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Time to set my desk in order. By George, I like the clutter, ~~gives~~ ^{conveys} a homey, must be busy atmosphere. The temperature is 60° — just right. Good working temperature.

Soon puffs of smoke will fill the office. Hope A J A does not have to send up too many sig-i-nals!

The office is so pleasant. Quite a change from the old one. It was a little inconvenient to have to put ones feet on the desk when more than three of us were in there, but I suppose

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That sudden rush to the head was stimulating.

Mentioning stimulating reminds me of those brisk early morning walks. The one to Reading and back was the best. Jolly good show, I must say, up at 7:00 and back at the desk by 9:00. Capital!

I like to begin the day with good deep breaths. Deep breaths - horrors, I recall the night I took a deep breathe and smelled not fresh air but SMOKE. My call to arms - I mean buckets. I aroused the apartment dwellers. The call was, one

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by hand and two if you can see! I spent the rest day with RB - a good cook, sour cream on everything!

We really should have a buzzer system in the apartment. Let me see now, what is my buzz at work? Secretly, I prefer J V's to mine - whatever it is: one short one long, or one long one short - both long, both short, or perhaps all short, or half short!

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Now this note is concerning
the elevator - I have had it!
I spent the night in it
for it would not budge up
or down. Bill Arnold passed
submarine sandwiches and
Clarence Johnson played
a few symphony records. The
only two books on the book
wagon were Up the Down
Stair case and Poor Man's
Haudi'book

Speaking of symphony
music this note reminds me
of the concert on Friday night.
Actually, I was twice tempted
to attend other music perform
ances at Boston Garden. One,
the Beatles, the other, the
monkeys. Sometimes I think

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I should 'get with it.'

According to this note I am to meet Mrs. Bobbach and we are going to explore the library grounds for a suitable and inconspicuous area for the Chick Sales pad for the men working on the new addition. I was tempted to ask J. Bowen if we could have Mr. Graber take our picture when we broke ground for it. Haw!

What is this about furniture? I was all primed and cocked that day I phoned Mr. Otman about the furniture for the new

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addition. If he had said that we had to wait one more week, BOOM!

Oh dear, the heat is off again. I think I am getting the message, NW came in this morning ~~with~~ wearing a fur parka and mukluks. I think I shall phone the contractor on the HOT LINE!

Here it is the first of the month again. Now - there is the payroll, four letters to type, a fifth phone call about the awnings, send over for a rose for EW's birthday, budget, Great Book subscribers,

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tenth and last call about those magazines, phone about the air conditioning, and bills — well, that should keep EP busy until lunch time.

I wished I had not given EP a memorandum about a door check to be put on the one to the safe room. I miss slamming that door shut.

This note rather disturbs me — today was the third time I helped AJ ~~off~~ up off the floor — chair tipped over again — really, if his pipe had been in his mouth he would have

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been a goner.

What is this about SNAGS? Oh, yes, when CS is not looking I am going to snatch the SNAG drawer and take it to Alabama. I fully intend to take two other items, my winter snood and galoshes. One thing I do not need is reference material on weather. I shall go prepared for anything. I wonder if I should take a pair of culottes in case I have to ride a donkey? After that interesting side trip in Greece it might be a wise decision.

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Today I am at the apartment
This is my last memorandum.
It is Sep. 10, and my staff
are taking me out to dinner —
our fare well. I must look my
best — hair done — pretty dress —
I was tempted to get a mini-skirt
but one cannot go overboard at
a time like this. Decorum at all times.

Over the years my staff
has come and gone. I have
tried to run a tight ship,
and tried to keep a weather
helm, and I would not leave
my crew until I found a
good Captain — and I know
that I have. He will check
the reserves, open the windows,
find what the borrowers want,
rush to Great Book discussions, and

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be helpful to every one and
the staff.

So, off to the party, Miriam
and Good Show, and then
off to another good sail
before the wind.

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