

April 7, 1971

Montreal

Dear Manon;

I got your wire a few minutes ago to the effect that you are arriving here on April 19th

I take it from that that John managed to contact you and in some way raise my queries. Of course it would be good to see you right now or tomorrow morning at 950 at the airport. But what I was worried about was the duration of your stay. The price of flights that allow you 30 days or 45 days is qualitatively ~~was~~ less than the open ones. My 45 day fare when it expired on April 4th was worth cash value \$27.00. Yet a regular single is going to cost me over \$200.

When I got your note announcing your arrival on April 9th—after I planned what kind of corsage I would meet you with at the airport I counted through the calendar—first 30 days and then 45 days. And I saw immediately that you couldn't, arriving on the 9th, cover the French congress even with a 45 day ticket. And after all the French congress is the big event here in Europe for us. I couldn't see you with our great shortage of funds paying regular open fare so I concluded that you might not have got my message that the congress is no longer on April 10--11 but on May 30 --31

At anyrate I now have your message and I will be looking forward to meeting you at the airport on the 19th. By then the weather should be much nicer. Spring is far from here yet in Belgium but by the 19th and the rest of your stay here and in France it should be very beautiful. Our apartment which has a beautiful front window and balcony will be not only warm but nice and bright too. Besides we have a couple of bicycles—we could go out into the immediate countryside with them

Art has not replied to my long letter to him about the situation there. I have received more correspondence from John S, John R and Jacquie with which I am in substantial agreement. I am glad to see this date leaves you in Montreal for the enlarged PC meeting, where you will be able to participate in what I hope will be the correct resolution of the problem at this stage.

I hope this note finds Alan moving in the impressive way that he was when I was last in Montreal.and Andre, Jean fully in the struggle--joined by your sister.

anticipating your arrival

Ross