks

Your very loving

David

**28<sup>th</sup> March**

15 North Court  
March 28<sup>th</sup>

*My own darling*

*I got your weekend letter this morning. I am so thankful you have got one of my letters - even if it was only the one asking for money! (Thank you my sweet) I have a horrible feeling you are not awfully well. How I long to look after you. I have rung up the chemists again (as you say your ointment was thrown away) & told them they ruddy well must look until they find the prescription. In the meantime I send a tin of cuticura which is quite good & could go on your hands at night & also some calamine lotion which will stop tickling for the day. I pray they will arrive to-morrow if the weather lasts. I am just going to pop them round to Lansdown House.*

*Your chambers are looking so nice, & I do long for you to be in them. But before that I want a holiday with you more than anything else in the world.*

*I am going up to Liverpool again next Tuesday. It is the annual general meeting of the Belmont women, & I am also going to Green Lane. I shall not go until the 2.40 as they rang from Foreign News talks at the BBC & offered to let me hear your cross examination of Goering on Tuesday morning. It will be tremendously exciting. I think it has been laid on by the Barringtons.*

*Pam & Mo both have slight colds but nothing bad. I am - as ever - well - very dull!*

*All my love, sweetest*

*Sylvia*

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**30th March**

Saturday 6pm

My sweetest heart,

I hope that this will put the posts right but I am now replying to your letters of the 24<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> (your second after lunch with the Birkenheads) and 28<sup>th</sup>. I was very amused and pleased with the excellent photographs and bit in the Evening News.

I am so glad that you like the B'heads and enjoyed your lunch so much. It was very good of Freddie to be so kind and at the same time to produce such interesting articles. I should like to keep up with them when we resume a normal life.

I am afraid that Ribbentrop did go into the witness box and has been a day and a half in clink. I hope to start on him about 11 on Monday. I am fairly het up about it because everyone expects that I shall keep a high standard and Rib will be easy meat. I have seen so many easy meat cross examinations turn into tough horse that I worry a little. It is not helped by being ready to do it every day from Thursday onwards and being frustrated each time. However I suppose it will be all right.

I am most grateful for the medicaments. The cuticura has taken the tickle out of my rash & begun to send it away and the other things have very nearly finally cured my cold. There is only a little cough left which will be gone soon. The only thing that really is xxxxx is that one has still the effect of the "long-drawn-outness" of the trial with the abnormal life where one never gets away from the same people or talks of anything else, coupled, at the moment, with the tension of cross examination. Do you remember how very important witness action used to be in the old days? Well that was over in a week or ten days. In the 6<sup>th</sup> month one feels the strain of wondering if one will do with rather more.

However we have got through much more difficult things and will summout this.

Pam seems to be having a wonderful time and I am delighted to hear it. I should like to meet Tim as the nephew of my old friend Mike Pickett and to see Jim Forster.

The Rees Reynolds sounds quite as it used to be.

It was a very sweet letter from Billy McCANN, God bless him. He really has a depth of feeling not entirely the result of our erstwhile gin, whisky brandy and corona coronas.

I am sorry to see from your letter of Thursday that the ointment is proving a bit of a nuisance. It is terribly good of you to take so much trouble. You have no idea how I long to get back to have our holiday together. This is a very responsible and interesting job with in the last few days plenty of publicity but I want to be with you, to see the girls and to have our sharing of fun together. It is the absence of that which makes me feel a little "sleepy" sometimes and sometimes a little sharp.

I hope you enjoyed the BBC. It was sweet of you going to Liverpool yet again. You do not know how grateful I am.

I do hope that Pam and Mo have recovered from their colds. It is a nuisance how they are at the changes on the year.

Well Darling at the worst it is another four months with the hope of earlier release not for good conduct but for saving of expense.

I shall never cease to be grateful and thankful for your wonderful letters which are really the thing that keeps me going. Once more all my love and thanks and again good wishes to Pam and Mo for their colds

Your very loving, David

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15 North Court  
SW1  
March 30<sup>th</sup>

*My darling*

*There is not a lot of news but I got another of your sweet letters this morning & I must write & thank you for it.*

*I am so very glad my letters have begun to arrive, though I must say the thought of 3 or 4 together is a bit formidable with your hatred of reading them. Anyway I hope they will do better now.*

*Peter Howard rang up yesterday & asked when he could come in so he & Di are coming to supper tomorrow. He has just returned from America where he apparently went very well. Michael (Morris) & Dickie Clyde are coming so it should be reasonably exhausting evening.*

*Pam & Mo's colds are better but have been a bit heavy for 2 days. Bertie is staying with us for the weekend as Mary is away & she is a great help & companion to Pam. She is a sweet girl, most unfailingly gay & unselfish - the two greatest Fyfe qualities. You have sent me tons of money, my sweet & I am doing fine.*