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Dear Tom, Mary, + Michael;

Hope you are well,
a letter you sent to Kate Kelly
at Christmas 1967 last year
was mailed to me in May
of this year it was an open
letter when I received it,
I been thinking about writing
to you since that time but
kept putting it off the family
was looking for me last
Christmas but when we go
away we dont tell people
where we are going we leave
our forwarding address with
the local Post office and
they take care of our mail,

And my Brother² + sister are
longer enough in this Country to
know that much. I worked
part time for Post office, during
2nd World War,

Last year Mary and my-
self went to California to visit
Della we visited with Father Kevin
in 1966 + 1967 and Della called
me one morning on telephone
November 1966 told me she was
alone couldn't get out of bed
I started off to help her at 7:15
A.M. same day rang her door
bell and she crawled to the
door after a few minutes and
was surprised to see me so soon
at 3:30 P.M. distance 575 miles I
could fly to her but I thought
it over with Mary + Father Kevin
and they told me I would need

my Car to help ³ drive her to
Hospital + Doctor (etc) it was
a big inconvenience for me +
for Mary + Kevin, Kevin had
to say two @ masses each
Sunday, take Mary to Church
to his 2nd Mass, do the shopping
as the Store on Base was
one mile away and he had to
Shop when Store was open (etc)
I spent 8 weeks with Della
two weeks on each visit traveled
12000 miles between Yuccaipa
Los Angeles + Chicago +
St Francis home in Santa Ana
to get her settled there she chose
this home by herself because she
knew a girl there from Sligo
after she was there a few days
she mentioned the meals were

not to her⁴ liking, at least
my Brother John told me so,
I can keep writing but I have
a suggestion to make.

Della talked about you
Tommy, she has lots of money,
she had me drive there to her
attorney to make a will she
told me she would send some
money to each one of you me
both talked it over and I told
her she didnt need all that money
and to send \$5000 to \$10000 to each
one of you she agreed, then we
purchased a Coffin + liner for same
also a head Stone for her grave.
made me executor of Will if
she died I would be notified
and I would fly out there +
take care of Burial (etc) sold
her house in Yucaipa, got all
Cash for it, I put the Will in

a vault she kept one key +
I kept the other key she
told me I was the youngest
of the family I could take
care of her belongings (etc)
divide it equally amongst
each member of the family.
then she cried + said I
will never see you again,
+ I promised her I would
be back in November 1967 so
Mary and myself drove out
there with intentions of renting
a house near the Beach
and we would be together
for Winter it didn't plan
out she told me that she
tore the Will, and made

a new one (making, Patrick
Kielty, your 'Brothers' Son-in-
law) Executor of this new
Will, the funny part of the
whole affair, I wanted to give
that amount to each one of
you and I never asked her
for a dime for myself, but
for my kindness towards
her. She gave me a check
for \$2000 dollars as a gift
I gave \$1000 of it to Eugene
and another \$1000 to Fatty,
I didn't want her money. I
tried to help each one of you
I would like you to build
a house similar to your
own, near Heneghan's put
in gas or electric heat

Lurnish it and you would
have a better income from it
than from your farm.

Visitors like myself
Americans British + many
others visiting here would love
to have some place like that
to rent just like our motels
in this country, inside plumbing
(etc) just write to Della &
tell her you are building
this house for Michael &
you ask her for \$5- or 10,000
and she will help you, if
you dont get it, some one
else will.

Tommy, please keep
this information to yourself.
I am trying to help Michael.
I told my sister Peg about all.

the money Delta has if
you care to contact Peg +
perhaps both of you can
figure it out I may hurt
myself by telling you all
this but Delta has so
many people writing her (etc)
that she will forget all
of you (I hope not)

Don't mention that I
suggested you building a house
keep that a secret, Some of
the family got more than
\$2000 from her and never
did a thing for her, only
sweet talk and nice letters,

If I can't do you some
good, I will never do you any
harm those are terrible times,
God love you all.
Mary + Patt.