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Italy, 20 January, 1945

Dear Signora Kitty,
That was awfully nice of you,
to send me all those lovely cigarettes;
first of all, because cigarettes
are, to me, an always
welcome and vitally important
article; second, because a package
with cigarettes is particularly "precious"
these days — and I mean "precious"
in a psychological, not to say:
emotional, sense. For I realize
of course how difficult it is to
get hold of any "butts," under
the present conditions; and remembering,
moreover, that you
are a pretty heavy smoker yourself,
I deeply appreciate the
kindness and generosity of your
gesture. THANKS.

How are you? How is Alfred?
My mother said something, in
a recent letter, about a novel

he is working on, on which he
has just finished. Doesn't it have
to do with the students' visit at
Munich University? I am especially
interested in that subject; for,
just a few weeks ago, I had
a talk with a German prisoner-
of-war who had participated
himself in that minor revolution.
It's a pity that I am not
free to go into any details;
otherwise I might be able
to furnish Alfred with quite
a bit of valuable information.
Well, let's hope that those boys
who raised hell in Munich
were not too exceptional and
isolated, but that there are
some more of the same kind
left in Munich, and in other
German cities. If so, why
don't they act now? This seems
to be the right moment!! —

I am all night. It's mighty cold, up
here, in these snowy mountains. Sometimes
I have a chance to go to good old
Florence, which is always a pleasant change.
Wishes and regards to you
and Alfred,
Cordially
yours,
KLAUS