

Letter from Arthur to Mary Prior, Friday afternoon¹

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Darlingest,

More mail – letter from Father; letter from Magdalen College School – favourable, and with a couple of exam papers for Martin to sit so they can decide what form to put them in; one from Ernst Badier in effect asking if the classic class here would be worth his taking if he had the chance; one from Jon Bennett, mostly corrections.

Was only home for a few seconds at lunch today – had to collect Ann. And then rushed back to see Jim Logic (over a re-wording of the Jon Bennett² segment). But Miss Brown passed on your message on the gynaecologist, which puzzles and slightly perturbs me. It seemed as if you want to be able to tell John Macleod on Monday that you have an appointment; but I didn't remember that John Macleod had raised the matter – thought it was John Hansen.³ Must try and ring you tonight. Anyway I did ring John Hansen, and he very strongly recommended a man called Foate, so I made an appointment with Foate for you next Wednesday morning.

The Standing Committee are sitting as I write; in process of granting we leave⁴, I hope.

Heaps and heaps of Love

- Skigplop

¹ Editors' note: This letter has been edited by Martin Prior, Peter Øhrstrøm and David Jakobsen. It is part of the Martin Prior Collection, presently kept at Aalborg University folder B, item 8. The letter is written in 1955 on Canterbury University College writing paper.

² Editors' note: Jonathan Francis Bennett (born in New Zealand, 17 February 1930) was a close friend of the Prior family. He did his philosophy studies at Christchurch (MA 1953). In 1955 he was awarded a BPhil at Magdalen College, Oxford.

³ Editors' note: Something left out of the transcription in relation to health matters.

⁴ Editors' note: Probably the application for leave to Oxford, Dec. 1955 – Dec. 1956.