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Klaus Mann

Brentwood, Los Angeles, Calif.
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August 12, 1940

Dear Lolli/Lazi,

How are you? What are you doing, planning, preparing? - I *hope* keenly that there may be a chance to welcome you over here, in the near future...

Apparently, a letter you wrote me was lost: it must be the one you referred to, in your last note to my parents. How can you doubt that I would have answered, without delay?

- I trust, however, that this "petit mot" will reach you, and that Erika ~~herself~~ will be in the position ~~to~~ herself to hand it over to you. You may imagine how much I'd like to join her. But, alas...

On the other hand, it's quite good that at least one of the countless "children" remains with Zauberer/Mielein - both strongly worried because of Golo and Heinrich - both still being in France - and other endangered members of the family. Sometimes one feels pretty gloomy as to the future fate of all those people and values we love; at other moments, however, I am confident, and strongly believe everything may be excellent, in the end, and the good cause will come out victorious, after all - and we'll live to witness the most inspiring transformations and constructive developments.

I don't know, really, what way I ^{am} feel^{ing} while I am writing you

(just now),

these regards and wishes which Erika is going to carry
across a continent and an ocean. I feel kind of bewildered,
I suppose - and somewhat solemn, too: moved and puzzled by a
vast, indistinct notion of life, including all its horrid
and inspiring aspects, all its dangers and promises, the
losses, separations, re-unions - and, also, that solid little
something we call friendship, and which may prove strong
enough to survive earthquakes and catastrophes.

As always,

Yours,

and yours

Erika

KLAUS

[Would you, - please -
call me at the Hay Fair - Hotel?]

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