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Janet Blajan

Very grateful for your letter for which I have waited so long. I would have written to you several times - only I didn't know what to say - how to say it. I have been so conscious of your grief & loss ever since that sad & desolate day for your Blaja with you - with you, not with you.

Your intense suffering & inner grief - your outer courage & calm touched me too deeply for words. If I hadn't heard from you when I did I would have written.

I kept ~~not~~ asking Orlow, Ahlton for your news. Ahlton said she had heard from you that you were not certain but were thinking of returning to your job in America. Perhaps Blajan it is the best thing you could do - the complete change of surroundings & work may be a sort of therapy for you. But you come back to New York & some other university that are not so deeply associated with the tragedy?

I got your letter the night before leaving New York but took the ship on the 7th Nov.

This morning we started Naples. David left to go
to Rome, thence to Egypt to do the Nile trip &
see the Abu Simbel ruins before they are inundated.
I got off tomorrow at Cannes. To see
see Mimi Sielgard at Menton she is 75 - an
extraordinary - remarkable old lady - (the wife of
John Sielgard brother - Louise Sielgard - ~~was~~ ~~was~~
but herself French.) I call her my French
mother - she is very fond of me. Return ill, I've
lately to be spending week with her - then I
go to London for a week to see my elder sister
Mrs. Rao who will be there then Paris for a
week then join David in Venice on 12th June.

Until the 12th of June please write to me
c/o Mrs. Tuke - 76 Hillfield Court, Belsize Ave
London N.W. 3.

After 12th June - Grand Hotel - Venice.
I expect will spend June, July & maybe August
in Venice where David wants to read the subject
for his next film - & may be after to decide.
After that I have no idea - all depends on David
whether he decides to make a film immediately, if so
where. But please keep in touch. In a 97p/2
so could land up in the Dark & Timberline.

By love to all the girls. Am writing in haste to
be able to post this before the ship sails for Naples
R. Ford Love on 12 June