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Dearest Margaret,

This is my birthday, and I miss you greatly. It has been a heavenly day. From the upper floors of the Palais des Nations we looked across the lake with its white sailboats, across green slopes with many trees, toward Mount Blanc, — white and magnificent. The days are warm, but the evenings perfect. We eat out of doors regularly and have not encountered a flying insect yet.

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Mr. La Guardia gave a really good speech to-day, — about 2 hrs. long. He is going to cut off the program of Welfare Services at once, and health services in Europe at the end of the year, — which is all right with me. He started by giving a eulogy of the health work, — the highest praise he gave to any part or function of UNRRA.

I reached here by train yesterday morning, — one full day late. I have a room in Hotel Richemond and am comfortable. Your letter reached me yesterday morning at my temporary office (shared with Dr. Goodman). It was a joy to hear from you and have your

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letter on my birthday, to read over again. It was dated Aug 2 and received Aug 6. Extraordinary! 3 or 4 days en route.

I feel reassured about Peg, & I hope she is entirely normal by now. Thanks for relaying the news from Bill. I hope he finds a solution of the housing problem. Couldn't the family live in Augusta?

Miss Holbrook's letter puzzles me. I probably was too brief about the Conventions, but you could learn all about them by phoning Bryan or Stroman at the office. The administration of the Sanitary Conventions of 1944 will go to the new World Health Organization,

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and have the effect of international treaties. I shall be interested in seeing how you fixed the letter up. Doubtless it was improved.

We sat up all night in the train from the wrecked harbor of Le Havre to Paris & spent the day there. Most of the shops were closed because it was Monday! No other reason. In the evening we took the sleeper for Geneva.

I hope you keep writing. I love to hear from you.

We don't yet know when the meetings will end.

Your,

Hilbert.