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 (CENSOR'S STAMP)	NO. Miss Mrs. HERRMANN 533 Spolito Drive, Santa Monica, Calif. U.S.A.	FROM Sgt. Klaus Mann. 3857770. FMH, HQ 8th Army, APO 464, c/o Postmaster, New York
	SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 1	
	Italy, 18 December, 1944	
	OLD BEAUTY. It's good to know that you are still around. That other world may be lovely, in its own way; but why should I let the nice people go there, while we have to sweat it out down here, in this earthiest of all conceivable worlds? It's unfair -- that was it! So, if you please, take care of yourselves, and swallow your medicine, and don't overstrain yourself with too much Yo-Yo-Hogli. I hope to have many a pleasant chat with you, on the Spolito- or San Remo Drive, or at some other friendly spot, before we meet again, over there, where the surroundings will be so much less familiar, at first. You won't find me changed at all -- that is, if our next rendezvous is going to take place in this world --; my new way of life remarkably fails to affect my character, my philosophy or my appearance. Incidentally, my this new way of life of mine is not always so tough as I described it in my recent letter to the magazine. Mostly it's rather on the monotonous and firestone side. In other words, it happens only exceptionally that I am as far "forward" as I was when I wrote to him, about the provider novel. My usual place is kind of "half-forward", which means that it is muddy but not dangerous. And occasionally I have even a chance to spend a few days in one of the big neighbouring cities; first it was Naples, then Rome, and now it is Florence. That's how I happened to come in contact with old Hanna again. Of course, there may be something to the warnings against her which your airy advisors so emphatically whispered to you. In fact, I have avoided seeing her again -- although she has written me an overwhelmingly cordial letter after our first meeting. She is a complicated case, no doubt, I do not believe that she is playing a double game, at this point. But, obviously, her past record is more than dubious. On the other hand, she must have suffered, too. It's pathetic, and somehow speaks in her favour, how old and worn-out she looks. Also, her very picturesque and elegant villa near Florence (a typical Hanna house) has been requisitioned and practically demolished by the Nazis, which would hardly have happened, if... Already fully and I just started to get going! Happy New Year, old Klaus	
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