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## My dear darling Misha,

I was so delighted yesterday to receive your most charming letter, that to-day, I want to thank you immediately for it with all my heart. I am very glad to learn that you are all so pleased to live together in Tsarskoe. My thoughts are always with you, my dear children. Without you, I feel much sadness and miss terribly. I was deeply touched to know that you also feel my absence as I always think that all of you do not care when I am away.

I am writing while aunt Alix is still getting dressed although it is already 11.30 a.m. It is such a bore that she usually gets ready so late, "on perd un temps précieux". To-day, at 4 o'clock, we are expecting aunt Thyra, uncle Ernest with all their children and "une suite énorme". The weather is awful, it is snowing everyday, so that we are having again a real winter. To-day, it is calming down and our hope is that the passage from Warnemünde will be smooth. I have a cold again, that is unbearable ! I probably caught it in the riding school where I went twice to have a look at Arara on horse. He mounts almost everyday together with Waldemar and it is just a joy to the eyes how well he sits a horse, brave boy, quite amazing !

I am so happy that aunt Alix is here. We spend the whole day together, enjoying life. Yesterday, Olga telegraphed that Petia left and she was very sorry. This is very cheering "comme cela prouve qu'elle s'attache de plus en plus à lui". I am sure that during his absence you will be more with her, she will be very glad and "sentira moins son absence" although their separation will not be very long.

I hope to leave on Tuesday week and shall be so happy to see and kiss all of you again. You must forgive me for writing so little and in such a silly way, but it results difficult to write when everybody around is talking. Arara and aunt Alix kiss you all, just as I do.

Thank you once again for your charming letter. Good bye. Christ be with you. Best wishes to you, my dear Mishkin !

With my warmest love.

Your Mummy.

Regards to Nana and Semenov.