My dear Helen,

I received your letter written last Wednesday, that is before you had news that Al is uninjured in Germany, this morning along with the news of the bombardment of Paris. Before going further, I think your idea about the money excellent and wired you this morning that I was mailing a check today. Since wiring you that I decided that it would be better to telegraph the bank to make the necessary transfer. This I did this afternoon and sent you a wire also letting you know that I had done so.

Jean and I are both much worried about you alone there in Paris under the present awful conditions and I today enquired about the possibility of your getting a visa to come here, anyway for say a month. It appears that this should be possible if you, at the Swiss Legation in Paris, insist that your request be transmitted to Bern. In this case it would come through here to Zug and I could use influence to put it quickly through. Al will certainly be returned through this country and if you could be with us at least until his release, when we could plan the next step together, it would be an immense relief to both Jean and myself. I mention this about "insisting" at the Legation as all consulates have received orders to refuse requests on principle.

As you will see from my telegram of this morning, Jean knows about Al. When your news of his being uninjured came through, and when I had her home again, I told her. She took it very well, and was more worried about you. We both can realize what you have had to put up with these last weeks. I wrote you a very long letter about the arrival of the baby, immediately after the event and wonder if you received it. Nowadays, the mere fact that letters are not received doesn't mean that they were not sent. For instance, we never received your letter with enclosures from Grandmother. Incidentally, the check in your last letter arrived safely. Do not worry or think about dollar checks to me. Those are things of very minor importance which can be settled when we are together again.

Yesterday I went into the Consulate in Zürich and asked them if they could do anything about Al. The acting Consul General (the new one hasn't yet arrived) told me that he would telephone over there this morning. I don't know if it will do any good but at least this country is still in communication with the other and "every little helps". In any case, he gave me the news that a number of Americans had already come back through here and had all reported that the had been very well treated. This, at least, was reassuring.

Jean and the babe arrived home safely on Friday afternoon last. Since she has been home, Jean's milk has gone back a bit, which is not to be wondered at under the circumstances. The boy is in fine shape, however, and for the moment is behaving himself beautifully. Charles is also well except for this beastly spring cold that drags on and on. It gets completely better and then the snuffles suddenly start again.
WE GET HOME!

I received your letter written last week and was glad to hear from you. I am writing this letter to you to let you know that I am well and doing well. I hope you are doing well and enjoying your new position.

I am writing you to let you know that I am planning to visit the United States next month. I will be staying with my friend, John, who is currently working in New York. He has promised to take me around and show me all the sights.

I am also writing to you to let you know that I have been reading a lot about the USA and its history. I am very interested in American culture and would love to learn more about it. I am planning to visit a few museums and historical sites while I am there.

I hope you are doing well and enjoying your new job. Please write back and let me know how things are going.

Yours sincerely,
[Your Name]
This bombing of Paris yesterday must have been awful and I am sure that you can understand why we are both so worried about you. I know how difficult it is to send wires but it would be wonderful if you could let us know that you are alright. It would be so different if Al were with you and although I'm sure that your friends have been and are wonderful, it's not quite the same thing. Naturally you may have some definite news about Al that we do not yet know, but if there is to be any delay in his release you should really come down here.

I can't tell you what a relief your telegram brought last Friday morning. I came down to the office, feeling as if I were carry a ton of lead and then suddenly your wire made me feel about ten years younger!

This is a most disjointed letter, I'm afraid. Some of yours came in only four days and others have taken eight.

Jean is writing you this evening or tomorrow morning and I shall expect a wire in answer to mine perhaps tomorrow.

Our thoughts are with you all the time, Helen, and please don't fail to wire me anything you wish at any time. We both wish that we were nearer so as to be of some real help.

Much love,

[Signature]

All the best to Lois, Bill, Johnny and Suzie.

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This is a draft of a letter, it seems to be a rough draft as it is not very legible. It appears to be a personal letter discussing some personal matters. The content is not very clear due to the handwriting and the quality of the image. It seems to be discussing some personal matters.