

on 9/9/02 0:43, G. Max at [REDACTED] wrote:

> Mum, I could not open the schedule that you sent me. Please re send it. How
> are you feeling?
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> I love you
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> Gx
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I am back from hospital and of course very disappointed as you can imagine
>since I did not respond to any of the treatments they offered or performed
>on me. Neither drugs at high doses under control nor 3 consecutive electric
>shock would put my old heart under control. The only hope left for me now
>of any kind of treatment as yet untried, is to go and seek a second opinion
>in the Nancy hospital department of my nephew Jean-Marie Polu, where he
>holds the chair of cardio-respiratory diseases and where the Professor of
>cardiology is a young man whom we took as a student in our home at
>Headington Hill Hall, over twenty years ago, to improve his English. He
>told Jean-Marie he would be delighted to see if he could help in any way.

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>Between these two pundits, a spark might come to light, who knows? Jean-
>Marie thinks there may be some other reasons why I get short of breath. Any
>way, if everything else fails, the worse that can happen is that I will have
>to learn to live with a defective heart and drugs galore for the rest of my
>life and of course completely alter my life style. There are worse fates
>than that and time enough to see how everything develops but I am
>determined first to do all in my power to try and get better and then
>resigned to change my life style.

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>In hospital, they wake you up at the crack of dawn and put you to bed at 7pm
>and I am therefore feeling quite tired, notwithstanding the bashing of my
>heart, the burning of my skin through the electric shocks and the catheter
>they put in my arm which is till bothering me although it is no longer
>there.

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>Thank you for your constant and generous support, God knows where I would be if
>it were not for your care of me. As I was so bored in hospital
>and did want to do something useful for my soul, I read John Roth and Carol
>Rittner's book on Pius the XII which I read from cover to cover. I also
>read some 10 back issues of the TLS which I had not managed to read since
>July 2001! If find the TLS most compulsive reading. Not only is it
>written in excellent English with a great vocabulary (a number of words are
>new to me and I need a dictionary at hand). They are mostly descriptive
>words, rather far fetched or possibly excellent English, but I have just not
>come across them in my everyday type of reading. The book reviews do teach you
>a great deal about a variety of subjects and tempt you to buy the books in
>question although I would need another life to do justice to my lack of
>general knowledge.

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>So, as you can see, I was not completely idle although I slept a good deal
>of the time. I kept wondering what do people do with their time, thinking
>there was so much time to spend in one day when one was not truly busy!

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>Lots of love and keep sending me emails, even short ones so that I can place
>you on our planet!

Your loving Maman

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