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707 N. Dubuque St. Iowa City, Ia. May 4, 1949

Dear Mother and Dad:

It's gotten very hot here this week, and today is overcast and very oppressive. I suppose it will be mid-summer in temperature before I get home. Makes it very hard to do any work, which is the worst of it.

I'm writing all the publishers and poets now for permission mat to use their translations, and that alone is quite a job. There are a few other details about the contents, too, but I don't rush too much on them. Still have the introduction and indexes to make, but I thought I'd do them in Jackson. I've started re-working the first part of the new novel to send to my agent in hopes someone will give a contract, but I'm afraid the chapters I send won't be much help. Also wrote an article - a sort of love-story - based on the Latin love poems I translated, including them in it, and sent to be shown to Mademoiselle. The feature editor there had asked me to do something similar as a possiblety for them. And now I have another book review to do for Saturday Review.

The two packages from NY were books New Directions had given me; and two large ones should be there by Express collect by now...books I had here that I don't need any more. I'm enclosing \$5. to pay the charges on them; if it's too much, keep it there - there will be more by the time I move away from here. Did a package come from a bookstore in Chicago - it was a book for my Pound collection.

A week from tonight I go to Des Môines for the Opera on those free tickets Francis Robinson sent me. It should be a good trip and performance, but it's a lot of trouble getting to Des Moines without a car. There was a costume ball here last Saturday - the Beaux Arts ball of the fine arts department. I hadn't planned anything to wear, so I just worked up a bowboy outfit with dime-store things for children. The theme of the party was "The Movies" and everyone was supposed to be a movie character or actor - some very clever. Three movies were showing simultaneously on the walls of the room, but no one paid much attention to them - they were just for decoration.

I saw a picture here of the airplane wreck. The pilot had three sisters living in town.

Will try to find a Merriam's dict. in the library, but I doubt if they have one - it's not exactly standard for libraries, I suspect.

> Love to all, Unlust



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