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8477 Val Verde Drive
Canoga Park, Calif.
May 30. 44

Dear Nannie -

This is in haste to impose on you again
as usual.

Would it be possible for you to pick out as
large an assortment of Mongolian photos without
duplicates, count the number of prints and
mail them as soon as possible to

MR. H.H. HILLIARD
ROTOGRAVORE DEPT.
THE STAR WEEKLY
80 KING ST. WEST
TORONTO, 1, CANADA

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Best send them registered. If its too much
bother, dont. I didnt answer their letter of
April 20th and now they wire so they must
be anxious for anything.

I've been out on this beautiful rocky hill
since May 19, in very pleasant company. Last
Thurs we Mrs Parks, her cousin and aunt, and
Arthur Lovelers a Seattle architect, went on
a three day trip to Avilas, going by very
scenic back roads which were new to
me. First night stayed at real back-country
hotel in Oceanos, and attended a very
amusing party of old friends there. At
Avila it was cool and foggy but the
property was still intact. On return trip
we called on the Franklins in Santa Monica
and stayed overnight with my friends Porter
and Mc Laughlin in Santa Barbara, where
Lovelers did some heavy buying of Chinese

negatives or duplicates
stand in
Parker in Park
1944

snuff bottles for his collection. We visited La Purissima Mission at Lompoc, and looked around the rich Ojai Valley. It was altogether an eventful trip and the landscape never seemed more beautiful.

The next day, Sunday we again started out early for Fontana, 100 miles South of here for a dog show where the cousin showed her Pinchers and won all the ribbons. In a few moments we are off again for I don't know where. Mr. Parks has extra gas as local director of Moral Re-Armament, Inc. of the Oxford Group, and we sure are using it to keep up home morale!

I've just received a request from the Foreign Policy Association to illustrate one of these new pamphlets (on China) and must decide today if I will do it. If so I'll work on it here thru June as it must be delivered by July.

I'm in a little guest apartment over the garage, the food is marvelous, the house most charming, the company very entertaining, the hospitality unlimited — so why hurry on? Day by day I feel much stronger but not quite back to normal, another reason for delaying a strenuous expedition into Northwest mountains.

More anon — they're calling & howling!

Love, Tom