DEAR MA:

THE IDEA OF HAVING SIGNIFICANTLY LESS IN LIFE HAS BEEN ON MY MIND A LOT LATELY. OWNING FEWER THINGS. CHOOSING FEWER PEOPLE. THE WORD 'LIBERATING' DOESN'T QUITE DO THE FEELING JUSTICE. THE ABILITY TO BREATHE FREELY. CONTENTMENT.

IT GOT ME THINKING ABOUT YOU, AND HOW YOU TOO HAVE MUCH LESS THAN YOU ONCE DID BEFORE.
YOU'RE SHORT A LOVER AND A HOME.

HOW ARE YOU COPING WITH THIS; YOUR NEW LIFE?

WELL, I BOTH HOPE AND ASSUME SO. IT WAS AFTER ALL YOU, AND ONLY YOU, WHO DECIDED TO MOVE ON FROM THESE 'POSSESSIONS'.

AND RIGHTFULLY SO. FOR WHERE ONE CAN NO LONGER LOVE, ONE MUST SIMPLY: PASS BY!

THIS IS ALL I HAD TO SAY, REALLY. MAY THIS LETTER FIND YOU DOING WELL. MAY IT SERVE AS A REMINDER THAT I LOVE YOU VERY MUCH AND THINK ABOUT YOU ALL THE TIME.

ALL THE BEST. LOVE, BEN.