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Dear Harriet! 1

It is now almost three months
that Our Beloved has left the United
States travelling through England and
France, spreading the lights of spiritual
knowledge and upholding the cause
of International Peace and human
brotherhood. By the time he leaves
~~Europe~~ for the East it may become
~~four months~~. Therefore from my limited
standpoint Europe ^{will be} receiving all the
^{spiritual} wisdom and ~~teachings~~ that it can
^{contain} ~~absorb~~. After ^{his} ~~the~~ departure, of ~~the~~
~~Master~~, ~~then~~ there will be time
for reflection and retrospection. ^{many} ~~the~~
^{souls} will come out of their present ~~state~~
~~and~~ indifference and ~~will~~ try to
recover the past, but the past
has been always irrecoverable. We
must try to do what we can now
and let the past and ^{the} future

take care of themselves. We must pursue
 the highest ideal of humanity, spread the
 celestial Teachings and let not this
 golden opportunity slip out of our hands.
 If we do not serve the Cause, if we do
 not diffuse the Fragrance of the
 Rose garden of Alha, others will step
 in and in a more efficient ^{manner than} ~~way~~ will
 engage in ~~the~~ service. Our Beloved has shown
 us an example of self-sacrifice ^{and}
 exertion ~~and desire~~ ~~effort~~ that is ^{worthy} ~~well~~
 of to emulate ~~him~~. If ~~the Master~~ ^{he} has
 shown such wonderful activity
 during the last ^{two} yrs and ^a half, what
 would ~~he~~ ^{he} would have done if he
 he was young and at the prime
 of age? Of course we ^{may not} ~~cannot~~ tell
 the same amount of land that
 he has ^{tilled} ~~done~~ and ^{besides} ~~moreover~~ we do
 not ^{possess} ~~have~~ as many pure seeds as
 he possesses, ^{yet} ~~but~~ we must ^{daily} ~~and~~
~~best in service~~ and in increased
 our receptivity for greater ^{served} ~~deeds~~

This morning the Master came out and we had the ~~extreme~~ happiness of drinking tea in his presence and listening to his words of truth, ~~and his wisdom~~. He ^{asked} Aga Faraj to read to him his new poems which he did with great alacrity and good-humor and the Beloved was very amused. His poems have no rhyme or rhythm but they flow from the innermost of his heart and ~~they~~ are naturally accepted by Abdul Baha. The ^{hugeness of} Master ~~said~~ that the Secretary of Mahamad was Osman, the same, and after the ^{passing away} ~~departure~~ of Mahamad, ^{he} ~~he~~ was elected by all the people to the Khalifat position. ^{now what} ~~What~~ will happen to ^{Aga Faraj's} ~~the~~ Secretary. Mirza Aga Khan Garmagani ^{is} ~~is~~ already ^{enjoying a} a gentleman, ^{and} great position and honor ^{by his advent to prophecy!} ~~do not know~~. ~~He~~ He told us ^{them} several ~~misleading~~ the facts etc the translation of which will lose all their humor and beauty.

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The Crew of Newfoundland arrived
and the Master called him to his
room. The subject was the importance
of the Spirit. The physical body is
accidental and ~~the~~ ^{the} inherent quality
of every accidental composition, ^{one of which} is
decomposition. For example, the
inherent quality of ~~the~~ ^a house demands
that someday it be destroyed; ~~it~~ ^{it}
cannot stand forever. The inherent
attribute of this body requires ^{the} ~~the~~
ultimate return of each element
to its origin ^{consequently} ~~after the disintegration~~
Neither through the power of thought
nor prayer can this physical
material body become permanent.
But the spirit being composed of
^{material} no elements, being already an
abstract entity, shall live forever.
It is not subject to change
and transmutation. The body
is the cage. The spirit is the
nightingale. Once the ~~doors~~ ^{bars}
of the cage are ~~opened~~ ^{shattered}, once

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the fetters of that prison-house are
broken - the nightingale will
soar toward the Rose-garden
Eternity and on the branches of
the Tree of Life, it shall perch,
singing sweetly the songs of
Freedom and Peace. Once the
nightingale is out of the cage, it
will not even look at it. What
does the free bird want to do with an
~~shattered~~^{old} cage, even if it is made
of gold? Do you want to keep the
nightingale of your spiritual ^{being}
within the confine of this narrow
cage - body? Within the breast of
this nightingale, a hundred thousand
heart-rejoicing songs are hidden!
Once out of the cage, it shall
win its way toward the Horizon
of Everlasting glory and there
join its heavenly voice with
the Celestial Choir, ever singing,
ever singing, never dreaming of
return.

Mr. Orem
expressed the desire ^{to} of spreading
this Gospel of Light amongst his own
people and ~~community~~ in Germany
land. The Master assured him that
he will be assisted. He ~~is going to~~
come ^{to morrow} again to see ^{him} ~~the~~ Beloved
and ~~then~~ return to his home in the
afternoon.

The Master called Miss Sanderson
and inquired about the health of
her mother ~~He told her~~. If you do something
to ignite the fire of this Cause
in Paris I will be made most
happy!

4 Last night Mr and Mrs Herrigel
~~have~~ arrived from Stuttgart. Mr
Herrigel is a great worker in the
Cause and has translated many
of the Bahai ^{books into German} ~~literature~~
to all ^{parts of} ~~Germany~~ ^{the Fatherland} spreading
it is a man of Mr. Hoor or
Horn's physical type, a very
sincere, whole hearted, firm
Bahai!

He gave me some German Bahai
literature which I have already mailed
to you. To be given to Louise. She
wanted to send ^{me} her all the German
Bahai literature I can get ^{hold of} and I
am not forgetting her gracious ^{command}.

When Mr and Mrs Herrigel entered
~~in~~ the room they expressed their
griefs at seeing the Master not well.
By Master welcomed them saying
~~He said~~: These are accidents which
attack the body of man. His Bahai
Christ says: you think of your
spirit. Now let the spirit be
strong and healthy, the body is
unimportant. It is evident that
after two years and half incessant
travel the body becomes weak
and subject to ~~the~~ ^{the} attacks of ailments.

They ~~went before him~~ ^{offered} and
~~offering~~ their flowers ^{and the Master} ~~to~~ kissed
Mr Herrigel and blessed him
fervently. Then continued: ^{He} I had
the greatest of love for the

the believers in Germany. They ^{and} ~~are~~ the
cause of the happiness of ^{his} ~~my~~ heart.
Although ^{he has} ~~I have~~ not yet ^{waited} ~~come~~ to
Stuttgart yet ^{his} ~~my~~ heart felt the
susceptibilities of the Stuttgart
friends. For in reality they ^{were} ~~are~~
firm and assured ^{Bahá's} ~~believers~~. They ^{were} ~~are~~
steadfast in the Covenant. God will
confirm them. I told ^{he} ~~for~~ ^{them} last year
and will repeat it this year that
the Cause will be widely spread
in Germany. ^{After} ~~Once~~ ^{his} return to the
Orient, there will be a great
awakening ^{in Europe}. When His Holiness
the Báb declared his Cause, he
would often state to his followers
wait till the year nine, after
^{his} ~~my~~ declaration. ^{But} After the
^{his} martyrdom of ~~the Báb~~, ~~and~~ the
Báb's were ^{scattered and} discouraged ~~and~~
~~lighter~~. When the year ^{nine came around} ~~the~~
and at a time, when even the
name of the Báb was not

mentioned and no one thought that
the Cause will be rejuvenated, sud-
denly this Halim's Baha-Allah
appeared and all the bays were
illuminated! Now, ^{Abdul Baha} ~~He~~ ^{told them}
wait till ^{nine} 9 yrs after this date
and ~~you~~ ^{they} will witness with ^{their}
own eyes the spread of the Cause
in Germany.

^{This being Sunday}
5, Many people started to arrive,
~~being Sunday~~. The rooms were
filled and ~~some~~ ^{a few} of them were
received in private by the Beloved. Mr
Bernard was asked by ~~the~~ ^{him} ~~the~~ ^{then}
to speak first and ~~after a few~~
~~minutes~~ he came ^{out}. Everybody
arose and gave him a heartfelt
welcome. ~~After a few words~~

~~of preliminary~~ He said: Although
~~my~~ ^{his} body ^{was} ~~is~~ ill, ^{his} ~~my~~ spirit ^{was} ~~is~~
happy. ~~He~~ ^{His} ~~my~~ hope ^{was} ~~is~~ for the

illumination of ~~Paris~~, the spiritual
motion and rejuvenation of Paris.
The world of materialism has enveloped
these regions. People ~~are~~ ^{were} submerged
in this sea. I hoped that these fish
who ~~are~~ ^{were} unheedingly swimming in ~~the sea~~ ^{the ocean},
may raise their heads ~~from beneath~~ out
of the water ~~so that they may~~
~~observe~~ ^{and see} the things which are
in the outer world. ~~I found the people~~
Parisians like these fish who ~~are~~ ^{were}
living in the sea of materialism.
They ~~are~~ ^{were} unaware that outside
of the sea, there are many wonderful
things. Although they are ^{as} fishes
I hoped that they may be
changed into birds and soar
upward toward the immen-
sity of this glorious space.
Then they will behold nature
in all its ravishing beauty. They
will see the shining sun, the
silver-beaming moon, the brilliant

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stars and all the infinite creations
of God. This ^{state} will not be brought
about except through ^{the exertion of the Beloved} ~~your~~ ~~God~~

6/ After the meeting the Master
called Mr Bernoud ^{to his room} took his head
into his Holy Breast, Kissed his hair
and face: My son! my fine son!
I will ever pray for you that day
unto day you may become more
wispied, day unto day you may
become more confirmed and
day unto day you may become
more illumined. ~~It was a~~

~~very sweet, touching meeting~~
Afternoon we had our
lunch. There were many ^{Princes}
present. Madame D'Astie
stayed to lunch with us
and do some translating from
French into English

In the afternoon several ^{Princes}
nobles came to see Our Beloved.
Although his voice was

very weak, yet, he spoke with them. ~~a great deal~~ At seven o'clock he called me into his room. After reading to him the ^{daily} News ~~from the daily paper~~ Sayad Assadollah came in and apropos of something that the Master was telling ~~me~~ ^{he}, started to relate ^{the} interesting story how he ~~was taught to be~~ ^{he came} a Bahai. The Master listened to him very attentively and ~~apparently~~ enjoyed it, because it gave him a relief from speaking. It seems that he had never ^{it to him} told ~~it to the~~ ^{although} ~~he has been serving him for 40 years~~ ^{may} ~~Beloved~~. ^{years}

I always think of the friends in America and at the Threshold of the Beloved pray that they may become assisted to carry out the wonderful work that he has started. Love to all Ahims