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1941?

June 30.

Dear Viola,

It was much, much too kind of you to have sent all those cigarettes and I do thank you- more than I can say. The chocolate is most welcome, too, you may be sure. The catch is apparently, however, that
CIGARETTES ARE NOT ALLOWED
and we had a government official call this morning, to make an inquiry etcetera. He agreed that it was most difficult as no special rules had been made, but that quite suddenly quite a number of packets has come over, and it was PERMITTED to KEEP THEM this time, as ~~we~~ clearly proved that I had not ASKED for them, that it was an unexpected gift and so on. We paid a little duty- not excessive- and the cigarettes are most, most welcome. I repeat, that you were much too generous but I print out in large letters as it might have been very tragic- as I say, ~~it being~~ clearly a gift and quite unsolicited, it was O.K. The official was really very kind and nice, but we had to go into all details, most, most odd. This seems a strange mood in which to thank you but I want to get the letter of at once, air-mail at noon. Why are you so generous? I simply do not understand! Just a few little packets would have been a gift from the gods and you sent the three large cartons. You may be sure you will be blessed by my friends; not to mention my own little old self. The chocolate is not FORBIDDEN but again, why such a lot? I am quite shattered by your goodness. I wish there were something I could send you. Brother wanted to have some magazine posted and we will try to find something suitable. You have the Life and Letters? You get such good pictures your side, and from Life and Time which we receive late, of course, I feel that the news is almost better your end, even of our immediate predicaments. However, now

we are all taking a deep breath. It is heavenly about
Russia. Every hour will make a difference to us. You do not
know what it means to feel the tide has turned, though I do
not dare hope, we have seen the end of the air-raids.
But we have long days now, we have 2 hours summer time, so
at 8, it is really 6 by the sun (etc.) and the morning is
fresh and cool. Then it is not dark until about 11. However,
now we have passed midsummer-day the days will shorten, and
in August, I believe, we have one of the 2 hours taken away, so
we will be only 1 hour out. The black-out in the winter
is a thing I dread. But things may be much better by then. Did
you see a little book, Prophecies of the War? It is very good,
Nostradamus, the famous Polish Prophecy and one by a French
middle-ages Saint, Odle. It links up with our old Astrological
researches.
This in great haste, to thank you again and again. I enclose a note
from Bryher, who was deeply touched, too.

Given gratefully

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Hilda

I will try to have the Prophecies
posted soon.

(Hilda Aldington) -