

Greetings!

Toni

2-25-52

Feb 17, 1963

Dear Uncle Misi,

in first place let me thank you for the kind note which you hand-delivered to me. It was a pleasure and a privilege to see so much of you in Palo Alto.

Upon returning to New York I found that Vera had already written to Father about the necessity to postpone his trip. In the mean time there have been the following developments; Vera has found it absolutely necessary to come to my place in NY in order to be able to study. She is holding the part in Beaumont. Today we received a letter from father in which he states that he was able to postpone his trip by one week to nearly 30! at which time he expects to be here. Vera is to take her part exam March 27; this is not a board exam but an examination required by a new law for all foreign M.D. graduates;

Wrens later, April 15, June 25.

I am sending you a copy of a fairly personal letter which I wrote to Father. This is not to burden you but with the hope that having knowledge of all pertinent facts you might, if the occasion arises, help to alleviate the severe disappointment under which Father will labor for a while.

With kind regards to Hagda, sincerely

Tom

You might wish to see this,

2 Nov.

Muri

THOMAS G. POLANYI

Oct 29/63

Dear Uncle Fusi,

please forgive me for not responding at once to your request for information regarding Father. The latest information I have is to the effect that father is recuperating slowly from the accident. As I understand it father returned home after a two or three day's hospitalization; broken arm, ribs, and a touch of pneumonia or bronchitis. The information I have is from a letter of Lily written approximately 10 days after the accident. A friend of father's (Ernst), visited with us in the middle of this month but nothing else transpired. We talked today with Lily's niece who is here in NY and she heard that father's arm had to be reset in a new cast and that he is very depressed. Generally it is rather difficult to judge father's state of health from his words; we found that out during his visit here. After you left he visited Kaki in Toronto. He came back extremely tired. I would have been too since they invited on returning by car and they did a lot of sightseeing on the way including hundreds of stops to admire some very admirable falls. He then acted for about one week at which time Alice and I organized a party for our friends. Some twenty people came and father perked up and was his usual witty and brilliant self until late at night. In other words much seems to depend on proper rest and stimulation. Did he by any

chance talk to you about his returning to
Hungary? It seems that some people connected
with the Ministry of Public Education suggested
or hinted that they would be anxious to have
him come back if he were willing to give a
few lectures on socio-political and cultural
aspects of the recent times. Whether this was country
or genuine desire to have someone of the old guard
around I do not know. Nevertheless he was
fraying with this idea. Personally I feel that
any plan should have a major emphasis rest-
however Lily disagrees and she may be right,
and I do not presume to know better.

On August 20 our mother died. She was
ill in the hospital for a very short time and
passed away in her sleep. Joli's niece who
was here on an extended visit with Rosalind
had gone to Southampton about four days
before and remained several weeks after with
Vera. This was a great comfort to her. Later
she spent several weeks with us before returning
to Brazil.

On October the 10th Vera was notified that
she had successfully passed her NY State Medical
Board examination.

When you first letter arrived our apartment
was in a state of chaos: carpenters, painters, workers
etc had taken over; all furniture, books, dishes
etc were in a huge pile in the center of the
living room and our normal life was interrupted
for about two weeks. I remember this as a
possible extraordinary circumstance for rest having
answered your letter sooner. Tonight I called
up John to obtain your address. We had a visit
chat and I would have to drop in when he
is in New York. Best regards. Sincerely T. Davis