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My dear Dad.

It was delightful to have your letter of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and to know that you are a little easier with the old Herpes Zoster — very imposing name but a very nasty affair. I do hope that you will soon get completely rid of it and be your old self again.

I was most interested and excited to hear what news you were able to give, especially about dear Mum — but whatever possessed her to go back to One Barnhill;

I was horrified<sup>2</sup> at this and  
have written to her asking her to  
pull up her socks, pack her  
'stunts' and go back to White Gable  
and to STOP THERE till I get home!!

Dear Mum, she really is naughty.

But seriously, I shall <sup>be</sup> very anxious  
until I know she is at White Gable  
again, but realise that you will  
have an awful job to get her to  
do it.

Regarding Foxon, I have  
today discussed your difficulties in  
making payment to <sup>him</sup> with the official  
authorities here and we cannot quite  
see that there should have been  
a dispensation necessary for an  
internal payment — but realise  
that perhaps there are new regulations





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of which we have no knowledge  
yet. If you are still unable  
to obtain the dispensation would  
you let me know and I will  
get the dispensation pushed through  
for this end.

Am very glad to hear that  
Maud has seen you, and I expect  
he was able to explain to you one  
or two of the apparent mysteries  
about just why I didn't get to  
Lisbon sooner than I did. But we  
will have a terrific talk when I  
see you next — and gosh! how  
I am looking forward to it. You

will no doubt wonder why I have  
not come straight on from here and  
I have written to you all by a  
quicker (but very privileged) route  
explaining as far as I am permitted  
to, why I am staying on here for  
a time. If it is any comfort to  
you I can tell you that I am  
staying at my own request. Now,  
you know me well enough to  
realise that I would not do a thing  
like that without some very strong  
reasons. The Rep<sup>n</sup> office (about  
which you said you were a bit  
mystified) is doing sterling work  
and will probably be my headquarters  
in connection with what I am now  
doing. Either this address above





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or Cunha's or Rep.<sup>n</sup> office

of Rua Emeuda, will reach me,  
but I expect to be leaving this  
hotel soon (it is like all accommodation  
in Lisbon, very expensive, £6-£8  
per week) as the English fellows  
who I am <sup>now</sup> working with, and I,  
are going to find a furnished flat  
that we can live more cheaply.

But I have purposely been stopping  
here because the food is very good  
and I have simply got to feed up  
a bit. I am beginning to get  
about a bit now and have been  
~~to~~ shopping a bit so that I can

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begin to 'refit' my wardrobe and thus start to mix again with my fellow beings. It is rather like being re born and learning all over again how to do things normally.

The first meal we had in Portugal we went quite mad and celebrated properly with champagne!— it was such a terrific relief, and we felt that we had earned it. But I will tell you all about every thing when I see you.

I gave C. your message and he was delighted and sends you his kindest regards. He has been lunching with me today after we had been out together on an official mission. He says that Brown camp is still alive and kicking, but he





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(C). seems a little reticent about  
our camp so I have not pressed  
the matter.

By the way, Mother's air mail  
letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> March arrived today,  
3 days after yours of the 3<sup>rd</sup> March.  
The censor has cut out one or two  
sentences so that may account for  
the delay. There was nothing  
cut out in your letter. She  
gave me such a nice lot of news,  
in her own inimitable <sup>way</sup> <sub>h</sub>, about people  
and altogether I have got from  
the two letters quite a good picture  
of you all and your various doings.

I am so glad to hear that you retain contact with A.D.E., and am intrigued at the developments there. Please give my kindest regards to Harvey, Edwin, Saunders & Mrs. Spicer. And a special large one to Mrs. Parky. And really I was quite affected when Mother said in her letter that my old Ginger is still his old self — she says, too, that he is not quite so particular as he used to be. Very naughty, old boy.

Well, my dear Dad, I must finish this so that I can go and keep my appointment at the dentist.

Yours as always

Joe

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