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Dear Helena -

I very much appreciate your letter & your good wishes for the New Year.

The A H Com meeting at Geneva, I think, was successful. We worked very hard because I was determined to finish in time to get home for Christmas if possible.

My son Elliott & his wife were with me for Christmas & a

his wife's little boy.
My young cousin whose
husband died in
the war was here
with her 2 small
children. So we had
a real day of fun.
Franklin, junior planned to
come with his wife &
two sons, but ~~the~~ we
had a blizzard which
shut us in for 2 or 3
days.

I hope 1948 will
be an easier year for
all of you & we'll see
us well on the road to

better mutual understanding

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Dunford: Dec 14. 1947

My dear Eleanor: I wonder if you will be home for Xmas; I presume so. This comes to bring you our affectionate best wishes & a very happy cheery gathering of all your family. My greetings to all those who remember me — rather a special one to John!

No wonder my pen stuffed & made this crank opposite. Fist calling to say your message from Geneva on the BBC! Yes dear Eleanor, it's odd to imprison folk for ideas if no violence attached to them! I think your definition of caring mal for the economic side than the freedom side — may not be so separate & so far apart as from our side of Europe so Russia! One often wonders if that "trend" has not already come nearer to us?!! I suppose the bigger general efforts of mankind are trying to combine the two ideals — more necessities with more freedoms? It will never come very fairly if "sects" of have & have nots resent each other. They must both learn to share what both sides have — & have not — for mutual benefits? That is the difficult lesson & the way to apply that lesson practically — and without guns agst ideas?!! I find what you said very useful & "a dinner & prisoner" — But while class hatreds are encouraged — (as I fear they often are) no remedy can find its roots to work on?

This awful trying to please "the so-called "people" (& only meaning by that term — a certain section or sections of the nations) is a present, very mistaken policy. The people remain a very [illegible] lot & know they are.

with much love & all [illegible] power to your [illegible] & words

our young [illegible] are [illegible] in all places & [illegible] but hope greatly to see you when the reach [illegible] [illegible] as you do, finally said [illegible]

the politician can make them
alike to suit any of his speeches
or approaches? The very power
& use of the "people" is in their very
differences in grades of every
kind of human development.
So your hint that democracy
shd behave democratically
was a brave & wise hint!
I hope it will go to the hearts
(& then to the heads) of all
democratic & undemocratic
countries too!!
Francis has been very disappointed
his book is not ready for Mass;
his publisher promises it now for
early in the new year — when
a copy is to come to you — with
our affectionate greetings & so
many happy & grateful memories.
I hope you keep fit & not doing
too much. & are hopeful despite
such slow & often almost im-
perceptible progress. I don't want
for care about Unity — Its Harmony
we need? a great real Concerto of
European & other nations?

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