My dear sweetheart,

In honor of the day, I am writing.

I called you this morning, largely
for you - I cabled you, this morning, largely
I hope that you can read
in cipher, and I hope that you can read
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it is quarter past two in the afternoon,
the hours when white men stay in. So I am
sitting in my room, where the thermometer
reads 80, and you can bring the water
out of the air, clothed in my linen trousers
light underwear, with shaved off
arms and legs and shoes and stockings.

that I am heavily clothed as

clothing goes here - I have seen
a lot of girls through Java; from 8
years old, who are clothed only in
sunshine, save that when overclothed
they wear a necklace. The kung people
white people, go around here is jaykay.
men wander all over town in their
pajamas and slippers. But it is so beastly
hot that I imagine people have

I hope that you are having a pleasant
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Time today 11 till 1 twi... We imagine
40 years ago today that I would
be writing from here today-
just started, it has been a... pleasant
60 year old woman as a 20 year old,
but all of this you know, I now know
it so well as you.

Yesterday we motored from... 1, where we went through the
Botanical Gardens, said to be the... in the World, and lunched.

It is certainly a wonderful motor
ride. The Hotel des Indes is said to be
the finest in the East. My bedroom
have the second floor of a two story brick
cement cottage. Each bed room is
about 20 by 30 with a hall between
an in front opens to the air sitting room
for each about 12 x 30 with a jack
out door passage running to a...
Except the Dutch wife, whose ways have not yet learned. The Hotel is sprawling over 10 acres of ground with many detached buildings connected by rugged garden paths—land labor seems to be cheaper.

Yesterday we stopped to cut through a tea plantation. It goes into a machine where it is broken into 2 parts only, in the best. Then it goes into a round sieve where the finest coarse are separated. Then it goes into the color room where it is colored black or brown as they call it here, by a stay of from 1/2 hour to 2 hours. Hence to the dryer, hence to another screen where the coarse fiber is separated into several grades according to fineness, the coarse being the best, it being less broken into two pieces only. They round up the stems and the stuff to go into
the very fine, which is made
into cakes or cubes and sent to Russia.
Which gets the worst instead of the best tea.
Contrary to traditions.
I forgot to say that the tea is colored only
by red light. The light comes through a
hole about one foot in diameter at the
edge all around back of the hole.

We sail tomorrow at 8 P.M. for
Singapore in S.S. O ranje, unusual.
S. and Saturday morning this letter
will probably go on the same ship.
We shall stay there 2 or 3 days, then go
to Hong Kong where we shall be 3 or 4
to Japan, then home.

I imagine I shall not be very
far behind this letter. Perhaps two
weeks mean while I love you

Yours

[Signature]
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