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I got back from my trip to NY today. I had such a great time it is really depressing to be back home. I feel like it was a trip that changed my whole outlook on life. I guess I always feel that way a little bit when I get back from trips - but it is overwhelming this time. I am so ready to be out of high school and in college. Everything seems so silly, - going out, etc. - it did a little before anyway - I even feel a little isolated from my friends. Before I left I was on a high of how great my friends were. I still realize how wonderful they are but I feel more independent - like they aren't necessary. I felt like this when I got back from Mexico and it faded quickly but I have a feeling it is different this time. New York is such an amazing city. I felt really comfortable there - like I know that I belonged there & would live there at some point (hopefully soon). I miss [redacted] so much already it seems unfair that I can't see her more often. I feel like I'm missing so much. There is so much to tell about the trip I don't know where to begin. The best night was when [redacted] & I saw Phantom of the Opera - We went to Jeff Epstein's house & had champagne w/him. I found him down to earth & easy to talk to. I thanked him so much for the trip, etc. We then took

his car - his driver actually took us - to
Phantom. I didn't know any play could
be so moving. I had seen it before but still
couldn't believe it. I called - it was fantastic.
After the play we walked around the
Plaza and went home. It was so much fun.
I met [redacted] boyfriend [redacted]
he was different than I expected - pretty
cute, nice, but they didn't get along
very well for at the beg. which made
me annoyed w/ him. he turned out
to be pretty cool once he chilled out.
His brother [redacted] was [redacted] and we
hung out w/ him a lot. at 1st I didn't
think he was as cute as she had said
but quickly found him really cute.
We hung out for the 1st few couple days
than the 4 of us went to their cabin.
We had a lot of fun - X-country skid, watched
Sleuth (~~***~~ movie) & hung out. We had to
sleep in the same bed & ended up talking
for a really long time. I kind of wanted
something to happen - but didn't know
I just thought he was cute & fun. I didn't
see him again until Friday we went
to a club to watch some bands, to a bar
& then [redacted] announced she was staying at
[redacted] & asked [redacted] to stay w/ me. I was
secretly happy but didn't want him
to think I had wanted her to do this so
[redacted] kind of upset, they left us at
[redacted] w/ [redacted] I wondered if we wanted