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Dear Carolyn:

I address this to you as the ribbon is getting faint and Victor might not be able to read it easily. I was delighted to have a note from you both and especially happy that a visit may once again be possible. Here is how I think it ought to be arranged, so that we can communicate with a minimum of confusion.

First I can let you know ahead what would be a good week, or weeks.

Then when that week comes and you anticipate a good day, call the monastery the ~~xx~~ day before saying to leave a message for me that you are coming the next day. Then, if all goes well, just come at 12.30 the next day without further ado. Only call me if you are not coming. In my turn I will not do anything unless I send a wire or call you not to come, but I will try to take care to keep the whole week free once I have cleared it ahead of time.

It is impossible to ~~xxxxxx~~ expect them here to give a message promptly or correctly, and I doubt if it could ever be arranged for me to get a message and call in return on the same morning. Everything is too haphazard or too arbitrary to be dependable.

The last week in February is not good for me, I fear. This week seems nice, so if you get the urge to come later in the week, and think you can call a day ahead, do that and I will meet you next day at the Gate at 12.30. (Unless you cancel it by another call). The last week of the month I have to get operated on for this bursitis and I am going to Louisville. Don't let's plan on a visit to the hospital, that would be too miserable, and we want to make the best of our chances. After that, any time from March 5th to 14th would be good. Maybe I'll call you from the hospital and we can talk of it some more.

Yes, I would like the Kobo Abe book.

My very best wishes to you and Victor. It is so nice now I wish you were coming today!!

All blessings, in Christ,

Tom.