Geneva, July 20,1958.

Dear Mother,

This has been a very fine week-end, not too warm and sunny except for a very brief spell this afternoon. Yesterday about three in the afternoon I took the two Canadian nurses who are here for a drive up the Jura. I wanted to test out my car as I had been having a little difficulty with the radiator heating. It seemed to be O.K. yesterday so I guess whatever the garage mechanic did was the right thing. It was very pretty and the girls got their first view of Mt. Blanc. To-day I went with Ruth Steinkamp in her new car to Champéry. Her car is a Hillman like mine but the color is fire-engine red. Except for about a half hour we were able to drive with the top down the whole day. I have a lot more tan--in fact some burn but I expect the redness will be gone by morning. We went up in the teléferique and climbed a little so that we were up about 5600 feet. We found quite a few flowers, my first in Switzerland this year and as it will likely be my only time out in the flower season I was very glad. Have started my pressing. Will see how they keep the color. Put them between blotting paper and newspaper and then in a magazine and under a pile of magazines. I think the newspapers are supposed to be changed frequently but I do not think I shall have time for that.

Glad to know by your last letter that you have gained back your lost weight. Am afraid I have gone up to 143. However perhaps if I resist the bread in Finland I can loose some again. I recieved the MacLeans and some clippings. Let me know what happens in the Paul case. Have they any clues yet?

I suppose Annie Ratcliffe is back in Vancouver now. Hopes she comes to see you and tells you about her visit in N.S.

You mentioned the C.N.A. retirement scheme--I told you in one letter that we would be getting the detained information but it has not arrived yet. It is something like the Government annuity and if it seems better I will take it out and not ~~keep~~ pay in to my annuity now. Will let you know what I decide to do. You ask if Miss Gray and Miss Fairley will get it. No, not unless they pay in as one would do an annuity. It is not automatic like the old age pension--it has to be bought.

I do not understand why you question that I do no t mean what I say about you coming to Geneva. Of course I do. I never pressed for it before because you had many friends in Vancouver and you could get about so much by yourself. Now many of the friends have gone and you are not feeling so much like going out. So now I think you would be quite content here, even with not being able to talk the language of the man in the street. The only thing would be no television and not so much radio. This winter, I will as I said, see what kind of radio would be necessary to get the London broadcasts. I could go home next June on home leave and you could come back with me. If I go home then I want to see if I can take a short--perhaps three or four weeks--course at some University. Probably Seattle. So the timing would have to be according to the timing of the course. If I did not come till Xmas then I would take three months at the University in Seattle from Jan. to March of 1960. Would just as soon do it next summer, and then would not have to spend so long and so much money.

You said that Mrs. Caird has changed. For the better or the worse and in what way?

To-morrow I am going to Bob Bogue's for dinner. He is having Marty, if she will feel like going, she arrives back to-morrow morning, Dr. Margaret Mead, a sociologist from London, and Dr. Peterson. So I shall be in highly intellectual company to-morrow.

Last week when I used a little heavier paper I had to pay more than the ordinary postage. This is a little lighter and I had better not use more than one sheet. Am going to have a bath now and get some of to-day's dust off. Then to bed and read some of the papers I brought home with me.

Love,