

22 ALEXANDER STREET
PRINCETON, N.J.
May 6, 1962

Dear “Boys”,

First things first: We raise from our seats to commemorate “P Street Street Pee.”¹ [Lucy raises too].

Second things: Ritual Act. My speedometer showed 22,799 when I tanked 11.7 gallons. It will be up to our infallible mathematician Michael to figure out exactly how many miles we made on a gallon—it is somewhere between 18 and 19. But I had been “traveling” in town and out to the Institute before High Mass was read. I do not feel that Ralph’s Crystal Balls or, for that matter, my three cases of wine have increased the consumption of the lungs of the car. I enclose the ESSO slip—were it Ralph’s TEXACO I would have used five gallons more and the car would have started a wild-cat strike.

Third things, though not in hierarchical order. I have enjoyed that D.O. trip more than any of its predecessors—perhaps because Ralph was again a bachelor and therefore in a particularly good mood. Perhaps because Michael [Cherniavsky] has joined one of our existing parties. Perhaps because I was stimulated for unknown reason. At any rate, I enjoyed both trips, to and fro, and enjoyed our dinners and our sampling of seven bottles in an incredible speed (RUTHCHEN [Cherniss] did not want to believe it that we sampled 7 bottles after 10 p.m.) And enjoyed the conversation, because I was entirely “at home,” and enjoyed the good papers of Dumbarton Oaks and the whole company. It was strenuous, to be sure, but worth while.

So this is only to thank the co-pilgrims for their support of walking sticks, maidenforms, and *coquilles St. Jacques*. I have stored the wine for the wedding of bombi Cherniavsky to Lilo’s uncle.² I ordered for my dinner today a “full bottled”, not an empty one. I shall remain mezzo-alcoholic for a few days in the near future.

Sic volvo, sic jubeo.

Love

EKa. [Signed]

Michael: please send this to Ralph.

¹ The name Eka gave to the public toilet on P Street in Washington, D. C.

² I am Lilo’s uncle; “Bombi” is the Cherniavsky’s infant daughter.