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Dear Carolyn:

Bob Shepherd had the kindness to write to me and let me know that you not only have Victor in the hospital but your mother also. I am very sorry to hear it, and I hope that since Bob wrote things may have improved somewhat. At least, to judge from what he says, Victor may be home again. But how difficult it is for you to have all this happening at once. I wish there were something I could do besides say "Courage" and assure you of my prayers.

I think often of you and Victor, and ~~a~~ certainly things are much less happy here than they were when you could come over regularly. We can certainly be grateful for having had such wonderful times over the years, and I hope will do so again. In any case, perhaps when my lawyer, John Slate, ~~xxx~~ comes down this summer, we might be able to get over there. But I will of course consult you first about it.

In a word, I do very much want to see you and Victor, if only briefly. I hope he is able to do at least a few of the things he likes to do, and that he is reasonably well. I am having a bout with food allergies and the like, but nothing special. The back seems to be holding up all right and in a word I have nothing to complain of.

Would it be more convenient for you if I sent requests for books and things direct to someone at the library? I am most grateful for the copy of the Ruthwell Cross article, and would like to follow that up with a book that might be there. If you get a chance to drop me a note about this, I will do what you suggest.

With all my best to you and Victor, and thanks to Bob for his note,

Cordially always,

Tom.