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Dear Carolyn:

I have been lucky with gifts: yours, the kit for keeping one's toothbrush, shaving things and so on, is just fine. I was needing that. Thanks much.

Thanks too for your letter. The nun you refer to might have been Dame Marcella, the one who translated Raissa Maritain? Sounds like her. I think often of them and know they must be having it hard in some ways, as they are more sensitive to the traditional values. The recent Liturgical Conference in Washington was pretty awful, from what I hear.

Yes, I am naturally expecting a great deal from the trip. But I am not determining in advance what I intend to get out of it. I just hope to let things arrange themselves, and to work with them. It is too big and too sudden a thing to have been planned, or to be totally planned by anyone even now. I just know that I have an itinerary, a passport, some visas and tickets on the way. I start next week, but will be in the U.S. until mid-October.

Sorry I was not able to get over to the Niles' but the date kept moving up on me.

With warm regards to all of you,

Tom.

*Would you please pass on the enclosed to the library?*