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Log

- 2 Oct - 0530 Left Wash (Wed a.m.)
 - 0750 Arr Westover Fld, Mass
- 3 Oct - 1400 Left " "
 - 1935 Arr Harmon " Stephenville
 (2735 local time)
 0035 GMT 4 Oct
- Sunday
 6 Oct - 1200 Left Harmon Fld (7 1/2 hrs)
 - 2145 Arr Fagans (local time)
- 7 Oct - 0015 Left " "
 mon 0925 Arr Orly Rd Paris (7 1/2 hrs)
- 9 Oct - 1015 Left Le Bourget, Paris
 Wed - 1200 Arr Amsterdam
 1245 Left " "
 1530 Arr Copenhagen
 1615 Left " "
 1830 Arr Stockholm
- 6 Oct - 0815 Left " "
 Wed - 1315 Arr Paris
- 7 Oct - 1100 Left Orly rd Paris
 Thurs - 1315 Arr Eschborn, Frankfurt
- 27 Oct - 1800 Left Frankfurt - by rail
 Sunday
- 28 Oct - 0815 Arr Paris - Gare de l'est
 Monday

Paris → Fagans 1785 Fagans → Stephenville
 1712 Stephenville → Wash 1194

Articles taken on
Trip to Europe
October 1946

- 9 Undershirts
- 9 Shorts
- 2 Long underwear
- 3 Pro pyjamas
- 1 Turkish towel
- 1 Wash cloth
- 2 Hand towels
- 14 White Handkerchiefs
- 1 Silk gray "
- 1 Brown "
- 1 Blue "
- 9 White shirts
- 6 Ties
- 9 Pro socks
- 1 Flashlight
- 1 Clock, small Swiss

- 1 - Handbag, black
- 1 - Valapack
- 1 - Musette bag
- 1 - Hat
- 1 - Cashmere scarf, blue
- 1 - White scarf
- 1 - Overcoat
- 1 - Brown 3 piece suit, suspended
- 1 - Gray 2 " " "
- 1 - Pr Sherked trousers, belt
- 1 - Blue spot coat
- 1 - Gray vest
- 1 - Wool sweater
- 2 - Pr shoes
- 1 - Cap, wool
- 1 - Pr rubber overshoes
- 1 - Pr spats
- 1 - Bathrobe, brown wool
- 1 - Toilet kit, silver back
brush, comb, safety

Tuesday

1 Oct - Left home at 1930

Ari ATC 2010

Checked in etc. Word that

plane was coming from Westover
 Airport, Mass. but had not yet
 started. Much delay in view.

Met Col. Mike Marcus - what
 a character. Barbara + he

argue. At 2210 word that
 plane had just left Westover.

ETA 0123. I sent family home 2300

Wednesday
 2 Oct 0125 Plane arrives. Briefing
 with parachutes - my 1st experience

with them. Notified of 2 hr delay
 in starting - for servicing plane

0300 - notified heater system
 out of commission + would be

further delay. Col. he still un-
kited but pleasantly so, only
too talkative.

0530 - We board + engine warmed
up - until 0545 - we take off for
Westover field, minus heat. I put
on my spats, wrap blanket around
me, over harness + sleep lightly
for 1 hr about. At 0750 arrive at
Westover. Good breakfast - 2 eggs,
spiced ham, 2 cups coffee, doughnut
Latest news - be back at 1200 - but
no place to go so hung around ATC
terminal. Lunch at noon. On re-
turn, information we leave at
1500. At 1500 changed to
1730. At 1700 changed to

next day at 0900. Then a rather hectic scramble to find room for night. No space in hotel at Springfield (3 men got one + last room). I inquire about BOQ on post + am told "of course - but no heat." "OK if enough blankets" I reply. Car takes me + 2 others (Healey + Wolfe) to BOQ. Sgt there says quarters but no heat. "Heat in 3rd bldg up the road." So why not? We get assigned 3 nice rooms at \$1.⁰⁰ per night. Now 1910 + dinner at mess at 1730 so I lie down + fall asleep at once. Had asked Wolfe to wake me. Pretty nice meal

at 754. Brief walk, then
 phone Washington. All OK.
 Tenant 1823 must give post-
 session for 15 is Judge's decision.
 Concrete floor laid in 1823
 basement. 393 - not yet sold
 but a Mrs Powers very much
 impressed. Asked E to phone
 Mrs Healey, Wolfe, Isbell.
 Short walk. Henry take a
 bath + get good sleep.
 Room quiet, bed very comfortable.
 This afternoon saw movie
 "Gallant Journey".
 My feet warm at last - two
 pairs woolen socks + spats.
 One pair from ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~shower~~ ^{shower}
 + to bed at 9 and read Sat
 Eve Post a while. Not interesting.

3 Oct 46 Thursday. Woke at 0645,
 shaved, dressed, walked over to mess
 had nice breakfast checked out
 of BOQ + walked to Terminal. Latest
 dope - off at 1100 instead of 0900!
 They hope. - Still some work to do.
 1215 - I walk outdoors + just happen to
 hear loudspeaker noon news tell of
 crash of plane taking off at Stevens-
 ville this a.m. 39 passengers presumed
 to be all dead. I immediately place call
 for home. Line busy for 10 minutes. E
 there, hadn't yet heard of this crash
 but did of one out West last night.
 Told her to phone others + to take out
 \$5000 more term insurance. - Under-
 stand lunch to be served on board here
 1330 and we're all ready to go
 1350 - We go aboard with Hanson

1400 - We take off. Cruising altitude to be 7000' - It's a beautiful sunny warm day. Everything OK.
1915 EST - 2115 local at Harmon Field

Arrived after a very pleasant journey during which had a chance to go up front & see controls etc.

Had a very nice dinner @ 45¢ - broiled ham, thick slices & lots of it, mashed potatoes, salad, dessert. To bed early in room with 5 others. Didn't sleep because I took coffee as an experiment. It worked. - We were told we'd be awakened at 4 a.m. & would take off at 5. - We weren't & didn't.

4 Oct Friday - up at 0700, shaved, dressed, walked to terminal. nice breakfast - ham & eggs. News - flight delayed - on a/c bad weather.

1200 - Still no news - take off indefinite.
Took walk in warm sunshine. Mountain
on which AOA plane crashed yesterday
& scene of crash quite visible - only 12
miles away. Talked with pilot of our
ship about it. Says he usually goes over
that hill - 2500' high. The AOA ship left
at 0500, still not light. Apparently could
not gain enough altitude to go over & tried
to turn away - or else something went
wrong with controls or possibly ship hit
a downdraft. Crew (5) + Passengers (31)
all killed. On way to Germany - wives of
service personnel & several very young
children. Waited around terminal all day.
Saw C.G. helicopter come in and land -
help in getting bodies out, if any. I

talked with Chaplain who went up to scene. Says all but 2 bodies burned to death - no remains of others. Plane was fully loaded with gas. - There was a USO camp show crew here on way to Greenland. I had chat with one of them - magician Karl Rosini. Talked about Houdini & Dimminger, who he says is very daring - takes long chances. - Had dinner at 6 & went to movie - terrible Roy Rogers picture. - Back to terminal - no more news re flight. - My shirt is a mess & I can't get at my baggage - will have better next time & wear colored shirt & take enough clothes in my bag. - These long delays most exasperating.

5 Oct - Saturday - Had a good night sleep. We were not awakened at 4 or even at 8. Got up and

dressed, over to breakfast at 9:30
and still no signs of departure.
Latest info is that we cannot
possibly leave before 2:00 tonight
and probably won't until tomorrow.
Got my baggage out of the plane,
took nice shower, changed to
fresh linen & feel better. Put my
brown suit away & am wearing
my checked slacks & blue sport
coat. - No news & no newspapers.
After rather poor dinner went to the
movies & saw indifferent mystery
detective story "Deceit" and then to
Officers Club where Sat. night dance
was on. Had a couple of drinks with
our crowd & danced one with Max
Dunn in slacks etc under the hostile
stares of the officers ladies.

6 October (Sunday)

Turned in at 0130 after a walk to the Terminal where I learned we were expected to go out at 0500. Didn't sleep too well of noisy barracks + guys coming + going all night. Wasn't called until 0930 + told departure to be at 1030. Hustled to dress + get to Terminal. Was pretty sore about having to pay \$3⁰⁰ a night for the bed - a hold up game if ever I saw one. Made a protest but did no good. Think I should report conditions there. - We took off at 1215. Plane was tail heavy + we had to do some re-adjusting of baggage + moving forward. Would have had a seat (double) all to myself.

but a guy (Dr Martin) came
+ has struck by me. He's never
flown before apparently + is
pretty nervous about everything.
Had a pretty rough 20-30 min-
utes at one time when we went
into a thunderstorm. Rest of trip
very quiet. Arrived at Logans
at 1945 my time = 2145 Logans
time. Had a rather poor meal but
cost only 25¢. Boarded plane
again at midnight + took the
~~air~~ ^{air} at 0015. Very quiet calm
trip so far, at 9000 ft. - Tried to
get some sleep but couldn't - high
altitude bothered me. Every time I
was on verge of falling asleep, would
wake up with shortness of breath.
Trip very smooth all the way

despite (as I learned later) very bad weather most other places. -

0925 Arrived at Clerly Field. At once phoned Embassy to try to talk with Lt Stewart. He was out but did talk with another man who knew me (2-2 civilian here working with Maj.

Eastley (SSO). - Bus on to ATE Terminal in Paris where I run into Capt. Russo, who turns out to be great help. Get billet at Hotel Napoleon Bonaparte, lunch there with Russo. Spend afternoon getting plane reservation to Stockholm, after seeing Eastley & Stewart at Embassy. Much ado about cash - francs, dollars, scrip, getting my travelers checks cashed at

Air Express Co - took 1 hr to get
\$80 converted into 9416 fr @ 117.70
per dollar. - Fortunate in getting
reservation on plane to Stockholm
for tomorrow p.m. - Bought +
paid for ticket - 12,400 fr =
approx \$105. - Sat in front of
Cafe de la Paix for a couple
of hours with Capt Russo, I
bought cognac for him, vermouth
for me, two rounds costing 270 fr
with tip included. - Dinner at
Hotel Nap, now 8³⁰ pm + I
must go right to bed - Haven't
had a good night's sleep for
several days + none at all last
night. - Comfortable room +
bath but not fancy @ \$3¹⁰

Tuesday

8 Oct - up at 0700, shaved, bathed, to breakfast at 0800 with Capt. R. Then taxed to Am Embassy to see about tel to Stockholm but had to send it at my own expense. Maj. Shanley said to send it collect as they had no funds here for postage but when I went to Tel Office in Emb, no collect telegram accepted. Capt R got some salve for my itch - hope it works. Talked with Maj. Easley + Lt Stewart + then time for lunch. no taxis available so we took a hack + poor horse was made to trot down Champs Elysees. Cost \$50 fr for 2 mile ride. After lunch packed my stuff, checked out of hotel + went by taxi to Air France terminal at Station des In -

valides. Went through all the formalities - police, customs, etc then waited for bus to Le Bourget. Left at 1415 and hectic ride to " which took about 35 minutes. Went through more formalities - money Declaration, Customs. Waited in station. Plane was due to depart at 1530 but by 1600 nothing happened. At 1630 announcement that plane from Stockholm delayed - no news why. At 1645 plane comes in & we are told to wait - no news re departure. At 1700 we are told no flight today - tomorrow at 1000 & to be at Les Invalides at 0900. Back we go by bus to Les Invalides - and we wonder where I will get room for the

night! Air France would find us rooms - but I had only 600 fr + no place to cash travelers checks or get more francs. I take a chance + go by taxi back to Hotel Napoleon B. + was lucky - had another room on same floor. I simply explain flight cancelled + clerk gives me 1 fr. I go up + take possession at once - will straighten matters out with ATC Billing Office later - which I fortunately was able to do. Waited around for Capt R - to get some more francs + have company. Soon he comes in - surprised to see me a bit as he had gone with me to Air France + we had every reason to think that plane would leave. Had

dinner together - then taxi to ATC
 Rabbit 0 to pay for room + make sure
 I had it. Then by Metro to Champ
 Elysees - to sidewalk cafe where
 we had a couple of beers, talking
 until 2230. Walked to Hotel +
 now 2315. Went to bed + be up
 by 0630 - to get to Les Invalides
 by 0845. - Flight headlines full
 of another air crash at sea in
 Far East, 21 died. - Seems as tho
 there are many accidents this past
 week + this. Doesn't bother me
 though.

Wednesday
 9 October - Up at 0630, breakfast 0730
 and taxi to station. Wait until 0900 for
 bus. Again ride to Le Bourget. Repeat the
 formalities of yesterday but not in
 detail. Plane departs 1015 - it is

a Swedish Air line plane (DC-2) with only 2 engines so we will have to stop at Amsterdam and Copenhagen. A very pretty Swedish hostess - highly colored blonde with milk + white complexion, blue eyes. - Good journey to Amsterdam, where we land exactly at noon. I have a bite to eat - chicken noodle soup + two sandwiches, all excellent, for which I was able to pay in francs - 60. We take off again at 12:45. - The Dutch scene is very lovely - the irrigation ditches + canals dividing up the countryside into quite regular patches. See a good many red tile roof houses - some slate roofs. All looks spic + span. Very impressive + interesting country.

At 1500 we passed over Kiel. Beautiful afternoon, very calm weather for our flight. Countryside lovely. We are over water good deal. Flying at 7000 feet + I'm a bit short of breath, the only + slight discomfort. Had an excellent lunch served aboard. Good beer with it.

At 1530 we arrived at Copenhagen. Very new + modernistic airport terminal.

At 1615 we took off for Stockholm. Weather still fine. - Soon after we leave Copenhagen there is a marked change in the terrain. No more rectangles + squares of cultivated fields and small hamlets. Instead, a very ruggedly wooded region, rather rolling terrain, lots of lakes + swamps, only occasional house to be seen. Probably timberland.

begins here. - We are due to arrive at 1815 - about an hour from now. - Have just had tea (not very warm) and an excellent sweet roll such as only the Danes and Swedes can make. - When I got off at Copenhagen I purposely (+ unthinkingly) left my spats on my seat - and they were taken, probably by some cleaner at Copenhagen. Teaches me my lesson - I've been ever so careful all along - not left anything unattended or unlooked until now - and I lose a pair of very useful spats. - The stewardess is most chagrined, says she'll see

about them on her next stop
at Copenhagen - but I know
they're gone for good so far
as I'm concerned. Will get
a pair in Stockholm - those I
lost were old & shabby any-
how & one button was half
gone. - Were now at 5000' + my
breathing is somewhat easier, our
speed now 155 mi/hr -

At 1735 we are at 3000' + travelling
more slowly - now ETA is 1830.
Full moon already above horizon
though still daylight. Pretty scene
with sunset on left + full moon
on right. - Exactly at 1830 we sight
at Stockholm airport. - I have
never seen such a fairyland-like
scene as that I saw on approach.

wing and flying over Stockholm -
the thousands of gleaming lights +
reflections on the water between
the islands. Most beautiful view
I've ever seen from the air at
night over any city. - General Kess-
ler had sent the Legation car with
driver to meet me at airport - as I
had asked + it was good to be met.
Customs formalities etc - they wanted
to tax me for extra cigarette but the
Legation driver talked to Customs
chief + I got off without paying
the 3 crowns they had demanded.
Drove me to Hotel Rensan, where a
room for night had been engaged
- a nice room with twin beds +
a fine bath. Forgot to say that
driver phoned way. Conrad.

at airport + I talked with Boris there - good to hear his voice. He invited me to my having dinner with them so I washed up quickly at hotel + on going down met Boris, daughter Ingrid + son-in-law Coradi a very nice looking young man. Boris took us to the famous "Gilde-ene Frieden" - where E + I had dinner ~~the~~ evening 18 years ago. - A very nice dinner and then I went to my hotel + to bed early as I was pretty tired. The itch bothered me a good deal but I got to sleep fairly quickly + slept until 0800.

10 Oct - Thursday - A pretty good sleep + hard to get up but I'd agreed to meet Coradi at

0945 to call on General Kessler.
Not time enough for breakfast
by the time I'd finished shaving
& bathing so I skipped having
any breakfast. - Had a very nice
visit with Gen K & then was
driven in legation car to Boris'
office. - Here in Stockholm they
also drive like mad & it's hectic
riding in an auto. - After a
few minutes with Boris showing
me around the plant we were
driven downtown in a tiny
German car with chauffeur
to largest department store
where Boris took me to lunch -
my breakfast, too. - Started with
sour cream - excellent idea.
Good fish & excellent sauce.

After lunch back to B's office
 in his new Lincoln, wonderful
 car. Spent couple hours talking
 + left at 16.00 to get my belong-
 ings at hotel + check out. Had
 room for only 1 day as space is
very hard to find here, too. →
 Drove out to B's country place -
 a wonderful estate about which
 more later: - ^{The place} ~~the place~~ out for me and
 An exceedingly
 warm welcome from Annie,
 looking very well. - B's father
 here, ~~over~~ 87 years old; a nurse
 who looks after him; a young
 woman whose job is to teach
 crafts to the women folk on
 the estate (about 250 people
 work + live on the place!), and
 B's youngest son Gunnar,

just graduated in forestry - a tall, strapping young man looking not at all like B. - Early dinner very simple, as Annie had to go to Red Cross meeting. - But I talked Swedish history for an hour or two afterwards + then went to crafts class conducted by the young woman. Also went through the building where class is conducted - more about it later. - Back to main house + talked some more. Retired early - 2215 as I was tired + again bothered by itch - + about a dozen bites of some insect - look like jigger bites but can't be that. - Am wondering

what I picked up at the various ATC places I stopped on the journey. - Good thing I had my inoculations!

If this Feb doesn't let up soon I'll have to see a medic now 23:30 + my to bed. Will have breakfast in bed!

11 Oct - Friday - My alarm went off at 0800 as set but I didn't get up - a rather restless night. I was troubled with the itch + had had tea for supper + the combination was too much. I read until 0100 or 0130 and had difficulty in getting to sleep. - Also worrying a bit about things back home. At any rate, at 0930 Boris came

up with a tall glass of orange
juice and at 0945 Anne with
a breakfast tray. - I felt quite
embarrassed with all the allentia
Tea, toast, marmalade, and thin
slices of cheese. - Rd Bois of
my itch + agreed to go to see
doctor today. - Took bath (hot)
and as usual caught cold. -
I just don't dare take tabs.
Began APC tablets this afternoon
+ think I have it under con-
trol. - Bois + I took a tour
around estate this morning
lots of interesting things on the
325 acres. - Lunch abt 1200 +
soon after we drove to Sunderland
to see medico. - He said it was
an urticaria. allergy - from

the bite of some insect - probably lice! Gave me 3 prescriptions - two internal, one external. - I
feel lots better tonight already
& hope I am over it - Drove
with B to the shores of a lake
that leads directly to the Baltic
this while waiting for pharmacy
to make up the prescriptions.
Back home by 1500 + I took
a nap - slept for 2 hours
solid. - Forgot to note letter
from E this a.m. - killing of
sale of 393v military rd. 110
& great stuff + much relief.
Will be able to "turn around"
financially now. - Supper
at 1800 - hard shell crab
fixed in delicious style +

several other things, especially two
jams, one made of "field berries"
+ another of

- B + I spent three hours dis-
cussing technical matters, then
looked over + admired many
features of their house - all of
in most modern style + must
have cost plenty to fix up.
Now 2015 + time to burn in.
Annie made me a hot drink
of elderberry brandy, honey, +
hot water.

13 Oct - Sunday - Spent all day
yesterday (Saturday) indoors
nursing my cold. up at 0900
and downstairs to breakfast.
At noon, more guests - the Hoop's
oldest son Karl Wilhelm, with

one of his professors at the medical school & another visiting prof from Buenos Aires, both very nice men. Also Ingrid and her husband Major Coiradi later - in time for supper. It was a rather nice day, a bit chilly out & I was sorry to have to stay indoors. Took a long rest in the afternoon. Fairly early to bed but read until midnight. Up at 0845, breakfast at nine and at about 1100 we all went to visit Gipsolun Castle, started in 1300 something. There were rune stones found in that vicinity & I got Boris to take a photo of me standing beside one. The castle quite interesting.

and is a sort of national picture gallery now - about 1200 portraits there. - Had tea at an Inn nearby - very clean and nice. - Back to Sundsvall & sat around talking a bit - then a short rest. Dinner at 1700 - excellent food. - Boris had insisted on putting in a long distance call to Ed & it came through at 1830. Quite thrilled to hear Ed's voice but not too good transmission. All seems OK at home. Barbara off to Boston & then New York. J.R. at Thaca. - In the evening B showed colored slides of his trip to U.S. etc - very fine pictures. - Now 2230

and must go to bed at once
as I've got to be down to
breakfast at 0745. My cold
is much better tonight but I
have some headaches - probably
from all the medicine I took.

14 Oct - Monday - up at 0700 +
down to breakfast at 0745, feeling
pretty rocky with my cold. Drove
in to town and first went to Leg-
ation to get some know to buy
ticket back to Paris. Cost \$105. +
Spent a few minutes there and
then to other building of Legation
to call on Mr. Hogg, who is now
in charge, in absence of new
Minister Dreyfuss + the
Charge d'affaires. Hogg +
I had met before at Berlin

don two years ago - the time I
almost got to Sweden but didn't
because the powers that be deemed
it unsafe for me to go + Capt.
Carlson went. Situation still
rather precarious. I am to see
Hjipp again tomorrow. - Then
back to M.A.'s office where we
picked up Gen. Kessler who
came along to go through the
Hagelin plant, his first visit
there. - Lunch at the NK
Dept Store where B + I had
lunch before. But this time
May + Mrs. Conrade + two of
B's executives. Very nice lunch
after which B + I went back
to the plant + I examined all
models of machines until

about 5 p.m. Stopped to pick
 up my laundry at Hotel Reisan
 & found it pretty expensive.
 About \$2⁵⁰ for 3 shirts, 3
 underwear + 4 pair socks!
 No hotel room yet for Tuesday
 night - I leave Wed morning
 at 7 at don't want to spend
 night at Sundso's as I'd have
 to get up so early in the morning
 make it to airport. May Con-
 radi dug up 3 bottles of
 liquor for me out of his own
 stock & I am much embarres-
 sed about same. These people
 are doing entirely too much
 for me & won't let me do
 anything in return. - Drove
 back to Sundso's at 1730

stopping for a few minutes
 to see B's father at his
 apartment in Stockholm -
 a place with a lovely view
 of the water & the new big
 bridge. - Dinner with just
 Anne & B & then B & I
 sat around discussing busi-
 ness matters for several hours.
 Putting finishing touches
 on questions of interest to
 me. - Now 23/15 & won't
 have to get up until 08:30
 tomorrow we go to opera.
 Have had an interesting day
 despite my feeling quite
 miserable with my cold.

15 Oct. Tuesday - Up at 09:00 after a
 very good night's rest. After

breakfast, B took me to see his new brick factory, which is under construction. Saip brick manufacturers are extremely conservative and his new factory leaves them more or less aghast at his novelties. But B says it will be efficient enough to pay for itself after but 5 years - which means about \$800,000 to be made in that time. I found the place interesting but a bit beyond me - much tipping of hats when B comes round + very good feeling between him + the people on the place. - Home again + I began packing. Decided to take a chance on a quick bath despite the lack of heat in bathroom, which is how I caught cold first, but seeing that I've had no bath for several

days, decided I just had to chance it. - (Apparently no bad effects, as I am writing this on the next day aloft in plane to Paris.) - Dinner at 1230 and then completed dressing and packing. - B, Annie, + I left at about 1400 for Stockholm in the Lincoln. Nice ride to town despite bad weather - raw, cold, and rainy. - B + I went to B's office, where I was given souvenirs: a beautiful tiny alarm clock (travel-size) for E; a knife with his initials for John; a book for me. - At 1630 I went to NK (Enko) the big dept store, to meet Annie + buy some trinkets. - Bought two scarves (head) for the Hagelin's cook + maids, very nice things. A half dozen beautiful hand-made hand-

parchiefs to take home. These are true Swedish, made originally in a nunnery in the far north but now made by the townswomen where the nunnery used to be. Expensive enough - 9.75 each = \$2.75, but nice. - Annie then insisted as she had all along, on buying a gift for F, which I insisted must be inexpensive but true Swedish. So she bought two ash trays of a variety called Argenta (inlaid silver in green pottery, designed by Swedish artist named Wilhelm Kage. It will be somewhat of a chore carrying the package back but well worth it. Then Annie insisted on buying a scarf for Barbara with typical Swedish design + figures. - I bought a nice box of candy for the evening, as we were going to the

Opera. - At 1720 we left NK, got a taxi to go to cocktails at the Higgs' - he in charge of Legation now (as I think I mentioned once before). Lovely big apartment, met there Mr. Higdon, SSU representative + had brief talk with him + Higgs re Swedish crypt outfit (total 400) staffed with good many J's, E's, S's, + couple R's. Higgs gave me copy of recent Sw white paper, re our talk on Monday. Higdon told me he had it on most excellent authority that B built machine for Fish - which was great surprise to me but probably true. Gen + Mrs Kessler at party + Mrs. Revndal (wife of Charge) + two other ladies. Mrs. Higgs nice but not looking too well - says she has had case of "Hives" (like I have) - Also Major

and Mrs Couradi, Boris, + Annie
Of course, at party. - Had one nice
old-fashioned + some snacks. - Left
at 1830, to Opera Restaurant where
we had a lovely dinner, with moderate
drinks + many "skalls" among B, A,
the Couradis + me. - Then to opera to
see Thais - a very fine performance.
We sat in an excellent box in the first
balcony, surrounded entirely by very
fine looking people. Incidentally, I
am much impressed by the fine
looking Swedes, well groomed and
well-dressed everywhere. - I enjoyed
the opera immensely although of
course I didn't understand a word
of Swedish. - The company very
good + the leading baritone gave his
last performance before sailing to

U.S. where he joins the Metropolitan
There was some excellent dancing +
baller work. - I had never seen

Thais + was glad of the chance. During
the two intermissions we circulated
in the foyers + examined the building -
quite ornate + impressive. - The per-
formance lasted until 2300 or 2315 +
then I said my farewells to the
Conradis. B + A then took me to my
hotel - almost the last room available
in the whole of Stockholm + obtained
for me only after diligent search by
the Legation. I found it a very
small hotel, about 3^d rate (B
called it a "flophouse") but very
clean. It was after midnight
that I turned out the light + tried
to get some sleep. Had to be up

by 0600 to get to the air terminal.
 I forgot to say that I had an
 almost tearful farewell with
 the Hagelins - they are such charming
 people & I hope they will really come
 to Washington this spring, as BTA
 promise.

16 Oct - Wednesday - up at 0600,
 with my two alarm clocks & the
 hotel attendant waking me - but
 I didn't need waking as I hard-
 ly slept. - Too much noise all
 night for one thing & early morning
 stirring about in the very narrow
 street outside my window - But I
 must have slept some as I recall
 dreaming a bit. - Got a taxi &
 went to the "Flygparollen" - arriving
 there by 0640. - Checked in & got

weighed in - overweight by several kilos (what with all the liquor Courade insisted on presenting me). Handed the clerk a hundred kroner note - which he had much difficulty in changing, to get out 22.50 kr for excess of 6 kilos @ 3⁷⁵ per K. - Got on bus + we left at 0700 on the dot. Arrived at airport soon, checked in, + had some breakfast. - Then went through customs + money control - no trouble. - Changed all my Swedish money to francs. - Boarded plane at 0800 + took off at 0815 on the dot. - This is a big Douglas C-54 type, capable of holding 40 passengers but there are only a dozen or 13 of us, including a well-made up actress - French I sup-

pose. She has a rather extreme dress on - slit down the front all the way to her navel. I think. I'd like to get a good view of her with her coat off. Rather good looking, slender + artificial blonde. - The plane is very clean + well managed. Coffee has already been served + soon lunch. - We have excellent flying weather, sun is out, we are at 7000' + now passing Malmo. Very comfortable but my feet are, as usual, cold + I miss my spats. - I must see to my accounts now + get those straightened out, to see how they balance. - Well, I'm short only 12.20 kr = \$3.42, which isn't too bad. - At 10:30, lunch was served - Hot consomme, potato salad, some nice

cold salmon, two sandwiches, banana.
I ate pretty well. - My feet are still
very cold. - I got a blanket +
wrapped it around my legs -
much better than. - It is now
1245 + practically the whole of
the journey has been above dense
white clouds, so could see nothing
of the ground. - We are going
down now into the clouds + I
can't hear very well - my cold is
what makes equalizing pressure
pretty difficult. - We are under
the clouds now + can see the ter-
rain very well - But I can't
hear well again. This is my
first experience with hearing or
ear pressure difficulty. I hope it
passes soon. - We arrived on

the dot at 13:15, as scheduled. Went through the usual formalities - of money, customs, etc. in rapid style & then got on bus for Paris station des Invalides. - Talked with an American business man from New Haven on bus & with two young Jewish refugees who have been wandering around for several years in Europe, trying to get visas to America. Sad stories & pretty spunky girls. - At station about 14:30 & took cab to ATE terminal, Place Vendôme, to find them in the midst of moving. But made my arrangements for flight to Frankfurt tomorrow & then cab to Hotel Napoleon Bonaparte for billet for the

night. - All fixed up at about
1530. - Phoned May Easley at
Embassy to get message to Earl
to meet me at airport tomorrow.
He got through on the phone +
I hope to be met. - Left my
room, took a drink of my
Cognac + lay down until
1800. - Quick dinner, when I
saw Howard Westlerode, in
on his way to Washington. Brief
talk, short walk to Arc de
Triomphe, bought some roasted
chestnuts + back in my room.
Now 2030 + will turn in very
soon. - Bought French paper
with headline news about
Gronin's suicide. - Must be
up by 0600 to get bus here
at 0700.

17 Oct - Thursday - Up at 0600, after a fairly good night. The three cups of coffee in the morning still had their effects late at night! - Bus left Hotel Napoleon on time, we got to Orly fld by 0740 only to be met with announcement that our flight would be delayed until 1000 because of bad weather at Frankfurt. Another delay at 1000 to 1100, so I took opportunity to write a letter to E and to walk over to Air France terminal to send a wire to the Nagelins. 15 words cost 122.1 francs. - We took off at a little after 1100 and are having a very quiet + calm trip at 5000 feet. - Visited the cockpit + the pilot of my car trouble yesterday -

day & he said he'd go down very gradually to give my tubes a good chance. - On the door where they usually post the names of the crew members some way had written under Radio-operators the name "A. Graham Bell" asst radio operator "G. Marconi" and under Flight Engineer "O. Wright". When I showed the names to the pilot he laughed & said that that "was intended to boost the morale of the customers". !! - We are right on the course & on time - scheduled to arrive at 1315. - Sun is out & all clear below all the way. - I have been talking with an American girl from Boston on her way back

to Frankfurt from London where she visited with her parents who had come over to see her. - A very nice girl working for FEA at Höchst + has been in ETO for three years. - She says Europe is no place for a young girl. - On the dot at 1315 we landed at Eschborn, near Frankfurt, where I was much pleased to find Earle with car and driver. - Got my bags and took the young lady along with us as she lived close by the Earle in Höchst. - Jean was out at some party so Earle + I had a couple of sandwiches + a drink or two fixed by one of their two maids. Sat around talking for a

a couple of hours then I went up to my room and took a nap until 1800 when I was called for dinner. - nice to see Jean & had a nice dinner. - Charlie Hiser + Jessie Dent came over + spent evening with us. - Spent an hour in E's radiogram station + got talking with a ham in Baltimore but just as I was getting ready to ask him to phone a message to Washington his signal faded out and we lost him. - To bed at past midnight, slept fairly well but not enough as Fark woke me at 8:00 to go to office.
 18 October - Friday
 - Breakfast at 10 @ Farben building while I saw Ed + trench.

Two pieces pottery present from
Anne H to EST -

Artist: Wilhelm Käge

Name: Argenta

It ^{for some op. ~~had~~} works on Siemens & fine machines

1 - No trained personnel for maintenance

2 - " " operating personnel

3 - Physical circuits ^{most important} not suitable

4 - When tape used to send radio

intermixing of letters & figs very
difficult. (German telegraph code)
system + G. to be used for
only tele type also caused trouble

5 - Signal OK + taking down
to Regt. 3 Pugs, 9 Regts, 1 each + 2 at HQ

6 - Siemens with VHF OK

7 - M-log from Regt to Gen
for classified life OK

not a great deal of trouble in
maintenance of new outfit had
nobody at all.

1 Oct	Travelers checks	\$ 1.00	
	Cash		<u>50</u>
			\$ 50

1 Oct	Cost trav checks	\$ 3.38	
	Cash to ESF	5.00	
	Shoe repairs	.75	
	Parking	.25	
	Lunch	.50	
	Misc	.42	
		\$ 10.30	\$ 39.70

2 Oct	Breakfast	.40	
	Lunch + dinner	1.50	
	Room	1.00	
	Misc	.66	
		\$ 3.56	\$ 35.14

3 Oct	Breakfast + paper	.55	
	Carboid cigs	1.40	
	Candy, coffee	.64	
	Dinner	.45	
	Telegram	1.30	
		4.34	31.80

4 Oct	Breakfast	.45	31.80
	Lunch	.45	
	Dinner	.45	
	Bar	.75	
	Sandwiches	.20	
		2.30	29.50
5 Oct	Breakfast, lunch	1.50	
	Bar	1.75	
	Billet for 3 days	9.75	
	Box lunch	.25	13.25
			13.25
6 Oct	Breakfast	.45	
	Misc	.40	.85
			15.40
	Supper at Lagens	.25	
	Cigs	.05	
	2 Stamps	.10	
			15.00
7 Oct	Bot frames (585)		5.00
	carry →		\$ 10.00
	[Trav Checks \$450]		
7 Oct	Cashed	80	
	[Trav checks \$370]		
	Recd in fr @ 117.70/\$ - 9416		585
	Borrowed from Capt P		1000
			5600
	Taxi fr	50	14601
	Drinks	2.70	
	2 Etchings	5.00	
	Ticket to Stockholm	124.00	1000
	Tips	50	1000
	Misc	85	
		13355	
		13355	
		Paid 2246	
		\$ US 10.00	
		Soup 25.40	
	Hotel tax Bon		
	2 1/2 Nights billet		
	@ \$13.00 = \$6.00		

8 Oct	Tel to Stock room	267-	
	Excess baggage	375f	
	Tips	40	
	Taxi	240	Bal
	Lunch (scrip)	919	1327f
	Taxi	50	
	Tips	40	
	Taxi	52	142
		142	1185

9 Oct	\$10 ⁰⁰ Scrip	\$25.40	f	1185
	Tips & taxi to pta	125		
	Lunch Amsterdam	60		1000
	Breakfast scrip	25		
	Scrip	\$25.15		
	Fx	1000.		
	B	\$10.00		

19 Oct	Cashed one \$10 Trav. Cl		-	35.00
	"	fx 20	"	Kr 167.75
	"	"	"	202.75
	Tips	Kr 4		
	Hotel	25.25		45.25
		29.25		

11 Oct	M.D. Sundaarte	Kr 5		157.50
	Group	" 11		

14 Oct	Laundry (K)	4.25		
	Ticket to Paris	376.00		

15 "	Candy	6 Kr 6		6.00
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	Hakshiro	6 @ 9.75		58.50
	Taxi			3.00
	Tip			1.00
16 Oct	Hotel Agent (7.20 + 2)			9.20
	Postcards			1.50
	Excess wt			22.50
	Breakfast			2.25
	Taxi			2.00

Forward	157.50
Cashed 3 checks \$20 @ 4.194	251.62
From B.H.	200.00
	<u>609.12</u>
Left receipts for H servants	23.00
	<u>586.12</u>
	491.70
	<u>94.42</u>
Misc unacctd for	12.20
Real in K. ones	<u>82.22</u>
Changed into francs Oct 3.10	= 2,620.

On hand 1,000

16 Oct } Frames 3,620 fr
} Scrips \$25.15
} US \$ 10.00
} Tracks 260.00

17 Oct S\$ 3.00 }
 Breakfast .50 }
 Paper .05 }
 Supper 1.35 }
 Misc 1.05 }
 4.95 }

US \$10.00
 Scrip \$20.20
 Tracks 260.00
 Fr 3183.00

18 Oct → → →
 2120 Cabs, tips 304 }
 3620 Del to Stock }
 3193 Return 133 }
 427 437 }

and then E + I went to his office
in the IGF Bldg, where I made a hasty
tour of his installation. Then Kaiser,
Smetana and I went by staff
car to visit the 114th Sig Svc
Co which is located on the prem-
ises occupied by a copper
mine (now not being worked)
at a small city named
Sontra, about 80 or so miles
north-northeast of Frankfurt.
Had lunch with Capt. Gilbert
Smith + his officers at their
quarters - cooked by German
women. A pretty good meal.
I'd had lots better. After
lunch we went over Smith's
installation in the copper
mine headquarters

building and other buildings. One of them, now being converted to a barracks for his men, was used by the Nazis as slave quarters and Smith described what a terrible place it was when they first took it over. - One item of interest: the German who had been the Chief Engineer of Construction and Operation of the mine was now on Smith's "payroll" - at one carton of cigarettes per month! This is twice as much as the man had been getting at his just previous job - and represents about \$75 per month in real wages. This man is

an experienced and very able engineer, can do almost anything technical in the electrical or mechanical field. - The basic medium of exchange here now is a package of U.S. cigarettes, which are valued at anywhere from \$50 to \$100 depending on what is bought. Nobody sees any German smoking an American cigaret - they simply are used as money and circulate as gold & silver coins would. I suppose ultimately some German gets to make them but as a medium the Germans will trade them unobtainable or unexchangeable items for cigarettes which they then use to buy

the necessities of life. What a commentary on our civilization! Now they are setting up barter markets under official auspices and cigarettes are used as the standard of value - a carton of them gets "55 barter points" a bar of U.S. soap is valued at 8 or 9 barter points, etc. - The ride to Sonutva and back was very nice, mostly over the auto-bahn which is in good shape + all the bridges have either been repaired or have temporary wooden crossings over them. The weather was nice and I enjoyed the trip despite

my cold, which is still quite
 bad but I have no fever, -
 We were a bit late in getting
 back and had to hurry as the
 Cooks and I had been invited
 by Gen + Mrs. Sanaham to
 a dinner party at their new
 home on the outskirts of
 Frankfurt. - There were
 others; Col + Mrs. Bayer,
 a British Brigadier, who is
 C Sig O of British Zone, and
 his aide (a Captain); and
 French Major General -
 who is C Sig O of the French
 Zone + his aide (a charming
 major). We were last to arrive
 as not only did we get a late
 start but also, in Earle's haste

to make time on the road we
got pined by an American
M.P. for speeding - and it took
many minutes for him to make
out the ticket by flashlight. -
The cocktails + dinner were
very fine. The Lanahans have
four servants + a butler. When
Mrs I first came they had ten
servants but when it took
12 dozen eggs a week to feed
the family she had to cut down
on the size of the household staff.
The monetary cost must be very
small, on the basis of what
that German engineer says -
but since the servants get their
board it comes to a good deal
I suppose. See ask Jean

about this & report later. - Got home at midnight & turned in, feeling very tired & not too happy about having to get up at 0700 again as USFET works on Saturday morning. Besides, I didn't turn in right away as I simply had to catch up on this diary - hadn't had a moment for that in a couple of days. - Turned out my light at 0130.

19 Oct - Saturday - Earle woke me at 0700. I'd had a pretty good sleep but not enough. Got dressed & went over to Casino at 14F Bldg for breakfast, as yesterday. - Then to office for a few minutes and then to

Gen. Sanabier's office to make a call, as per his request last night. Spent about two hours with him and with another caller, Mr. Thompson, a VP of AT&T Co, who had just returned from Moscow where he had attended the preliminary world communication conference. I was much interested to hear results of that, knowing most of the Americans who attended. ~~Mr~~ Thompson remembered me from years back but I'd forgotten him. - I then returned to Earl's office, feeling very groggy from my cold. - Then took a ride downtown to pick up a mess card - and

I had to show his new driver
the way - and I didn't know
much myself. - Well, we made
it anyhow + then returned to
E's office; closed up + left
with him for home + lunch. -
A nice lunch; finished at
1430 + I said I simply had
to rest this p.m. - have been
on the go for so many days.
- I slept soundly until 1800
+ now dressed, ready for dinner.
Was not a bit hungry - in view
of large lunch later. - After
dinner we sat around and read
a bit. Also, Luke played with his
ham set but we could get
nobody in U.S. - Talked with
an Irishman in Cork about

James Joyce - he not appreciate
me of Joyce at all, thinks him
a passing fad. - Turned in at
2330 and read until past mid-
night. - Slept well until 1030.

20 Oct - Sunday - Jean cooked
us breakfast of bacon and
scrambled eggs. - The cook
had made "Indian" cake - I
guess that's poppy-seed cake,
which I liked very well but
Earle didn't. - I had suggested
that we go to see old Frankfurt
today so that's what we
did. I felt pretty miserable
with my cold which is not
breaking up very much but
still I wanted to see the
old city - now in complete

ruins and quite heartbreaking to see. - We met a German who showed us around one old ruin - said the damage to the whole area was done in 17 minutes. - Frankfurt was not bombed until about Feb 1944 and then in 3 nights 3000 tons of bombs were dropped, completely wrecking the whole city. - It's still a horrible shambles. - The old part of the city we visited in detail today is completely uninhabited and the air of desolation and absolute quiet was oppressive. - We took some pictures and wandered about in various areas for a couple of hours then came home. - I took

a bath and got into bed for a nap. - now 1800 and we're going to have dinner with the Boyers. - I feel a bit better tonight - but my head + ears are still stopped up. -

21 Oct - Monday - up at 0700 + to Frankfurt where I had a nice breakfast - ham + eggs. Felt lot better this morning - my ears not so stopped up + cold in chest clearing, with some coughing. Slept pretty well after nice party of the Boyers at the "Cogen" house - a club for colonels + generals, formerly the home of the general manager of IG Farben and quite a lovely place. The Landhaus was

also guests of the Bayers. We had a very nice dinner preceded by cocktails + followed by brandy. Got home at near midnight, after very nice evening out + feeling much better. - No mail this morning at office + at 11:00 we left for a visit to the "Tower" - one of Earl's installations about 12 miles from Frankfurt at Gross-Jeran, where I visited last year too. - Had a very nice steak dinner with Major Eugene Beard and his officers at their quarters. After that we visited the Tower + came back to office at 15:00. - miserable weather

Of this morning had cleared up somewhat. - On my return found E's letter of 10 Oct. - very glad to get word from home & see all OK. - Now

1830 + we are going to another dinner party in my honor by Col. Hines at Kronberg Castle - scare of the jewel robbery. - May see Red Corderman there. -

22 Oct - Tuesday - Up at 0700. - Had a pretty good time last night. As usual, cocktails before + drinks after a fair dinner. - A good orchestra playing U. S. jazz. - Red came (30 drinks) bringing Miss (formerly Sgt.) Dunlap. - The Castle is quite a place and I

would have liked to have seen the place during daylight. - Back home by midnight and to bed right away, my cold a good deal better by then. - Slept pretty well. - Jean made breakfast for us this time + we went to office. - At 0900 Charlie Hise + May Smetana started off on our 2 or 3 day trip south as far as Munich to visit various installations I'd seen last year. - It started off bad weather but at noon we had the sun out. Later it rained a good deal and quite bad on the roads. - Got to 116th Sig Svc Co at Scheyren about 1800 where Capt. ^{Sims} Brownschweig is in charge. Had supper after a drink and after

that visited his installation
& then sat around talking
shop until 2-300, with a
few drinks. It has taken
a year to fix up the place
& as yet there are no operators
at all - such a shortage of
men & materials. - Capt B
gave me the guest room, a
fine but comfortable room
but I didn't sleep at all
well as I'd had a couple of
cups of coffee at noon (there
was nothing else to drink
when we stopped for lunch).
Capt C is using a great
deal of German labor &
gets his material where &
how he can - "scrapping"

when necessary. He's built up a very nice place. Met his officers too - one I'd seen last year at the same place W.O. Cagle. - Turned in fairly late & very tired.

22 Oct - Wednesday - up at 0730, breakfast - I'd sworn off coffee for good so had cold tomato juice for liquid & no hot stuff. Left 0900 we left for Munich to visit a prospective ~~new~~ site at Riem. A terrible day, so foggy could hardly see the road, and cold & very dismal. We didn't see much at Riem & got back to 11th at 1300 where

we had lunch. Said farewells
at 1400 & started on long
road to Anspach, where we
are spending the night with
St Col Abramowitz whom
I'd known since my early
days at St. Leonards. -

The journey was through
village after village -
as dirty, unkempt, filthy
& dismal as any I've
ever seen in France. - I
got a hopeless feeling
about a people who I
would put up with such
living generation after
generation. The German
cities all ruined & the
German villages so dis-

reputable looking + so
 hopeless in future prospect.
 - Dinner at the Stramont
 house - a lovely dinner
 served in first class style.
 I'd never met Mrs. A before
 + was glad to do so. Hsieh
 + I share the guest room.
 Miss Smatana has a room
 at the school. - Tomorrow
 morning we visit the school
 which is getting famous
 as the model Sig C
 school in the world. Its
 now almost 2300 + Jim
 Hsieh as will turn in.

24 Oct - Thursday - up at 0700
 after a pretty good night's sleep.
 Breakfast of fresh scrambled
 eggs + toast. - @ Stramont

Then took us to his school +
showed us around - a very re-
markable piece of organiz-
ing work done in 2 months -
+ he very proud of his accom-
plishment, for which I don't
blame him. - A staff photo-
grapher followed us around
+ I expect to see some good
pictures. - The Chaplain
interviewed us for the post
newspaper. - A 1st class show
all round + one of which the
Sig C is justly proud. -
Then by auto to Bamberg
where we interviewed the
Sig O of the Constabulary
HQ + lunch there - a full
+ good meal for 15 £. - Then

a very long and tiring ride
to Frankfurt. In all we
did about 600 miles since
Tuesday a. m. + I was very
glad to get back safe even
rather poor roads. - I wish
I could put down my many
impressions + sights I saw but
am too tired now - maybe
later if I can remember all.
Got to Frankfurt at 1830 +
the Cooks were having a
cocktail party for us. I
had 10 minutes to shower
clean up. Party was for
office people plus the
Bayers + I had a pretty
good time - but very tired.
It's now past midnight +

I must be up by 0700. - Had
 a bath + will turn right in.
 25 Oct - Friday - Up at 0700
 after a rather poor night from
 indigestion following my injudi-
 cious partaking of nic-wads
 at the cocktail party. To office
 + breakfast of good omelette + hot
 tea. Felt very groggy for an hour
 + then began to feel lots better.
 But my cold is still giving me
 hell - lots of coughing + stuffi-
 ness in my head + chest. Confer-
 ences in the morning - with
 Lt Lane on T-com matters.
 attended bi-weekly G-V confer-
 ence with Earle at noon + met
 a lot of people + listened. - At
 lunch met Col ~~Chapman~~ Maier.

whom I've known a long time.
At 1330 another conference
& at 1400 Earle's weekly
staff conference. - Marion
Doyle Campbell called me &
a letter from her mother just
as I was about to call
her in response to word in
George's message. - Have arrang-
ed to have dinner with them
tomorrow. - My air priority
#2 came from Washington
today but air priority bond
hasn't been talking & I don't
know where I stand or when
I'll start back. Am anxious
to return. - Discussed things
with Earle until 1730 & am
gone now. must get dressed

to go to another party -
Red C. is giving for us at
Bad Kaulaim, only 30 miles
away! And Jim is tired
already, to rest for the weekend!
Midnight - back from the
party, which was pretty nice. The
Cooks, Hiser, Miss Dent, Red +
Miss Dunlap. First at Red's
house, a large + imposing
German doctor's residence with
many rooms but only one
enormous bathroom. And the
house had a funny, typical,
unpleasant odor despite its
having been thoroughly cleaned
just this week. - Cocktails
there + then to the Grand
Hotel, where we had a very

ice dinner, cakes, liqueurs + dancing to pretty good music.

The party ended at 2300 + we had the long drive back.

News - Jim probably leaving here tomorrow + certainly by the next day. Will be very glad to get home. Gosh. Jim tried + its 0025 now + must be up by 0700 again.

26 Oct - Saturday - up at 0700, to office + breakfast. - much ado about getting me on a flight to Paris + working me all the odds + ends of leaving here, getting some gifts, writing B + B letters, telephone calls. Thought I might get out this afternoon but it now turns

out I leave here for Paris on
 the 1415 plane tomorrow. - Phoned
 Dr. McCloskey in Berlin had
 most cordial talk. She wants
 to be remembered to following:
 Dr. Brownell, Dr. Ward, St. Lively,
 Dr. Battlingill, Mrs. Friedman. She
 was very glad to hear from me - I
 called her at Red's request in-
 sistence after he'd told her I was
 in the theater. - how must try
 to get in touch with Marion
 Doyle Campbell. - Later - I
 had her over to the Rotunda
 for coffee + half hour talk.
 She more beautiful than ever
 + looking gorgeously happy +
 very sweet. Sorry not to see
 her husband. - how 23 30 +

I'm practically all packed + ready to leave tomorrow. - Took a nap this afternoon after some shopping. I hope the few things I got are OK - how I hate to do that sort of thing because I don't feel sure of myself + my taste + knowledge of values. I wanted to take Jean + Earle out to dinner but they wouldn't + I guess they're tired out from all the festivities. - We had a light dinner here + just took it easy. I packed + think I've gotten all my stuff in all right.

October

November

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Hotel Napoleon Bonaparte, 38 Rue

Friedland - CARNOT 7420 WAGRAM ⁴⁵¹¹₁₃

Maj Stanley + Lt Z.T. Stewart, Room 108

Am Embassy. ANJOU 7460 Ext 182

Capt Glenn - BALZAC 5400 - Ext 155

Office - Rue Fa Peruse, 29

Hotel - Ambassador - 16 Blvd HAUSMANN

Room 633

Suzanne Le Goff - JAS 9141

Col Earle F Cook - Office: Frankfurt mili-
tary 21989 or 23210 ¹⁴⁶⁰⁴³

Aunties - 71 Karl König Weg, Zell

Orly - GOB 5141

Amb. Pro 7221 - ^{allan 653}
Dachau 534

1800 hrs

Sunday
27 Oct - Left Frankfurt by rail at

Monday
28 Oct - Arr Paris at 0815

Saturday
2 Nov - Left Orly ^{Paris} 1345

Arr Meeks .. Iceland ^{Paris} 1815 local

Sunday
3 Nov - Left " 1300Z 1400 Paris 1400 "
1500 EST, 1900 Iceland, 2100 Z

Arrived Goose Bay 1600 local

Monday
4 Nov - Left Goose 1410 local = 1910Z = 1310 EST

Arr Upernivik 1835 EST

Left " 2135

Arr Washington 2325

27 Oct - Sunday - Up at 0900 after
a good rest. Shaved, bathed, breakfast
and have finished packing. It's now
1100 and the weather is very cloudy +
looks like rain. Supposed to leave
home at 1300 so as to be at Eschborn
at 1315. - It's now 1800 and I'm
writing this on board the Frankfurt-
Paris Express train. For when we
got to Eschborn Field we learned
only then that the afternoon ATC
flight to Paris had been cancelled
because there was no plane avail-
able! So Earle + I at once decided
to try to get a reservation on the
train. Luckily it is Sunday,
traffic is light and I was

Mistakes I made, and Errors of Judgment.

- 1- To fail to bring my electric razor
- 2- To fail to bring one uniform instead of the gray suit
- 3- To fail to bring two OD shirts instead of so many white ones
- 4- To fail to overcome ^{my} scruples + not use the currency black market in France.
- 5- To take the necessary steps after 48 hours to get my priority raised.
- 6- To fail to get at least 2 bottles of Shanley from Fasley.
- 7- To fail to bring along that small can of bicarbonate of soda, which I missed having when I was first over but didn't need thereafter!

able to get a reservation. - Then we went back to Earle's house, the Bayers came to visit and we spent the afternoon talking. Also Earle got in touch with a chap in Newark Ohio on his short-wave phone set & I gave him a message to send collect to Elizabeth - but just as soon as we tried to verify & check that the other end got the text & address correct, so much QRM came up that further communication was impossible. So I don't know if Newark got the message straight - if he did I will get it. I asked her to wire me at Hotel Napoleon Bonaparte in Paris &

Get this:

Zurky, F :

On certain phases of war
research in Germany
Gen Doc Div - Col Donald Pitt
NIGHT FIELD.

Send Zurky D+E booklets
on Russian language

tell me how things are. I'm
a bit worried as I've had only
one letter written more than 2
weeks ago. But I doubt if I'll
hear from that message so will send
another from Paris tomorrow. - We
left Earl's house at 1700, after
saying my farewells to the Boyes.
Jean came along with us for
the ride + to see me off. This
train is an all-American Army
train + is pretty fair. I have
a room all to myself (P-8 girls
got me that). - We've already
had supper - at 25¢ served
in the usual Continental wagon
lots style + good food. - There
is plenty of heat on the train,
too much of fear. - My

berth has just been made up
+ I'll turn in soon although
it's only 2000. But the light
isn't too good for reading so I
won't be able to do that. I'm
just as glad to go this way to
Paris rather than by air - a
lot of accidents recently & only
about 35% of available aircraft
are in condition - can't get
replacement parts + good repair
crews.

23 Oct - Monday - After a most
uncomfortable night, because
of excessive heat on the train,
got to Paris, Gare de l'est,
at 0815. - There was no water
on the train - it had all ~~run~~
ed out over night - so there

wasn't any for washing or shaving - and the toilet was very bad because of lack of water for flushing. - Got my baggage off + the porter found me a taxi quick so I went directly to the Hotel Nap Bonaparte + checked in: Got the same room (114) as before! Had a nice breakfast, after which I phoned Maj. Easley who was glad to hear from me again - nice young chap. I got from him the phone no. of Capt Glenn, who had been at Arlington ~~then~~ with Earl + is now at Sig.

nal center with Col. Ray-
 ford. He immediately asked
 me to dinner that night & I
 accepted. He was going to make
 it an Arlington Hall Reunion
 about which ^{more} later. - Was so
 tired I decided to spend all
 day in bed so went up to my
 room & got into bed, coming
 down to lunch at noon.
 There I happened to sit at
 same table with an interesting
 looking civilian in Army uni-
 form. After talking with him
 discovering he is the world
 famous Dr. Fritz Zwicky of
 Palomar, Observatory &
 Prof. of Astrophysics at Caltech.
 We found a number of

friends in common, including
Col. Stratton of Trinity College
Cambridge. - We talked about
Eddington, Jeans, Milne, etc &
I had a most interesting time.
He is going back to Washington
too & I hope will be on same
plane. - Sent telegram home
& later was outraged at the
cost, £950.50 francs, more than
double what it should be, but
so on account of depreciated
franc. I later found I could
have sent it for normal cost
through PX + Army facilities.
Went back to bed & really
slept for 2-3 hours, but felt
pretty punk when I got up
anyhow. - Bathed, shaved,

dressed + got taxi to Hotel
Ambassador to keep my dinner
date with Capt Glenn. - On the
way downstairs to get taxi
whom should I encounter by
Capt. Marcus! A fond reunion.
Riding a taxi in the evening
traffic in Paris is a hair-
raising experience. Here too
they drive like mad! It's
really awful. - Got to Hotel
Ambassador + there found
following, all ex "A-Hallites":
Maj. Gustaf, Capt Glenn, Capt
Wallace, Lieut. Wiedeman,
Lieut. Stewart - felt like
singin' a college reunion
song. - Glenn had reserved
a nice table, the food was

good + he had wine + champagne. - We all had a very good time. Lt. Wiedemann was funny at one spot - he is on duty with Office of Foreign Liquidation Commission in Shanghai but is in Paris on temporary duty. When he reported in he was asked where he was born: London. where his home is: Honolulu, where he is stationed: Shanghai, what is he doing in Paris: Temp Duty. The next question: "Do you speak English?"!!! - We finished dinner too late to go to see any show so Lt Stewart rode us in his jeep to the Champs Elysees + we

walked a bit, then went to the Officers' Club + had a couple of drinks. It was then after 2300 + they all took me then to my hotel, where I hoped to have answers to my message to E - but no answer. Went to bed + had very funny dreams what with the mixture of food + drinks, but slept fairly well nevertheless.

24 Oct - Tuesday - Up at 0800 + had breakfast with Col Marcus. A long discussion re the black market + currency situation - which is most intriguing + according to him a great reflection on the mentality of the leading

basis in the Army. - You just can't blame the soldiers for losing the game by any way or means they can. Some Frenchmen high up are getting away with murder. - The official rate of exchange is 117.71 francs per dollar but you can get 280 francs by dealing with any one of the black marketeers who accost you on the street. - This was proved to my satisfaction this afternoon - as will be related. - After breakfast I went over to the Embassy to see Esley, get a VX card, etc. I spent three hours there, also seeing a gadget

The State Dept maintenance man (Hirsch) fixed up for automatic operation of CSP 2200 on incoming tapes. - Saw Elizabeth Dampson (formerly from AH) + called E. about her desire to transfer to Frankfurt. - He told me a letter from E had come yesterday + he'd sent it back to U.S. damn! - I walked to + from the Embassy along the Champs Elysees & a wonderful experience on a nice day. - Back to hotel for lunch + sought out Dr. Ducky - luckily finding him at a table where I could

sit. - A most interesting talk about his forthcoming experiments on sending a rocket to the moon - a fascinating man. He says that the atomic scientists have been getting more credit than they really deserve - the larger share should go to the practical engineers & chemical engineers who reduced the theory to practice - Some scintillating remarks about Millikan at Coltech. - I'd love to study astro-physics next year I will! - After lunch a talk with Col Marcus & much kidding

in his usual style with
the girls at the ATC counter
but he gets away with it.
- Walked again to the Embassy
to get my memo for a PX
card (I'm in need of cigars
etc) + there found the dup-
licate of Ed's letter I'd rec'd
at Frankfurt, forwarded
by Boris with a note to
me. - I'd found out that
I would not be leaving
tonight so invited Easley
+ Capt. ~~Stain~~ to Opera to see
Mignon - Stewart already
was booked to go but he is
getting the tickets for me. -
Walked back to hotel +
ran into Col Marcus

again + he agreed to go with me to get PX card, then to PX. - At counter some more large kidding + I asked me if the men to give me scrip + francs for a \$20 traveler's check to save me journey to Finance Office - I got \$10 in scrip + 1200 Francs, the official rate. - Marcus + I then took a walk to Quenne d'Iena to get my PX card + on the way we were accosted by a black marketeer. Marcus asked what he'd give for \$10 + he got 2800 francs !! Just five minutes before I

got only 1200 francs for the
same amount !! I felt
very much put out + incensed
+ I had a further discuss-
ion about the inequity of
the thing. - Got my PX
card, then walked to
PX, got cigarets, candy,
soap, razor blades. Then
back to hotel where I've
been writing this ever since
+ thank goodness am
about caught up on my
diary. - I forgot to say
that Esbey was good
enough to sell me a bottle
of Schenley + I've had a
drink out of it - At
1945 I'm to be at Hotel

Crillon to meet Zarley +
 Glenn for cocktails, then
 dinner & then Opera Com-
 que to see Mignon. - Boy
 I'm tired now & must
 rest a bit!

30 Oct. Wednesday - Up at 0700

as I felt slept out despite
 getting only about 5 hours
 sleep. - As for last night:
 I got shaved & dressed +
 was ready to leave at 1815,
 and seeing that I'd walked
 to & from the Embassy four
 times already I wanted to
 take a taxi but there were
 none so I walked again.
 Got to the Crillon (which
 is right next door to the

Embassy at a little after the appointed 1845. Found May Easley there but not Capt. Glavin, as latter had a date too. - Also, no tickets available for Mignon or any other place so we decided to take a chance on getting into the Folies at the last minute, via the ushers' black market route which Easley said he'd heard of. We had a nice cocktail. Saw & spoke to Mr. Thompson of AT&T (I'd seen him last in Gen. Farnham's office a couple weeks ago. With him was Mr. DeWolf of State Dept. who re-

numbered me very well. I asked him how he'd enjoyed his visit in Moscow to which he countered by saying "I see your secret service is working as usual." There were a couple other State Dept people whom I didn't know. - Easley then took me to dinner at the Hotel Vuillamont, where Elizabeth & I stayed a night or two in 1933. - A very good dinner with excellent steak (thin but in fine French taste), chocolate ice cream for dessert. - Then tried to get taxi to Folies, but none available so went by

Metro - faster & very much
 better all round in my opin-
 ion - at least you don't get
 scared to death at the
 crazy driving. - Well, we
 got two tickets OK - via
 the ushers' black market
 route, for which I had
 to pay a premium but
 not bad. Orchestra seats
 they were called but were in
 1st Balcony, right in the
 middle & very good - at
 253 fr each plus 50 fr for
 usher fees $2 = 606$ francs
 or about \$5⁵⁰, which isn't
 at all bad. - The show
 was marvellous; one set
 + act (Chinese). I can

only describe as magnificent
 + like nothing I had seen
 before. - marvelous costumes
 throughout. - I bought a
 booklet (220 francs =
 \$2⁰⁰ & hardly worth it
 but something to show at
 any rate in describing the
 Folies to E). - A couple
 of tiny cognacs between
 the acts cost \$2⁰⁰ !! -

It was a long performance,
 from 8³⁰ to 11⁴⁵ & when
 we got out no taxis still
 in sight so home by metro
 & said my farewells to
 Esley. I was back
 in my room by a quarter
 past midnight, quite

tired but feeling very well.
Got into bed but took me
some time to fall asleep,
for some reason or other but
I slept very soundly from
about 0100 to 0630 - up
& had a bath, dressed,
then to breakfast, with
Dr Zwicky & some more
discussion. Called A+
Compton the arch-traitor,
"with Almighty God in his right
pocket & Jesus Christ in his left pocket."
He was quite outspoken
against the big name
Scientists. Said they'd
deceived the rest of them
re the proposal to dump
A-bomb, which was

worked in such a way as to lead the rank & file to believe it was to be dropped on an uninhabited atoll.

Also, that AHC Compton & others had tried to circulate (did) a manifesto in 1940 asking scientists to refrain from working on armaments - at some time

Zwicky was trying to get together people to prepare against Nazi menace.

Then everything was turned upside down & now AHC et al are in forefront of the "preparedness crowd". Zwicky is violently opposed to any organized

organization for preventing
 future disaster - believed
 only in individual efforts
 but I had to cut the
 discussion short since he
 had to leave. - Will no doubt
 see him again. - Asked
 about my priority status
 + learned I was probably
 going to leave today. Decided
 I'd part by whatever gifts
 I was going to get, this
 morning. Got some

frances from hotel porter
 (190 per scrip) + bought follow-

ing: Scarf for JR - 800³ 666

Total: Guerlain for SF. 2000¹⁶⁶⁶

5428 = Pepsin Powder - 142¹²⁰

8457 = Jabong - 1005⁸⁸⁵

Schaparelli - 1481¹²⁰

There were many beautiful clothing & apparel articles for women but you need not only oodles of money but also "points" as most articles of clothing are still rationed. But, you can buy the "points" - again black market dealings but not under cover. The poor people sell their "points" & the shop keepers will sell you the necessary "points". It's all fantastic. But I didn't want to hazard buying & wearing things this time - I'm not as brash as I was in my younger days. - Had lunch & confirmed that I'm probably going out tonight - still N-6 on the list but was told to report at 1630 again. - Phoned Easley & as it was a lovely day out

I suggested he take the afternoon off + go with me to Montmartre, which we did. - Walked a lot; the pain was then no longer out + it got cold up on top of the hill at Saere-Coeur. - We rode up the hill on the funicular or "incline" at 2 francs each. A wonderful view from on top but clouds + darkness obscured a lot. - Had a rest + a vermouth at a very small, spotlessly clean cafe - we the only customers. - Back to hotel by metro + I reported in at 1700 - notified to "stand by for a call" - might be any hour or not until morning - a lot of indecision as usual. - Took a rest.

(my feet very tired) had a small drink + then early dinner. - now in my room, practically all packed. I think Zwicky will be on same plane. I have invited him to have a drink with me after he finishes his packing. -

31 Oct - Thursday - I had a wonderful sleep - in fact, didn't hear the alarm + almost missed my breakfast as I woke suddenly at 0815. - Rushed dressing + missed a badly needed shave but got my breakfast - with Zwicky again, continuing our discussions of last night. He'll come to my room + for about three hours we talked - I

enjoyed it more than I have for
a long, long time - talking science
& philosophy with a kindred
soul. - He told me that in his
opinion Frederick Nansen, the
explorer, was the greatest man
of his times - and why, but it's
too long to explain. I would love
to have a recording of Turck's
remarks after we had a couple
of drinks. I like him tremend-
ously & think him a great man.
Got to bed at a bit before mid-
night, & as said, had a good
sleep, despite the very exhilar-
ating conversation.] - After break-
fast I shaved & got dressed
all over again, took a short
walk 'as I'd been told

at about 1000 that I was to be on call all day + at very short notice, which meant that I'd probably be going out today. I walked over to Ave Klüber + stopped in the Signal Office to say hello to Col Raynesford - we had about 20 minutes chat + he seemed glad to see me. - Back to hotel + found Zwick all in a dither because his name wasn't on the list + I told him what I'd been told. I then verified it to him by taking him to talk to the "desk", which said my name appeared but not his. He rushed over to the Embassy to see what he could do toward getting a No. 1 priority.

Had lunch (Zuricky not around yet) & talked with a couple of young ATC men. Talked about how it was important to learn the cause of air crashes. One of them suggested that it should be arranged that the control tower could listen in on all the talk inside the pilot's cabin on take-off & landing. The other pointed out the practical difficulties in working out the communication system. I then suggested that an automatic record be made on magnetic tape in a fire proof container. They thought it a good idea & I may suggest it to some authority when I get back. — Saw Zuricky when

I'd about finished + went to
join him. He still in a dither
& having a hard time locating
who had his N° 1 priority paper.
We went to the "desk" + there
for 1st time I saw the "secret
list" - with my name on it, but
still no Zircky on it. - And also
the name Kohler. I had made
pretty good friends with the gal
at the desk so I asked her to
find out the full name of this
Kohler, suspecting it might
be our own Dr. Hans Kohler
of Arlington Hall, who'd left
in July to see his old parents
in Switzerland. - And sure
enough it was he, so I got
his phone no. at the hotel

where he was staying, called him up, asked him to come over (not far away) and was he pleased and happy to see me. He's been in Paris two weeks - waiting a priority to come for air to desport back - he couldn't get a ship passage back at all until next spring. - Took him up to my room where he appreciated the heat (no heat in his hotel!) + we talked a couple of hours. - Zurich + Kobler both being Swiss I thought it would be nice to get them together so after a bit I went to look for Z - found him downstairs

and out of his dither - after long + arduous planning to Frankfurt + other places he'd just got his priority business straightened out. - I invited him up to my room + introduced the two. We sat around discussing science + scientists. Z a man of very positive + very outspoken views on persons + things. - High admiration for some people like Einstein + quite devastating about certain others such as Millikan + A.H. Compton, Debye (now at Cornell). - I went downstairs then to see if I could talk the Mess Office into letting me have Dr Kollman as my

guest at dinner. He gave me a long song + dance about how + why it wasn't possible but I persuaded him in the end + so the three of us had dinner together, we continuing our discussions. - Z has just about finished a book to be published in English under the simple title "Truth" + in German under a slightly different one. I got him started on telling us what it's about + he outlined it - a new approach to the basic problem of knowledge + what is "truth" - very fascinating + I think will make a great impress on the world's philosophy. - We talked on

until about 2200. - I saw D.K.
to the hotel door (handing him
one of my two suits of long
underwear & he most grateful
for everything.) [K's wife is
Prof of French at MIT - Norman
Sandary & must be quite a
person - we must get together
soon.] - I then to my room,
took a bath & have been catch-
ing up on my diary. - We were
~~told~~ we might be called at
0100 so I ought to catch some
sleep. I am also told that
what is holding us up now
is "weather". Maybe I'll get
off tomorrow - I hope!

1 Nov - Friday - Up at 0800, shaved,
had breakfast. - no further news

* I decided it was time to do something about getting my priority raised as it became clear that as soon as the weather cleared there might be a number of priority 2 + 1 passengers show up. So I went over to Signal Center to call Cook + through Glenn got a line through at once but Cook was out so I talked with Hissar who said he'd take it up with Cook. I then went through the Signal Center with Glenn + saw the "Blockhouse" from bottom to top. The Germans built it in 1940-41 as a Signal Center - four stories high, concrete walls 10 feet thick + roof of same, no windows + air conditioned. Back to hotel + in a few minutes news came of a brand new list! Dr.

Zwirsky's name on it but not mine
which confirmed my worst fears.
So I decided to rush over to see
if Col. Raynesford couldn't do
something for me. We called
Hicks again & he said they
couldn't do anything there - for
me - I'd have to see Ed Warner
of AG here. - So I rushed back to
the hotel to be confronted with
the news that they had been
looking for me - two people on
the list with Zwirsky couldn't
be located so they were going
to put me on! But it was
too late, the bus had left, the
manifest closed. - Next best
thing - wait around, I'd surely
by go out this afternoon.

and probably at 1500. I got myself all packed or nearly so, in the midst of which Jessie Dent called from downstairs + said she'd come to see me off. I finished packing + went down to see her + Lt Snow from Frankfurt, both here on leave. - By 1450 still no certainty but 1455 came word to get on the 1500 bus. - So I got my stuff down, no bus but a 6x6 weapons carrier. Jessie took my picture on board the awful looking truck + we said good bye. - I'd arranged by phone already with Capt. ~~Stann~~ + also with Maj. Easley to send word back

to Cork & Washington respectively that I'd left Paris at 1500. - Not too bad or cold a ride to Ouly. - I get there, check in & am told I'm on Flight F-8, to Azores. I then go into waiting room - there's Zurichy, still waiting, with chute harness on & ready to go, but waiting. The weather very foul. - Pretty soon I get out to desk to check in things & am told I was transferred to Flight E-2, the same one Zurichy's on, for reasons too complicated to enumerate here. But E-2 goes to Iceland, F-8 to Azores. However, it would be nice to be with Zurichy.

We sat down in VIP lounge & had a sandwich. Pretty soon I go out to check again - to find that E-2 was cancelled, bad weather! Don't understand how such things can happen! We had to get our things & go back to Hotel Nap again - & maybe not be able to get in there again. - Rushed to get the bus & just made it. Back to hotel & I was very lucky to get my room back after rushing up to the place & finding it hadn't yet been assigned. - Then came down & argued with the clerk. Poor Zurich though had to go up to 7th floor & no

elevator - they never work here.
 So he has 7 flights to walk
 [and no toilet on ^{the} floor!]
 up & down. - I immediately
 phoned people: Jessie to get
 word to Glenn to get word
 to Cook to cancel usage
 saying I'd left, to ~~St~~
 Stewart to cancel usage to
 G-2 saying I'd left Paris;
 to Dr. Kobbler to see what
 his situation is & tell him
 mine. - Have had dinner &
 now am waiting for further
 word. What a mess! Jessie
 & Glenn asked to me join
 them but I decided best to
 stick close to hotel. Don't
 dare leave. Jessie is coming
 over to see me in a.m. if

Jim still here + if so, get the
 ATC here to do something to
 change my priority in writing.
 - It's now 22:30 + Jim in bed. No
 news, no change in situation. - I
 phoned Kohler + he came over. He
 Zurich + I spent evening together.
 One of Z's former students named
 Hayes, here attending Karmen's
 lectures, gave us the last of his
 schnapps from Switzerland - each
 having an ounce. - I hope the
 weather clears in Iceland tonight
 so that we can get off tomorrow.
2 Nov - Saturday - Up at 0740, showered,
 bathed, down to breakfast at 0815 with
 Z, after which we both went to see
 Major Skillin, who seems to be direct
 or of traffic for ATC. Z + I wanted

to get the straight dope on what the regulations really are as we both suspected some skullduggery at Oly in the handling of the priorities. One ship, maybe two, did go out yesterday - to Agnos - with some #3 passengers and since Z had a #2 priority he should have replaced one of those #3's. Also, I thought there were some #4's on that too +

I was first scheduled to be on that plane + got bumped off! At any rate I also wanted to see if May Skillin couldn't do something re raising my priority. He listened very carefully + I showed him the WJ telegram. He immediately said I should have had a #2 from the very beginning + why did

I wait so long in flashing the tel around - it was quite poetic. So he immediately began the motions toward raising my priority & gave Bolann assurance it would be done. He also bawled out the people at Coby for their manipulation of the priorities there & excused them (to us) by saying they were new, didn't understand & were lazy bitches - because it meant a lot of work in changing things around. Well, we went back to our hotel with the ~~best~~ assurance from him that we'd leave today on the E2 flight to Ireland at 1300. - We felt pretty much relieved as a result of our visit & I finished up.

my packing. Jessie Dent phoned
+ I told her latest word. She will
check this p.m. + if I'm gone will
get word to Cook. I forgot then
to call Lt Stewart at Embassy
to tell him latest word but I think
he will get it anyhow + will send
word to Wash. - I also phoned
Dr Kohler + told him whom to see
+ to keep after people at ATC.
The organization is pretty much
disorganized. - We got the
1100 bus to Orly, checked in etc
and took off not at 1200 but at
1345, which wasn't bad. I'm
writing this now at 1430 - were
over water now I think but can't
be sure as we are in clouds. We
are supposed to fly at 6500'

The plane is comfortable & clean
I think we'll have a nice trip. It
is scheduled to land at Wastover
Sunday noon or afternoon & from
there I have to try to hop a ride to
Washington on a local flight. -
The weather yesterday was foul but
today it is quite good & the flight
I had far very smooth. - One item
of interest: just a few minutes
before we were to board the plane
one passenger suddenly realized
that he'd left \$1500 in cash under
his pillow at the Hotel Nap! He
rushed out just in time to catch
the bus back. We left without
him (a Sargeant) & I hope the
poor fellow finds his money. We
have an extra seat in the

plane. - Well, we arrived at
Meeks Fld, Iceland in 6 1/2 hrs
flying time instead of 7 1/2 because
we had a good tail wind. The
trip was pretty smooth all the
way. - Had supper of ham &
egg at terminal. We were told
we'd have to stay overnight here
because there is no relief crew
to take our ship out. It's one
delay after another! So we got
bills and after sitting around
talking about 2 hours (I being
surrounded by a group goggle
eyed by his explanation of jet
propulsion etc, a most interest-
ing talker) we went to beds
in a barracks-like affair
constructed inside a

Overcast but the wind is terrific here but it is not cold. It rains all the time. -

3 Nov - Sunday - Up at 0700 local time. Slaved, dressed, trucked to terminal, breakfast of ham + eggs. - Got aboard plane, taxied down the field, monkeyed-around - and then came back! Engine trouble. In the terminal, whom should I see but Dr Kohler. A warm reunion. He'd just gotten in + his plane due to go out in an hour. I'll probably get to Washington before he do! Maybe we'll have to wait over in Goose Bay another night. - Talking about

disorganization - somebody failed to close & fasten the door to our plane last night. As a consequence the two rear seats (one mine) were drenching wet. Luckily I had another seat, first one forward, so could get that one & not be wet. - The weather is nasty out, heavy wind & rain. After about 1 hour, we went aboard again, tested the engines out - still trouble and this time we were told they'd have to take the plane inside the hangar - too rainy and windy to work on it outdoors. So back we went in the wind & rain, with our bags, to the terminal, prepared to stay at least

four hours, we were told. - Sat around for a 1/2 hour + then were told a bus would take us to the Hotel De Gink where we stayed last night. Soon the bus came + just as we were about to get on, word came that the trouble was fixed! - So again we board the plane + this time we take off - at some local time, in what looks like very soupy weather. Pretty soon we are through it + now the run is bright + the air smooth. - When we got aboard, the heat was on - full blast + almost unbearable, so the engineer had to turn it all off + now it is freezing inside. He is working on it + I hope he gets it fixed soon. - I forgot to

mention one funny thing that happened to me on the landing last night. We had put on our Mae Wests, had our belts all fastened & were coming down fast. Just as we were about to land, somehow the left-hand cartridge on my Mae West went off (I couldn't fasten the safety cord when I put it on, the string was too short, the flight clerk said when I showed it to him) & in an instant my Mae West was fully inflated after a brief explosive hiss which of course took me quite by surprise. - No harm done though & I simply opened the release

valve & deflated the thing.
Will have to watch that
again. - how were about eight
- ten hours behind our schedule
& I hope we won't have to
lay over again at Goose Bay
for any cause. - Hooray, the
heat is on again! ^{seven hours later!} - It's
now about 1430 Eastern Stand-
ard Time & we are due at Goose
Bay in about 30 minutes, how
over Labrador and does it
look rugged! And desolate!
A thin layer of snow over the
tundra & ice on the thousands
of tiny lakes & streams. - We are
beginning to come down now, my
ears tell me. - It has been a
very calm journey thus far.

- The ice on the lakes is not very thick & shows many cracks. Where the snow has stayed on the ice & where it has either melted or the ice underneath has gone there are myriads of curious, lacy & delicate designs. - The afternoon only marred a little bit by my recurrent hives! They served us a lot of fish in various forms in Paris. I can't think of anything else that would bring them back; - A good deal more snow as we go further south. - Boy, I'd hate to have to land down there now in that rugged mess. - We arrived at 10⁰⁰ local time

after a flight of 8 hours & 10 minutes. We were met by a nice clean bus & taken to the Hotel De Fink to stay overnight! Bad weather at Westover Field, the only one the Army will allow ATC planes to use, so despite the hundreds of possible fields we might use, with Westover closed in, we are stuck for the night again, and again we suffer at least a 12-hour delay. - Kohler gone, so he will get home a day before I do! What irony. - Checked in, got a room with Zurichy & a Persian colonel who is M.A. in Washington. - We cleaned up a bit and Z & I had another long talk, this time about German developments in research before V-E day. I learned

a most amazing thing. They had not one but three different ways - all completed months before the dud - by means of which they could have exploded any aircraft within an ^{area described by the} inverted saucer with a base 30 miles in diameter + fifty thousand feet high. - Why didn't they use it? Here Z became quite eloquent + vehement + gave what in his opinion is the reason why a democracy of free men will always beat a dictatorship: fear of the consequences of possible failure. The German scientists were afraid of their lives if the theoretical + experimental devices didn't work out in

practice as promised. They would have to guarantee the success of the project - the fear of failure being to forfeit their lives. That was the principal reason why all three separate groups of German scientists withheld their discovery from the Nazis. A secondary reason was that many of these men weren't too sympathetic to the Nazis and weren't too anxious for them to win. And a tertiary reason was that these men couldn't get the support of the big-name German scientists like Heisenberg + Hahn, who in favor for their own necks would be reluctant to go out

a bomb + gave only lukewarm endorsement. All that Z told me is not hearsay - he talked to the man + saw the gadget himself. He told me how absolutely amazed he was at the simplicity of the basic theory + how much more he was amazed when the Germans told him of them + why they didn't actually use them. Z says they tested one of these devices 35 times + shot down 35 planes, 100% success on experimental basis. Z wrote the business up in an RAF paper which I will get on my return home. - We talked a lot - for two or three hours. About Henschel + his shells.

treatment by the British & how
as a result H's wife & six
children almost died & what
Z did to get them strangled
out. - Of how Z conducted
the interrogations & "homework"
of the 400 German scientists
who had been crissled at Garm-
isch-Partenkirchen, how the
authorities let them practically
starve until Z raised hell to
get food from the Army for them
& how Z got in bad by being
a rather severe taskmaster
in getting work out of these
Germans. The British tried to
get an official reprimand for
Z - but it wound up in the
end that the Germans all

wanted to work for Z in America + didn't want to do anything for the British. I imagine that Z is a severe, hard taskmaster but a most fair + just man without an ounce of insincerity or hypocrisy in his makeup. - When I changed shirts he made some comment that I seemed to carry everything with me. I offered to let him have one too, but doubted that my size would fit him - he's an enormous man. He laughed + told me a story about ^{his diff. sizes in} getting some shirts, size 17, + how the lady who had volunteered to obtain them brought him size 16, saying that

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at the shop she visited, when she asked for 17's she was asked for whom they were. She said, for a professor. The salesman then assured her it just couldn't be so as only prizefighters and wrestlers wore 17 - it was impossible that a college prof could have a size 17 neck!

Whereupon I told him of Max's story about the man with the ringing in his ears, headaches, & pain in the neck. I laughed & laughed, thinking it a swell story. - We talked about Van-nessen, Bush & Conant & Crompton & others. of Shapley and Norris Russell, et al. - I enjoy him immensely & find so many things

in common with him, I wish he lived in Washington. I have long yearned for a male companion whom I could count as a real friend. There have been very few in my life and I've missed them consciously. Z's stock of technical information + knowledge is enormous + I could learn + learn just talking with him. Well, we went in for dinner at 1830 + lo! There was a very nice bar + dining room. So I ordered cocktails (two rounds) for us, excellent drinks at only 30¢ each. Then a very nice dinner with copious food + well cooked, everything nice + hot. - After dinner, more talk

+ then a walk in the crisp snow - not cold out, it seemed because the atmosphere is so dry. A fine $\frac{1}{4}$ moon with an enormous halo - a lovely quiet night. - About seven or eight ATC planes all lined up + grounded because of bad weather elsewhere. - We turned in at 2200 but I didn't sleep too well. Forgot to say I took a nice shower - the first one since leaving home - + enjoyed that immensely. When I came back into our room with my bathing cap on, Z exclaimed "Why the man has everything!"

4 November - Monday - Up at about 0630, much noise during

The night of people coming and going so I didn't sleep too well. Shaved, dressed, breakfast of ham + eggs. The news of departure not good - it seems we won't get off until mid-afternoon. - 2 + I walked a good deal, I sent a telegram to E + cashed a travel agent's check. - Fine, crisp, sunny + clear day out. - (Aboard the plane now) - We had a leisurely lunch after vague rumors we'd be leaving sometime this afternoon. We'd just about finished eating when all of a sudden we got word we're taking off in few minutes! - Got our things together, paid our bill for the billet (25¢) which seemed

quite out of line with the \$15⁰⁰
dinner last night) + went to the
passenger terminal. There I talk-
ed with the officer in charge +
requested he wire Westover field
to hold the shuttle plane to
Washington if necessary. He agreed
to do so after I received support
from the Persian colonel + one
other passenger. We took off
at 1410 local time = 1310 EST +
are scheduled to arrive after 4 1/2
hours. Weather calm but we
are flying in cloudy haze all
the time. Hope the field is clear.
One of the things Z + I talked
about yesterday I failed to
record: the way in which Swiss
technicians working inside
Germany on some of the most

secret German projects got their information into American + Swiss hands. It was all done by individual Swiss working alone, without cognizance of Swiss Govt. One of the important items of information they got out was notice of impending invasion of Switzerland, twice in 1940 and once in 1943. The Swiss Govt mobilized 1,000,000 men + the Germans had to cancel their plans. Z says this is recorded in last official report of Swiss Army's Chief of Staff. - Z said that he + good many associates of the Swiss scientists in U.S. got continuously the latest info re German scientific progress for the Swiss in Germany - at the risk of their lives.

- Arrived at Westover at 1835, the ride quite calm except for a few minutes now & then. We rode just over very heavy banks of very dark clouds a good part of the way. - On arrival we cleared through customs ZIP! just like that, as I think some notice of VIP arrivals (maybe me?) must have been given because the OD came aboard & pretty soon I and the Persian Colonel were escorted to a nice shiny car & taken to the terminal. This enabled me to clear customs & immigration.

the first. - Then I sought information re a plane to Washington but things are quite SNAFU in that respect, the OD told me. The regular 1800 shuttle plane was cancelled + a special C-54 is now on the runway - but it developed a leak in the gas line + that must be fixed before it can take off. It is estimated now to be ready at 2100 but I'd go with my fingers crossed. May have to go by train. - Now 2145 + I'm aboard a C-54 Cargo plane bound for Bermuda, one stop in Wash-

ington, due there about
2330. It's rough + a couple
of the passengers are sick. I
feel OK so far. - I phoned
E from Westover + awfully
glad to hear her voice. Told
her the situation + not to
come to airport. - Soon we are
over New York City - a wonderful
sight. In 20 minutes more, over
Philadelphia. We are going about
3 miles a minute apparently. -
Now over Baltimore, the going
is much smoother. - We are
due at Washington at 2330. -
Now I can see Washington, a
very lovely sight below. Sky
perfectly clear. - Down we
go now. We have our harness

on - we had to put that on
when taking off also. -

Arrived - 23~~25~~²⁵, a few minutes
ahead of time. - It's good to
be back + will phone to at
once.