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Dear Ulla, First, the weather report! It's been nice and warm here so far, with lots of beautiful new snow on the mountains. In the gardens, the roses are still blooming—the roses that Birgit, as everyone knows, is. At the hut, there's already over a meter of new snow, and we're right in the middle of skiing. I'm taking another first aid course and this year I also have to take an exam with the American Red Cross. The ski school also starts on November 4th, and Eric will have to teach every Saturday and Sunday, at least 2 hours each time. For that, he earns 14 dollars (56 DM), which is nothing to sneeze at (in case you haven't noticed, the weather report ended a long time ago). Last Sunday we slept overnight in the VW—Eric has built everything in, beds, a fold-out table, and I a wardrobe and 7 cabinets. We also have a heater, the kind that heats without a flame. It's so cozy that you could comfortably spend the whole winter in there.

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maybe I'll get a week off.

I'm just getting back from work now, and I got a new job today, a promotion. I won't be a cashier anymore, but an assistant accountant, which is the third in line after the director. That means more money, but also more work, but it's very interesting—I had already been doing the work on a temporary basis, but there's still a lot to learn. Have you also heard about the fire in Los Angeles? 100 million dollars in damage; all the villas of the stars and millionaires in Beverly Hills have been destroyed. Since we're having a promotional week for safe deposit boxes at the bank, I made a poster with the latest newspaper clippings about the fire, and I also scared people a little, saying that the same thing could happen to them and their papers would all be destroyed. Everyone who comes into the bank reads the poster and some of them quickly buy a box. The director, Battenhorst