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TO: Mrs. Thomas MATE.
1550 San Bruno Drive,
PACIFIC PALISADES,
CALIF. U.S.A.

FROM

Col. Klaus Mann, 1269770.
The Stars & Stripes, Unit 1,
APO 512, c/o Postmaster, New York

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

(Sender's complete address above)

Italy, April 28, 1945

Ma très chère,

This is written in an awful rush -- just to say Hello, and Nihi, and Hoibotelo.

Yes, it seems a long, long time ago that I wrote you last! Indeed, quite some time must have passed since I received your dear intelligence of April 3 (No. 56) and your two tasty packages -- one Minosa and one pleasant fruit-cake. And how many things have taken place in the meantime! How much is happening right now, at this very moment, while I am typing these lines! I am afraid I haven't even written to you since the time before PER's death. What a shock it was. Never before has the death of any public figure left me with such an intense feeling of bitter, personal loss. And while the shock is by now overcome -- the feeling of loss remains: the loss remains. It's just the worst thing that could have possibly happened. Victory doesn't seem to be quite the right thing, under these circumstances.

Yet, it's good to know that the great nightmare is over at last. At the time you receive this note, the European part of the Second World War will already be history.

But it could be that a cable from me will arrive, even before this letter. I am on the point of leaving on a journalistic mission which will take me to the "old country," indeed, to the "old Spain." Of course, I must let you know at once in what kind of a state I'll find the old Children's House...

Have you been fooled the other day, with that broadcast I was supposed to make, and which then failed to come through? So sorry. And so sorry, again, that I, in my turn, missed Dad's heartening words from San Francisco, which were heard, and applauded, by various people in this neighbourhood.

I have applied for a Guggenheim Fellowship -- for a book about the cultural scene in post-war Europe which I may want to write. Why not? I wrote them to approach you, in case they need any additional information.

So, this is a much longer letter than I had intended to write. I have so many things to do!

As always, fondly, old K.

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V-MAIL

Must never use Collette's address: may be
 g'll see him some place during a private
 Please tell Kitty how much I am in such
 a rush and so busy...