

Dear Jim,

NIC 26

I have decided that the best thing to do is for me to go away with John. I do not trust what the Stoens will do. By the time you read this John and I will be gone. Please don't worry about us. I believe it is best that no one in the organization knows where we will go or how. Not because of any lack of trust but for the sake of security. Legally no one can pin anything on you or anyone else here because you won't know anything. I know how much you love John and I feel this is the best way to protect him.

Marina

Dear Jim,

NIC 27

I have decided that the best thing to do is for me to go away with John. By the time you read this we will be in Suriname. I have thought about this a long time and think it is best. Please don't worry. I know how much you love him and could not bear to see him go back to Grace & Jim. He tells me in vivid detail how Grace abused him & never loved him. Jim Stoen is a fool to claim John is his son. I only regret that I won't be here to face Steve Katsaris and tell him what I think. I would like to see him deny what he did to me to my face.

Maua

Dear Jim?

NIC 30

Please do not worry about us - we are fine. Please do not worry. You have given us everything. There is nothing more than the principle you taught us, the character you showed us, and the love you gave us. My greatest guilt is that I did not do more with what you gave, and I am deeply sorry I did not help take some of the burden off of you. I am not very good at expressing what I feel but I want you to know you have ~~the~~ my greatest respect & deepest loyalty. I know everything you have done has been right & that you have done everything you could do. I am sorry you have had to carry the burden alone all these years. Right now we are in M/R and don't really know what's going on at this point, or if Mrs. White has been there, although I doubt she has arrived

NIC JOB

yet. Don't feel badly that we had  
to leave. We want to do it &  
when you know its over, it doesn't  
make any difference. I ~~to~~ know  
Julia will help with John and  
it makes me feel a lot better.  
One thing I remember in the book  
you were reading on Chile were  
the parents who sent their children  
off to school that day & never  
knew what became of them - if  
they were dead, alive, in con-  
centration camps or what. Thank  
you for letting me be his mother.  
It has meant much to me. I am  
only sorry I have not done better  
by him. Well, I'm not going to  
get emotional & sentimental at this  
point. - I think its the end - and  
if its not, I want you to <sup>tell me</sup> ~~know~~  
these things, although I'm sure  
you know. ~~As a result of this~~  
~~and to explain myself.~~ I can  
think of a lot of things  
I never said or did that

But it doesn't make any sense if  
reference now, we should think  
a happy day with this in mind,  
I wish I had. I'm sorry for <sup>like you</sup> ~~you~~  
not helping you more, & that  
you have had to carry the burden  
alone. Again, don't feel bad that  
we are going. At least we have  
been able to be here. - ~~that's all~~  
~~and that's all~~ You should  
not have to bear everything. Even if  
for some reason Mrs. White does  
not get here this time - I still  
think I should go with Mildred.  
That's all - the plane will be here  
in a few minutes. Thank you for  
everything. ~~Bye~~ ~~Love~~ ~~you~~  
J/M

NIC 16

J/M

Dear Carolyn - NIC 220

Just in case John & Barbara do come in Monday to town - have them bring in the black briefcase I left with you so I can sort out what is what. That's just in case I'm in L/S. a few days longer. At this point we don't really know what's going on or if you have all gone to see Mrs. White.

But if it's going to be a while longer <sup>assuming John is in town for a few more days</sup> I can work on the checks & organize the orders which can then be transmitted by L/S. There is an envelope of mail to give to Rita in there & also several copies of follow-up that came in from town that can be given to Paula to take care of. Stick in the thin red binder on top of my desk that has lists of peoples names & the amounts of their checks. I will explain to Karen & Millie

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what to do. Well, thats all I  
can think of for now. If we  
do make it, (which doesnt  
look very hopeful at this point)  
everything else can wait. Oh yes  
we have 400 from Rex and 10  
from Alice. Thats all I can  
think of. Please read John's letter  
to him + give the other to  
Karl if he feels ok - it is not  
important so if he is ill forget it  
like I told him - I think this  
is it - I just wish I had  
said a lot of things I never  
said + done a lot of things  
I never did. But thats in the  
past. We will do what ever  
is needed at this point. If I  
dont see you again - thanks  
for being such a good friend  
and thanks for taking care of John.  
Give my love to John + Kim.  
Maria

Tell Annie hi - and  
that I know she  
has a lot of  
strength

CHAROLD