

Lisbon

January 23, 1948

Dearest Mother,

He went at casa purposes here in our house this week. I was supposed to write. Then we said something about my writing to Ruby. So I had in mind writing to Ruby, thinking Betty had written to you. And, lo, & behold I haven't written to anyone.

I'm writing this in the Centro office, and am on the way to the customs house to see about other packages which have come from America. But let me say here that the package ^{from you} came through without any delay, was not opened I'd guess, and was not subjected to any duties. Sr. Silva that that the envelope with official business on it made the difference. I don't know.

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Back from the customs house and I have a bit more knowledge about the inner workings. It was necessary for me to go down yesterday to see a box which Peggy Webster had sent from Amherst. The box contained a pair of nylons and a blouse, or dickey, for Betty. Two pairs of interwoven hosiery for me and two pairs each for the children. All was washed & combed but looked too new to be second hand. I think we-