

Wed. March 15, 1967 (handwritten)

Dear Don,

About language, I am not so smart about it as I might seem. Rule one, never memorize words, only sentences. Work conversation ar (diagonal lines through "a" and "r") around to the sentences you know and toss them out. In Spanish, I sub scribed to the Unity periodical Daily Word in their spanish Palabra Diaria. This gave me a little every day, and soon I could read fairly easily. I didn't try for literal translations, but for thoughts.

You haven't said that you recd. the answers to questions. How dreadful if they got lost.

I can always get lost again, go to Mexico or get married just to change my name. H owever all of those things will need a little time, so work slowly.

I feel sad about your father. Having my father die before he was 40 made everything in all our lives rather tragic. He was an only son. If I hadnt had Grandmother to nurse me thru flu, I wouldn't have made it. Every illness hits me with all six feet. That was such a dreadful illness. I still remember the discomfort.

No, I haven't read Papa Hemingway. I never read anything about H emingway. I probably won't even read your b ook. Helen B. says my feeling of rejection borders on the fanatic. Perhaps you can explain it. I can't.

I can picture your fun with the skiers. We once took in some swimmers. B et your house is always fun. What is your departure date?

I still have mornings pretty free, for they don't want me at the Nursing Home until one. What a constitution Sidney has. I wheel him out on the Patio in the sun and he seems to enjoy it. Dr's orders are to get him up. He will be O.K. now until another embolism, or som ething. Si (diagonal lines through "S" and "I") Sidney, like J.F.K., had lots of ego and selfishness, but in both , th e (diagonal lines through "t", "h", and "e") those things weren't faults but assets.

Thanks for the clipping. I enjoyed it. You are too erudite for me, and give me too much credit for the same.

Did I tell you that at a dinner part in California, one of the guests who lives in Rome and San Francisco, said I had a quality that reminded him of Rose Kennedy ? H e literally stared a hole thru me, a nd said he believed people meet for a reason. Perhaps my E.S.P. (mistake on "E") was showing, and feeling of kinship to the Rome scene. He was Italian. But there was that Kennedy thing again.

Youprobably (mistake one "Y") know that Ernest never smoked. I did during my thirties when I fancied myself quite the femme fatal. I shudder to think of myself and how miserable I made Sidney, (diagonal lines through "i", "n"). At first it seemed fun to get him upset, but then it backfired and I was finished (mistake on "h") with that sort of playacting.

Here is a sentence to memorize.

Mi faccia il favore di ripetere questa frase. Non la comprendo quando parla così in fretta.

- Margie (handwritten)

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