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Dear Jill,

Has it left you speechless ? I'll bet it hasn't. But seriously, I hope it wasn't very unpleasant: it sounds as if it might have been.

It's good to be back from that slough of despond. At least, I'm back half the time, but I still seem to be spending most of my nights in Prague. I started driving back last night, though, so perhaps I shall be all here in a day or so. (Actually got back late on Friday night, but didn't come in until Monday, so didn't see your letter until then.)

Chaos and old night here, as you can imagine, but I hope to let you have that check-list by Monday. Can you then press the required number of copies out of the relevant publishers ? Meanwhile I'll write around to the boys and girls and keep 'em sweet.

You didn't say which hospital it was, so I'll have to send this to Bedford Square, but then if things have gone according to plan you'll be seeing it there tomorrow anyway. Hope so.

Ahoy a na shledanou !

Bill