

July 19, 1981
Cretzschmarstr. 11
6000 Frankfurt/M
W. Germany

Dear Margaret and Ancel,

Our return trip went very smoothly thanks in great measure to the good send-off you gave us in Vallo Scalo and to the help of friends here who gathered us and our baggage at the airport and brought us home where we found our refrigerator filled with the results of their grocery shopping!

From Vallo to Naples we had window seats in a moderately filled train that arrived pretty much on time. We took your advice and had lunch in the station restaurant. The food was really quite good -- fettuchini and a small white fish served simply skinless and boneless without sauce. The taxi ride to the airport was short and we arrived five hours before departure time! Ticket problems were quickly and easily straightened out and we spent the time watching tourists arrive in large groups and be processed for their charter flights to England and Germany. In Naples we were let on the plane ahead of other passengers and in Genoa allowed to remain on the plane while all other passengers were required to disembark and re-embark. Marianne did a heroic job of getting baggage moved from place to place and of making arrangements of various sorts -- all quite remarkable when you consider that such things have in the past always been done for her.

A visit to a local internist confirmed the low blood pressure that I suspected (85/55) and his laboratory reports haemoglobin and haematocrit values that are way out in left field. He has given me iron and vitamins that I can swallow and I'll go back to donate another 10 cc's on the 25th of this month. Hopefully there will be some improvement in blood pressure also. My only complaints concern the necessity to take time out to rest once or twice a day and the general listlessness that I feel. How much of this is psychological I am still trying to figure out!!

Ancel, a convenient address for sending the book we spoke about is the following:

Ida M. Hassan
U. S. Army Engr. Div. Eur.
Attn: EUDED-MA
APO New York 09757

This requires postage only to New York and eliminates customs problems. Let me know what expenses you have so that I can reimburse you promptly.

We hope that you had an enjoyable stay in Lisbon and a pleasant trip home. If your travels ever take you to our neighborhood be sure to let us know. You will always be welcome guests.