

Dear Biddy,

I have received your letter of July 10<sup>th</sup> & I answer here out of a sense of good manners than anything else, because I do not appreciate the last part of your letter one little bit.

I think it is the height of conceit for you to talk about us tearing one another apart. From what I hear from the people to whom you have talked you have done a nasty job of trying to drag my name as well as Daddy's through the dirt. Neither Daddy nor I have done so in the past, or intend in the future to waste our time trying to compete with you in the business of being nasty. And if you know your father a little better you would know that far from being "bitter" about you he is just disgusted

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that someone with your kind of ability & someone who has had your kind of opportunities should have been as messy as you have been. I know his is ashamed of your apparent inability to stand on your own feet & of the way you have sponged off one lot of people after another. He expressed hope that you will not turn against your new friends as you have done against your others as soon as you cannot use them any more. And so do I. But it was you who decided to leave home - we did not force you out. And it was you who decided ~~to leave home~~ not to complete your training, in spite of our urging you to do so. So all the action was on your part. To write how as if we took action against you is nonsense. We simply refused to condone certain things & so you left home. As Daddy told you when you left, she wished you luck with your rights as the adult you insisted you were & with your refusal to

observe the rules of our home, you assumed responsibility for yourself or your own. You are doing what you wanted to do & we have not tried to interfere with that.

The attempt to use my parents & me as some sort of parallel for you is as nonsensical as your attempt to excuse forging your Father's signature for your own selfish ends by citing something completely different in a book he wrote. For one thing he was thinking of doing a service to someone else, while you, as usual, were concerned only for yourself. Finally, I do not appreciate one little bit your denying your Father & being a mysterious little Algerian hiss. Be do with you well & we hope you will one day grow into the decent person you are capable of being.

12 August 1968  
52 Daisy Ave.  
Kq. C.  
none.

Dear Hummy & Daddy,

My present job is really a dead end. It does not interest me, it has given me no skill. The salary enables me to pay for my board & clothing but that is all. It is impossible for me to save anything. I realize that even if I were not limited by the work permit to this job, it is very unlikely, with no skill for me to get a job which is any better: unless I am exceedingly lucky. It leaves me to decide of remaining in this position.

I have thought of doing a secretarial course but it would bore me stiff. What I do want to do is to go to Spain & learn Spanish. It is possible to stay with a Spanish family & look after the children. This would eliminate the boarding fee & which would enable me to learn the language so quickly.

The tuition at the University of Madrid for the year course leading to a diploma in Spanish would work out at something like £12.

Having a second language would be a great asset & would offer several job opportunities. I am awaiting information from Jorge Shilleto on many of my queries. I do intend doing the course. I wish very much to do it now. My friend Jackie Cooke & her mother are going in September and I would like to go with them.

whether I can do this depends on your wish.  
I am asking you please to give me permission  
to have a passport to go to Spain.

The Air fare at the Students rate is \$100.  
Tuition is about \$12; but books etc. would  
probably bring it to more like \$30. I worked  
out that at a living allowance of \$2-10 per  
week - clothes, fares, Miscellaneous. (\$130 for the  
year. This all total \$260. I have set  
the amount that I need at \$250. Unfortunately  
I do not have this money. I am going to try  
to borrow it. I would be very grateful if you could  
lend me some money; as I have no collateral  
it is impossible to borrow from a bank.

Please Consider my requests favourably  
B. L. D.