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FROM

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SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

(Sender's complete address above)

10 March, 1945

Ma tre chere,

Since I wrote to you last, I had two letters from you (of January 22 and of February 12), and also -- what happy surprise! -- the overdue package with slippers and cigarettes. The slippers fit perfectly and are very smart and handsome indeed: THANKS. As for the cigarettes, they are greatly welcome as always. I've also got some from good old crazy Kitty (along with numerous fanny but well-intended letters); so am rather well-off now, as far as tobacco is concerned.

I am well otherwise, too. My job here is very pleasant and am more satisfied and happier than I was at any time since I entered the Army. Quite apart from the more comfortable conditions of my present life, the atmosphere in my new organization is so much sounder and more congenial than it was at P.W.B. No hysteria, no intrigues. The staff consists mostly of very bright and pleasant young American newspapermen from whom I can learn quite a bit. I am mostly doing special features for the Sunday edition, but I may have to do some straight newspaper work as well, which would be a rather good training. Besides it is an agreeable change to have some contacts with civilians again, after this long and monotonous time in the field. There are almost too many "little birds" here who drop by at the office -- pretending that they knew me 20 years ago in Hamburg or Berlin; Bimpi (my Lord, I have to give her a ring, one of these days!) was only a beginning. My latest discovery here was -- Tante Floh, alias Luigia Gagliardi, who has been in this country since 1938, and whom I visited the other day in her poor little apartment. She is a grey-haired, shabbily dressed little thing, but rather sympathetic and intelligent. She is not so very "red" anymore but seems rather on the point of becoming Catholic, as do so many refugees here; while I was with her, she received the visit of two black-robed young priests. Incidentally, she is very eager to come in contact with Kitcher and Ilchen; so would you please tell me, in your next letter, the London address of those two. I also saw Sforzas again -- which reminds me of Borgi (whom we discussed of course); Has he not received a letter I wrote him some weeks ago? I did mention his book (which I think in parts impressive, but in other parts slightly absurd), and told him that I may review it for one of the new Roman literary magazines. Yes, I have also contributed something to Dad's birthday gift. How is Dad? quite all right

again? As always, love

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