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My dear Baba,

Thank you very much for your letter of Nov. 7th. and for sending on to me Viola's long and interesting letter. I knew George would be interested to have news of Viola, so I sent her letter to him. He returned it to me yesterday. I enclose a letter I have written to Viola in case you can send this on to her. I am not sure whether it is unwise to send a letter through you, or whether it would be unwise to do so with an English stamp. I am writing direct to Agnes, but it is not possible for me to invite her to stay with me here. As you know this is a very tiny cottage and there is only one bedroom. I have also retired and am living on a small pension, not an ideal environment for a young woman who will surely miss young society. I am very sorry not to be able to help Viola by Viting Agnes to come here.

The Bulldoundiagness came in 1970, but the owner refused to pay her share of the expenses so I had to ask her to leave. It was a disasterous adventure for me for I invested a lot of money helping her to get the kennels established here, thinking that it would give her a home, and at the same time, give me an interest when I retired and a pleasant companion too. I had planned to have an extension built on as a bed-sitting room for my companion, but as things turned out I am thankful I had not put that in hand, for it would have been a complete waste of more money.

I have one Bulldog, named Moses, who is an interesting animal and I am fond of him, but at times I realise that a dog makes life more difficult for a single woman. For instance, I cannot go away for a holiday for I could not afford to pay the high cost of his keep in a Boarding kennel. If only we could know how long we are going to live! I have a little money invested but I do not want to dip into that yet awhile.

I am very glad to know that your mother is with you. What a wonderful old lady she must be. Please give her my best love. I well remember how kind she was to me all those years ago when I went to Szeged.

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Unfortunately, I have not seen George for a very long time. We write to each other regularly but he told me long ago that he edd not went me to visit him in Hospital. I was rather hurt at the time but I think it was meant to save me distress. At that time poor George was very unwell, mentully, and there was nowhere for us to meet except in the ward of the hospital, or public room, with other patients crowding round. He used to come here on a Sunday two or three times a year, but he has not been since that time when you came with him. I know that the main reason for this is that he is doing a lot more engraving and printing now, and he has to do this in his free time. As you know, he is a compositor in the Printing Works at the Hospital working 5 days a week, which leaves him little time for his artistic work.

I have confirmed with the British Broadcasting Corporation that they have gramophone records to teach Foreigners English. There are two courses, one shorter than the other but I do not yet know the cost. I am hoping to have a catalogue from the EBC soon. It would cost much less for Agnes to buy character these courses than to come to England, and I think she would learn more from records than from a 2 to 3 week stay in England. As soon as the catalogue comes I will be able to give her all details.

No more now, dear Baba. I am so glad to have your letter. Your English is now good and I hope you will write to me again one of these days.

Please give my best love to your mother, and I send it to you, too.

Theo.

