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Darling Mims,

Your nice long letter of September 7th. reached me this morning here in Paris, so that Mummy hasn't seen it yet.

Knowing when you were planning to fly back home, we were naturally a little worried because of Hurricane Carol. Your description of your enforced stay in Boston airport does not make it sound very pleasant, but on the whole I think you were lucky to get through as quickly as you did.

You can imagine how distressed Mummy and I were when we got Uncle Tommy's cable yesterday morning, telling us of poor Shirley's automobile accident. I was able to get Betty on the telephone at the Middlesex Hospital at Middletown yesterday afternoon. Unfortunately, the connection was very bad so that I could not hear really all she and Auntie Do told me. I gathered, however, that Shirsh broke eight ribs, but that no complications are feared, though naturally he must be mightily uncomfortable, also that little Johnny broke a bone in his shoulder. I suppose we should be thankful that nothing more serious developed. I have no details as to how the accident occurred, but I assume that it must have been during Shirsh's night motor trip from Yarmouth to Bedford, the advisability of which I have always questioned. I am hoping any minute to get a further long cable from Betty, which she promised to send me. It is horrid to be so far away when things like that happen, but the family certainly have rallied round in a wonderful way.

I loved your description of David's return from camp. His summer seems to have been most successful and I cannot wait to see him, which I hope I can do at Christmas time. I am sorry about Matterhorn's death, but as you say perhaps this is all for the best, though I know how fond you all were of him.

As to the Groton School bill, I have sent the Treasurer of the School my cheque for \$1,750 to-day, and I enclose herewith a copy of the letter I wrote him. As you will see from this, I have not tried to deal with all the smaller

items as I don't understand them and I think that Phil and you had better decide which of them you want to pay. I return the bills herewith.

Regarding the china at Porcelainor, 46 Boulevard Raspail, I shall look into the matter and see how best it can be shipped to you in the U.S. I think that de la Rancheraye would be the best people to do this and I shall ask them for a quotation on shipping charges. I enclose herewith a copy of a letter I am writing to-day to Porcelainor.

I note that your friend Lee Burrows is likely to call on me soon and I shall be on the look-out for her.

David is taking off for New York to-morrow noon by air. It is horrid to have him go as it has certainly been fun having him so near us at Senlis and I enjoyed enormously my rides back and forth to the office every day when he acted as my very efficient chauffeur. Incidentally, the Jaguar is running beautifully and seems to have weathered its summer adventures perfectly.

I loved what you said about your summer over here. It certainly was wonderful to have Phil and you with us.

With love to Phil and the children,

Daddy

BSC/mk.