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S.S. *Marmora*

Suez Canal
17th Oct^r /06

My dearest Pippa

I got your letter and Margaret's at Port Said this morning. It was the first news I had of anything having happened. I can't help being anxious in spite of your saying there is no cause for alarm but if I get a favourable telegram at Suez I shall feel much easier, as your letters are now five days old.

It is the greatest comfort to know that you are all at hand as it assures me that everything possible will be done for poor little Dicky and Margaret. I can't thank you but you will know and mamma how I feel.

I think it is quite possible that this wretched thing has been going

on for a long time, because some months ago Dicky used to ~~be~~ ~~have~~ frequently complain of tummy aches. Margaret and Annie will remember. Perhaps Roland should be informed of this if he doesn't already know it. What is the danger of another attack? I wish you would ask Roland to write and tell me what he thinks about it and if anything should be done, now or hereafter.

I have asked Margaret to telegraph her plans to me either c/o King Bombay on the 25th Oct. or after that to Calcutta. Will you please remind her about this when the time comes as it is important that I should know

what is decided, as soon as possible after I land, on account of the house question.

I had a very delightful visit at La Sonce and am very glad I went. Margaret will no doubt pass on the history of my journey as far as Port Said. We are now going through the canal in a sand storm which is very unpleasant, and ought to arrive at Suez, where I shall post this, early tomorrow morning -

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18th Suez. I have got the telegram sent yesterday and it has relieved me greatly. I must send this off now as we only stop here a few minutes I am told -
 Goodbye dearest Pippa
 yr loving
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