

Thursday, April 17

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Ferrater,

Mrs. Hughes and I wish at this time to express formally our appreciation of your apartment. We feel very fortunate to be able to start the most important activity of life in such congenial surroundings. At the expense of causing you homesickness I must mention that now the trees everywhere around us are blossoming, the birds singing and all within reflecting this 'sweetness and light' by virtue of beautifully simple and tasteful furnishings. We are grateful indeed.

We are less grateful for the specific matter of "electric currents". Not for any inconvenience on our part but rather that inadvertently we have burned out the white desk lamp (neon) by plugging it into D.C. instead of A.C. Now, the hard way, we know not only (thanks to your chart) the locations of the varying outlets but just how and why they are different, as well. Two other lamps just do not work even as they were meant to be plugged in when we arrived. We have substitutions for the latter and the former will be replaced upon your return.

Mrs. Hughes was afraid lest our moving things into the apartment during Jaime's vacation might have proved a disagreeable embarrassment for him. If so he never betrayed this by expression or deed and was hospitably casual.

Find some important looking mail enclosed. We would appreciate definite instructions as to which if any mail you wish forwarded in the future. We are saving even the unimportant looking variety for your return.

There was some \$20 due on the phone which will apparently be added to this month's bill which we will pay as previously arranged pending adjustments at the end when we will no doubt run-over as well.

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In all other matters all is under control and the Bryn Mawr Trust assures us that our miniscule (for such an apartment !) monthly payments reach you effectively. There certainly is a great deal in Europe to affect thus !

Nevertheless Mrs. Hughes (I should refer to my wife as Betsy to you but I like using the new title !) and I are content to be here. We shall always remember this place and the generous opportunity you have thus given us with a special affection.

I would appreciate it very much and I know you would enjoy very much looking up a good friend of mine who lives near you in Paris. Mme. Pierre Porte, 12 rue Berteaux-Dumas, Neuilly-sur-Seine. Her phone number is: Sablons 16-97. She is a charming person who was once in Washington my high school French teacher but who remains much more than that.

Once again our grateful best wishes for your stay in Europe.

Very sincerely,

James Hughes