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Dear Mr. Bultman:

We have just finished discussing your problems with the Foreign Office, and have been assured that your check is on its way. This time the check will cover the April, May and June period, and so you will not have to worry for the next two months.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "D.A. Bullard".

D.A. Bullard  
Cultural Affairs Officer

DAB/pb/fc

April 30th

Darling---I should be recording for you the little daily things that these darlings do---tonite is unbelievably beautiful---so calm, the sea is pale and still, the sun still bright at 7--such peace, even more so than the evenings we walked around the Cap. and warmer too. What a peaceful ness here, like nowhere in the world--and strangely enough I am not the least bit lonesome---of course I am hardly alone---have been surrounded by swarms of children constantly. It is so funny to hear Tommy talk about his girl friend, and Philip smoke, and Sylvia and Cynthia do the housework, and Anth be completely independent--Jo is still quite a baby---I forget sometimes that he is, because he takes care of his wee-wee, and I get to thinking he is a big man, and he really isn't. He just made a big choo-choo up on the terrace by putting bricks together. It went clear across the terrace and then he walked on it back and forth--such a doll--and dirty, dirty like you can't imagine. all the time---A has gone hog-wild up here with all the NO.manners gone down the drain, he is again a wild indian. They have all got a club, or the "hut" as they call it, made out of the old outhouse, they crawl in thru the bottom, thru the hole, and have cleaned out the inside, put in an old blanket---what will happen next I don't know. Today we had a little excitement, but all in the days happenings just the same. I was eating and smelled smoke---A.and J, and Cyn. were on the back porch playing nice as could be---rushed out and down by the studio all the grass was blazing high and crackling, and smoke all over---so I rushed down, told C. to call Mollie, fortunately the studio was unlocked and a shovel inside, so I started shoveling sand but fast, and Bruce and Mollie came running, and we got it out--but it was really going. Meantime, A.had gone to the phone and asked for the fire man, and they gave him Mr. Mattas no. and he told them the name and address, and he arrived when it was out, but no engines. Well, we couldn't figure out how it started because not close to the road---right under that pine tree---no one had been around all morning. Then after lunch Kathy arrived in tears and told me she had found a match on her way home to lunch, and struck it, it burned her finger, so she dropped it and ran home. Well, she was in tears, and so upset so we had a long

talk and she said she'd be good the rest of her life---actually it was a good lesson to all the children as they were all very impressed. Just lucky no real damage.

Have been getting a plot of garden ready to plant, will do it tomorrow. The hill has grown in a lot this winter---the lit pine trees are all much bigger. I am only going to plant a lot of different kinds of salad greens, and beans now, later on will put in tomato plants, and maybe corn.

Met Mary downtown today and we took J/ and had a big choc. soda--her in-laws are threatening to withdraw the \$100 a month, and if so, P. will go back on a ship---they have built a large house down there, for the servants, and now the servants have 1 left. they spent 14 thousand on it.

We had a very gay weekend--Eddie drove up Helene and Mrs. dePinna of Park Ave. to whom Miz had introduced her, to rent her house to, she was very nice, in her 60s, traveled, and campy as could be. So we wined and dined her like mad, went musseling, Eddie helped H. open her house and arrange things before Mrs. d took a look at it---and in the end we were successful---she rented it for 750, the back big part--she is moving the partition so that the front apt. will have a living room and bedroom, and Mrs. deP thinks she has a friend who might take that. Helene looks better than I thought she would, tho of course is very down--~~SA~~ if you had written her such a sweet letter she would always treasure. She is terribly in debt---S. was going to give her a large sum right after that concert. They all left after lunch Sunday but H. will be back in 2 weeks to open up, and only stay 2 wks.

Mary would love to have an assortment of the eyes for buttons--she wants to send you a few dollars to Paris, or if you can squeez it out she will pay you when you return--shes mad for them. Mrs. thing in Hyannis is dying for more childrens ~~plot~~ clothes so I am not going to spend every spare moment in the garden because I do want to do it. What a beautiful day. May will be divine. Just got the star from Tommy Prentiss--it is lovely for \$10. I have only \$100 to last til June 1st and with the kids eating like they do, I may have to holler for me but who cares, I don't worry. Well I really must stop and the two very dirty boys in the bathtub.

P.S. Mollie just called to say--the Standard Times had called her about wanting the story about the fire today--she kpt saying oh no, it was nothing, but they said, an alarm was put it, and who was the little boy who phoned so distinctly and all that, so she had to tell them, so they are writing Anthony up in the paper! and so to bed---Love, Jeanne