

shall have to pay something besides the weight, which we must pay charges on anyhow. About the only way one can send in much of anything without incurring customs charges is to have another party bring the goods. And we had to pay charges on powdered milk which the Hendersons brought for us in November.

Of course you (I mean by "you", anyone) might send nylon a pair at a time in an air mail letter.

This is the other way that we think goods might possibly come. But the officials are very sharp and Portugal is not a rich country. Anything more bulky than nylon or a picture or two, or stamps, are pretty apt to be scrutinized, tho I don't know how closely.

Sweets are really scrutinized and weighed and charged; sometimes more than what they originally cost. Such things as gum, chocolate in any form, puddings, canned pineapple, pie mix, etc., anything with sugar in it, are subject to diveritas (customs charges). Perhaps Ralph knows more about it than we.

Many thanks for the package, the birthday cards, news of the snow (we don't see it here /course), pictures of the mill remains, news of Francis & Ruby, and your love.

Love to you all from us all and kisses all around, too.
God be with you.

Maackie