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Dear Mama -

Just got your letter of the 20th - glad you're getting over the flu. Over here they encourage older people to get vaccinated for the flu before the season each year - maybe next time you should do that...

Now as to the Shostakovitch Lady Macbeth - you couldn't have seen it in Moscow 50 years ago because that was 1942, the Nazis were in Stalingrad and you were certainly not in Russia - you were in L.A. - Brentwood to be exact!

If you're going to Israel please stay away from all the crazed Palestinians and their friends over there.

My plumbing condition is ongoing. As long as I take my Metamucil every morning it generally doesn't bother me. I had one slight relapse in January but it passed in a week or so. In any case no surgery was ever suggested. They would only do that if it got much worse and could not be treated any other way. Did Brenek L. have surgery?

Had great fun with Jason in San Francisco - it's really a lovely city. I don't think I could live there, though. It's a bit too tame for me - not enough happening. I'm too used to New York. For instance - in San Francisco they have no idea what a real delicatessen is - hopeless. They have the WASP equivalent, with luncheon meats and cheddar cheese and call it delicatessen!

But the seafood was great - Dungeness Crabs and Sand Dabs. We also drove down to Monterey for lunch and over to Fort Ord where I was sent for basic training when I was drafted in 1958. (Hard to believe that was 34 years ago!)

I talked to Johnny the other day - he's renting a house in the Valley - also has a part in a TV movie. Also - I've been seeing Jane on TV in a deodorant commercial - hope it's lucrative!

On that note, I'll conclude -

Be well, keep in touch -

Love, P.

P.S. I sent you an article from the real estate section last week. Any interest?