

July 25th

Dear José and René-

We have enjoyed hearing from you and have just received Jose's letter of July 19th.

Our plans are as follows: we leave on the S.S. Augustus of the Italian Line on July 30th and arrive in Genoa on Aug. 9th. We plan to spend the night in Genoa and then to pick up a Fiat for two weeks or so and drive south along the coast with the objective of spending the weekend on the island of Elba with Laurana Palombi Berra and her husband who will be spending the holiday there. Laurana was not sure that she would be able to make reservations for us, since it will be the height of the holiday season (she assures us that we have picked the worst weekend of the year), but she is going to try and have word waiting for us in Genoa. We shall leave on the 15th for Florence via a night, most probably, in Siena. We then plan a week in Florence, where we have reservations at a pension. After that we shall have a week before the beginning of the Aesthetics Congress in Athens, which runs ~~from~~ during the first week in September.

I don't think that we shall be in Milan, unless perhaps we go back north to fly to Athens. But will you be coming to Florence? We shall look for mail on the morning of Aug. 10th at the American Express in Milan and you could reach us also at the American Express, Florence from August 16th-23rd.

We hope that we can meet somewhere. If we don't, let me give you my recommendation of the Route Napoleon if you are driving back to Paris. I drove it in 1958 and found the first half or so quite magnificent.

It has occurred to me that if Florence Hitchcock does not leave until Sept. 1st and you are coming home at the end of August, life in Yarrow will be rather unpleasant while the re-modelling is taking place. If you would like to use our house, you would be most welcome. Our maid will probably be in and out. Our arrangement with her for the summer is that she takes her vacation time as she pleases and gives the house a thorough clean before our return. If there is anyone in the house, she is to go two days a week to keeping it clean, but that she will not be expected to cook for them.

In case you think that you would like to use the house, we shall leave a key for you at the Comptroller's Office

Hoping to see you-

29-VII-60.

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P.S. - just for the record: we can be reached in Athens August 31st - Sept 20th to American Express. We fly ~~back~~ Sept. 20th to London and fly home to Phila. on Sept. 25th. How would you feel about meeting us at the Phila. airport?