

DOUGLAS FAMILY

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I've made John a grand pair of <sup>Brown Worsted!</sup> trousers with the new machine - think the sewing machine better be a present from you as you've given us so much £.S.D. - It is electric & reconditioned & excellent. I've begun dress making classes on Wednesday nights - I have been to 2 - Feel terribly stupid because I really don't know the most elementary things of following or using a pattern. Fun to learn. We are still looking for a piano. I got my hopes all raised but took Mr. Smallman along to see it & although we agreed it had good tone he showed me it would need at least £40 work & then it was not the best type to begin with. He suggested we try again! So when we are all well again we will. I seem to have been dragging around then term since Xmas. Nothing has wintered out agree I think, & I feel dragged out by the endless drab & fog! Ha! Spring is coming - Crocii are all out, Forsythia bursting. Birds singing, Pheasants dashing around the garden & perhaps the weather is improving! Lovely to have heard Segovia - kuck you! He must be Magnificent. We went to a Marriage Evidence discussion on Thursday night. (expect I spread the 'flu bug widely 😊) Most interesting. A nice vicar's home seen by 2 people we'd met recently - about 8 engaged couples all to be married March April or June - of all types working class mostly - concerned about buying a bedroom suit & dusterfield suit - born into conventions so deeply - so are we I suppose in many ways - but they are different & we like to think we are less rigid. I don't know. Grand to read of your courses - His Honour's below so nice to get your card from Eliz - Oh, Mac might be in the next one who has 2 kids now. She's nice. P.L.O.

BY AIR MAIL  
PAR AVION  
AIR LETTERS  
AEROGRAMS  
20 FEB 1961



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Am going to sleep  
now. Much  
better - such  
great news for  
B.A.  
So lovely  
always to  
hear from  
you & I'd like  
to very much  
have always  
Bossy

Lenton Lodge  
Deerley Rd.  
Nottingham  
Feb 12. 1961

Darlingest Aunt Attie;

I have the most awful feeling  
that I have written to everyone else about  
Anne's lovely and much adored Teddy & not  
get to you. Darling I'm so muddled & I  
also I've written to & told you - & it's mostly  
Not I'm afraid. But the Teddy is simply the  
most Marvellous success & she was so thrilled &  
really just loves him. He really is the nicest  
Teddy bear. John so wanted to eat it up  
with joy & Anne was so protective that we  
had to go to town immediately & get John a Teddy  
too! I wish you could have seen his utter joy  
when at last he also was allowed to hug a  
real teddy! We got one almost exactly the same  
size but much more golden yellow which makes  
them the same yet different & what times we've  
had with them both. Really - Teddy Bears are a  
thing quite unique - I can see now. Anne &  
John really do love them. I think it's the cuddly  
quality. Thank you darling one so so so  
much for such a lovely thought & present. You  
are continually sending us lovely things.  
I've got 'flu - Ingham woke with it last Monday  
& Anne started the week before - then John & I  
went down on Thursday night - barely letting  
poor old Ingham get onto his feet - but he  
is much better thank goodness. Anyway it  
makes one feel foul & disappointed & depressed &  
I'll be glad when we are all up again. I've  
had a cough & thick head since a long time

& poor old John is terribly choked up - but has  
no temp now. The doc. came today & has  
given 1 up things. So we'll all be better.  
So Maddy thought for one has had to miss  
so much. We have Father Martin J. Pratt here  
staying the weekend & had people in last night  
to meet him - but alas I had to be a bed.  
I'd luckily made a cake & brownies on Thursday  
& so Mrs Johnston came & helped spread buns  
& Ingham fed Maddy & Martin was  
in S.A. - Johannesburg & Trevor Haddleston  
for 6 years & is terrifically up on the whole  
S. African apartheid problems. He is also v.  
keen on Drama & had a lot to do in this great  
African Show "King KONG" which has come to  
London & is beginning this Thursday. I'd give  
my eye teeth to see it & we'll certainly try.  
Anne has been away from school for over a  
week & is going back tomorrow in grand  
form. Your Envelop with the Clippings  
of Ice Sculpture arrived most opportunely  
when she was in bed & gave her & us all much  
pleasure. Goodness - Kelly did we never do  
such things in "My Day"! They are terrific!  
I was very sorry to hear of the death of  
Miss Chown. I know how sad you would be  
- how you will miss her for she was a much  
valued friend. I only met her a few times  
but thought she was a grand & most darling  
part of person. She will be greatly missed as a friend & Queen.  
What do you think of Peil's his explanation  
of the Universe? Is it new? or is it just multiplication



1<sup>st</sup> I think of Ashbird as a heavenly  
 haven where one can live as simply  
 and as cheaply and as freely as is  
 possible in Ontario. It is a haven  
 just because we don't have impinging  
 upon us the multiple choices of  
 listening & seeing & hovering &  
 freezing & pumping & ~~lighting~~  
 all the mechanical appliances in the  
 world which would come over with  
 the wires. And we are an Island  
 only the Water + our granite core  
 links us with the other islands.  
 Surely I am a conservative in this  
 matter but all winter long I have  
 had off and on a nightmare about the  
 island's independence being taken away  
 from us. + a pole wiring us with  
 Hagg + Samson would seem to me to  
 be a load. It is this freedom complete  
 which is the joy of the island + the  
 naturalness of the whole place. Audrey  
 feels as I do. We did discuss this  
 question when we four were there that  
 last weekend + I thought we were agreed  
 now I have proved them much against

AEROGRAMME

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SECOND FOLD HERE — PLIER ENSUITE ICI

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TORONTO  
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Dr. A. V. Douglas,  
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 Oxford,  
 England

it will seem rather weak to argue  
 for your freedom of choice or anyone  
 else's don't it? Please do

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Consider other  
 attitudes than mine,  
 you should have  
 the choice since  
 you will be  
 enjoying Ashbird  
 a lamb in a summer  
 Dearest Audrey  
 I will love that place  
 whatever I feel  
 it - with soon  
 Love  
 P + A.

fiat lux! fiat  
 Patrum hux!

Douglas 319 Palmerston Blvd. No 4



Many joined church last Sunday at  
Barnstable

note - we put the \$100.00 towards an auto!  
make washing machine!! Good buy - sale at Edna's  
it will be so useful. Thank you so much for making  
it possible. In other matter I felt instructed by  
Pat did when I read G. G.'s letter but please tell me  
your honest thoughts. Lilies were lovely. Maudie for!

Dearest Aunt,  
What are J. & M.-C's thoughts  
on this?

A letter today from Graham

George - who wants an answer straight way as  
I will deal with it without further ado. It is the  
matter of the Hydes. Now to quote from George's letter  
"Just before your Aunt left for Europe Dr. Bird had a  
word with her as to whether she had any wish to have  
electricity on her island, to which her answer was  
that nothing would please her more better, in that she  
expected to be spending a good deal of time on the island  
as the years go on, and would want to do a lot of reading  
& would prefer not to ruin her eyes. . . . But Dr. Douglas  
added that "her nephew" which I am presuming for  
convenience signifies you, would have the final  
word in the decision. I understand you will be up here  
in July but Bird & I are anxious to get together as  
soon as possible if it proves practicable, and we  
wonder whether you would care to correspond with  
your Aunt about it. I may say that I should not  
be suggesting this were it not for Dr. Douglas's  
unmistakably enthusiastic response, as I have it  
from Dr. Bird." G.G. adds if we are against it this will not necess. prevent  
him or Dr. Bird from carrying out plan though in fact they may  
then find it too expensive.

Back a day - Dear Aunt I am as you know  
thoroughly horrified at the Idea. But I can see that  
this opposition blinds me to points of view of others. I  
do not think at all that Audrey & I should monopolize  
on this decision because we happen to be the ones  
enjoying Aokpink these years. So I don't want to  
have the final decision but I will state my feelings  
which are too strong on the subject honestly to suppress.



16 St Peter's  
Cambridge  
31 January 1961

Dear Alice

I had taken with me your Christmas letter to answer, when your second one arrived. Thank you so much for both. You suggest that we have had bad weather this autumn; we have had it since November's autumn, I think! Whikam, a just Bank Holiday & a week in <sup>September</sup> ~~the past~~ were lovely and doubtless there were other occasions, but the general impression was of miserableness. Today after a bitter week, we have had three days of real spring weather, the birds are singing away.

I am afraid Cousin Courtney is not well. I think he is still in the clinic where he had a slight operation

about Christmas, I don't believe Ray has  
not helped him much. He was almost  
first cousin, so must be well over 80 -  
was he married in beneda? I am  
never quite sure how you came into the  
family, but I don't think you were a real  
relation, though we always regard you as  
almost one!

I did not remember that Elizabeth's  
husband was at Nottingham University;  
I thought he was a clergyman! I should  
like to see her again. I have recently  
met Professor Chape who has presented me  
with a copy of the "Nottingham Medical  
Studies" dealing with Dorothy Sayers. Mr  
Chape is responsible for the translation of  
the third book of the ~~detective~~ <sup>crime fiction</sup> series for the Penguin  
series, as Dorothy Sayers only completed the  
first two before she died -



Thank you for telling me about your  
Duplex apartment. I thought an  
"apartment" or two stories was a maison-  
ette; but I see the term was given  
you in 1915, so perhaps it has been  
transformed here - your quarters seemed  
most attractive, and I hope your tri-  
city had also given you a room, because  
you would not have much room for your  
scientific and literary work if you use  
your second bedroom for hospitality -  
you cannot think how tempted I am  
by your half-pkiny invitation: I have  
always wanted to get bones etc but  
was deterred by the feeling that I should  
not know what to see and how, and  
now you offer me a double welcome; and  
barkley's nephew David is at Neacoon,



ding a Social Welfare course at the University  
and finding it difficult to get back to  
academic work. I have delayed  
answering your letter till I could be sure  
that I could not come - My friend has  
asked me to join up with her for an Italian  
Tour in May, but she has encountered  
several snags, now overcome, so I am  
committed to that trip yet, and it also  
is in May - I suppose you would not ask  
me another year!!

Joyce & Dermot have been having an  
interesting and enjoyable time in the  
West Indies and I have liked their  
free time to sit with opportunities for  
speaking French. Joyce does not like  
flying, thinking the voyage is half the fun  
and interest of a journey -  
I am thinking you  
Yours affectionately Daisy



St August

July 2<sup>nd</sup> 61  
Sun - Tue.

Soor dear,

In a few hours we'll  
be up - speeding you  
on your way.

What a lovely time we  
have had & what

a generous dear you  
are! There are so

many fun-things to remember  
in ~~over~~ just few days

of discovery & then this  
nice & comic stay here!

I do so hope all goes

smoothly - happily &  
with no more in ~~deed~~  
aspects - Do be very nice

& rather careful re  
food & heat.

Am sorry to quote



Buber! — I think this  
is a description of you!  
"Reality is to be found — not  
in ecstasy ~~of~~ beyond the world  
of the senses, but in the  
"hollowness of every day"  
I also like this: —

man can only succeed in  
raising relation to Constancy if  
he embodies it in the whole  
stuff of life, if he realizes  
God anew in the world  
according to his strength &  
the measure of each day.  
This is not a question of  
completely overcoming the  
relation of "It" but of so  
penetrating it with Thou  
that relation wins in its  
shining, streaming Constancy:  
the moments of supreme  
meeting are not flashes in  
darkness, but like the



rising moon in a clear  
starlit night. Man cannot  
gain relation through directly  
concerning himself with God  
for "reflexion" looking back  
towards God, makes Him  
into an object. It is the  
man who has been sent  
forth to whom God remains  
present. The mighty  
revelations at the base  
of the great religions are  
the same as the quiet one  
that happen at all times"

Dear Sove - Have  
a lovely time. We  
shall all combantly  
be thinking of you - can  
the enable of picture  
feel precisely - but  
you can picture us!  
Vig Con Dio & great  
love to you always - Ofa.



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JAN 61



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Went over to Kirkby Stephen for Ingram to  
see the lawyer re Fran's Sally's estate (90)  
Fran's John & I went to see Old James Cleary  
& his family & v. remote connection - but  
his daughter is another Fran married to  
an excellent surgeon, for Xmas and takes an interest  
our Fran's something for Xmas & had a nice  
in her name sake. So we called & had a nice  
short walk then aft. after that - John in a  
park on Linwood bank. He was terribly happy  
there. John is showing great signs of being musical  
& bounces & claps to all rhythmic sounds - becoming  
we no face with joy. He is a comic weather &  
at this point will usually let me out of his sight.  
The weather has been foul - but we are hoping for  
some sun soon! We had New Year Dinner at  
Oakdene - Turkey etc - at mid a lovely day  
with them there. Fran played guitar while  
they slept after lunch, ~~and~~ and she sang quite  
Meadellon - Exercise we had the first later.  
She engaged in with games & dances in  
the most amusing way. She has taken in  
what they do at school. It is a pain - but my  
goodness one has to imply about the date  
for his most demanding, exactly like a school  
teacher & we just go with hysterical laughing - but  
have to get to it. We got Fran & lovely in  
blue dress suit - made of nylon stuff lined with  
warm material. It is grand for keeping him  
together. How much we thought of you all  
of Xmas & still do it. But I long for you  
You all did & whether you had a party  
etc. the history of the Queen & thought you must  
be too! I pm. her - so much love to you don't  
forget Fran. New Year! Give you great love, Fran

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Sedburgh -  
New Years Day  
1961

Darling Aunt Allie!

How you have showered us with wonderful presents. How can we thank you enough for EVERYTHING! My Greek Bag is wonderful - I am using it full time. It is really a wonderful size & so very nice. My glasses are super, My Slip grand - & on & on - a huge check and endless wonderful little envelopes with booklets and cards and pictures. Ingram's socks are terrific & hit the nail bang on the head! ☺ John loves the cart we got for him from you and he stands up & walks and he stands up & walks. Anne can push him in it & it won't upset. Anne loves her bookies & all the little pictures you sent her. I took the liberty of giving the Eskimo books to Ken & Marjorie Martin as they had not seen it & I already had been given one last Xmas (by you?) - they were delighted. Auntie darling - Thank you for everything more than I can say.

We had a lovely Christmas and it was nice having the Martins with us. Peter there we'd say is 2 weeks older than baby John & so the 2 of them were a pair. Ken & Marjorie helped with everything so much. Peter smiled and beamed like a lion most of the time

We ate & talked & on the whole seemed quite busy most of the time!! We had a West Indian & Xmas evening dinner - A teacher doing Post Grad work here, I we'd also asked a Northern Rhodesian - but he couldn't come. It was all very nice once we got down, though I wondered if we'd ever get there after the bedlam of wrapping parcels in the afternoon. John & Peter we put in the playpen which John didn't like, but he bore up once he was showered with presents to chew! Anne wanted to open everything - Ingram sat & wrote down who had what & Ken & Marjorie just quietly opened things over with comments which kept us all interested. Len brought a lovely Xmas tree. He is a Forester in Edinburgh & so had a chance to get a tree. Anne was so thrilled to decorate it. You'd have found it Auntie, and it looked lovely. We all went to church on Xmas day next door & put the 2 prams at the back! John went to sleep & Peter smiled & beamed at all the Aunts. We drove up here on Thursday after Xmas & are staying in a nice house in the town & meals provided. We have a sitting room to ourselves which is good. We spend part of each day at Oakdene. Ma & Pa Cleasby are wonderful & Pa seems much better except that he still gets quite wandery evidently early in the morning - Jessie is at home doing all she can to look after them while she's there. She is loving her new job as headmistress of a junior Dept of a Girls School. It is much more stimulating than where she was before. Today we