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Dearest Christine:

Mail service is a mess just now. I get letters sent four days apart from West Kentucky last Monday—one in eight and one in four days. A friend of mine sent film back to be developed; they went to New York and back in less than ten days. Other mail takes three weeks. So....

This is my last letter before I take off for my trip toward the east. If the weather stays good, I will write you next from Istanbul on Saturday.

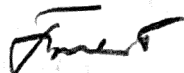
Your last letter was wonderful. It had the same spark you say I had in my sassy one and I re-read it several times. Even had naughty dreams about you later. I am sure that our sassy side will help us get through the other things all right.

My boss in Washington wrote to say that he was holding up acceptance of my resignation until I come to Washington and he thinks I ~~can~~ should stay on. However, my contract expires on 1 February. I am glad that ~~he feels~~ he feels that way about me.

We are having weather below freezing just now. However, the sun is shining for a change.

Hope you have a fine Thanksgiving.

Much love,



PS Yes, just like you said, Kentucky might beat Tennessee. That was certainly a change of pace.

I finally sent your token present. I might as well tell you that it is perfume, since it says so on the customs label that attached. Or do they take it off? I have no idea whether or not it is any good, but the sales girl said it was very popular.

Will eat a community Thanksgiving dinner with the office people tomorrow. The three families plus the two bachelors. The two secretaries are away for the weekend.