

Mar del Plata 19/March 1953

Dear Jacqueline:

Today we have a free day so I shall do my letter writing, sofar I havent received any letters from anyone asept from Mr Helms whom I sending daly report from the tournament, but I still have hopes!

The third round was a most difficult round for me as I havent slept a weenk and had to play with Najdorf, I was going to play the Stonewall but in the midle I ~~sham~~ changed my mind, then I was going to hold the pawn here also changed my plan so you can see that when one is tired from not sleeping cant make decissions of inportance! not to mention the facts that one was in a bad time pressure. all in all the game was not badly played, the same thing happened with the Guimard game there I realy got a better position but the time beet me again, one cant play without the proper rest. This hayfever wakes me up in the midle of the night, from there on no rest for the weeked! Sofar we had played for game and all of them was going to the second session which last sometime till two in the morning. This morning I slept untill noon but the made had to make the room up so out ~~n~~ I went. ~~knigh~~

This afternoon I slept again until diner time and after I finish this letter I shall go to bed again, I have played in many tournaments but this is one of the hardest I ever played. the players are allawell versed of the theory and one cant get an advantige in the opening, I have tryed and played phytiological and it payed, as I didnt think that I could last in a long game. In my game with Guimard I have made a new move or rather a new idea against the Lasker defense and I belive it is very noteworthy we should go over it as it runs into the Stonewall which we are so interested. In my game against Najdorf, there is a lot, I have lerned a great deal fro the game, I never get discourjged from the lost as I belive a lot a good can be lerned from it. I only wish tha I could feel better! I am staying with Eliskases and he is in the same boat, if you think that I study or you you should see him! he stays up several hours after the game, and gets up early in the morning and ~~stud~~ studies all the time, he is much younger tha I am. He and I have one thing in common wanting to play better! I am the oldest player ~~n~~ in the tournament! but have probably the greatest desire! its hard to understand isnt it? but I belive you do! I hope you are getting the bulletins with the games, I have the sent you by air mai ther are some very interesting games in it. I also inelose the two games so it can be sent to the Times, I dont know how long it takes to get a letter to L.A. all I know tha it took six days from New York to get a letter here. This will explane why I dont get any letters yet. I wrote many of them and itvlooks that you will received them in bunches. That must hapen to the letter which are comming to me. The problem with the telegram is the same one must sign his life away before they accept a telegram to the states. I must send my passport every time than I dont know when it gets away from here, as Helms sent me a telegram that he havent received any results although I have sent three telegrams already!

Away it looks the tournament will be over on the 7th of April of course there is only one plane a week from the Argentina Air line but I hope to be back as soon as I can! I dont belive I should stop anywhere in South America as it is ~~n~~ to hot and it is not worth the waiting for the next plane etc. May be in Havana New York and Chicago, but that is about all thise are short stops and not tireing.

The elima here is wery ~~humid~~ humid, one day is worm the next is cold so not very pleasent, most of my time is spent in the hotel room or in the restourant, the food is good but one cant eat tomuch, the rest of the time is in the playing room with a lot of people waching and a lot ~~of~~ of noise like jaz music loud speaker from the open movie in the beach, otherwise everything is pleasent. I took my swimming sut but have no time to used it. The boys are very friendly at least from the outside, but the tournament is still in a early stage! If you have any difficulties with your games wire me and I shall wire back! as it looks I may get home sooner than my answer to the letter. It is midnight and I shall go to bed. forgive me that I did not write long-hend but thisway I can write more and more clearly (but with the same mistakes in spelling!) my love to your family and to you as ever,

P.S I dont know whether a table was send to you ^{Heruman} or not
if yes please have this hang up in the club; thanks