

Thursday aft.
April 19th

My darling,

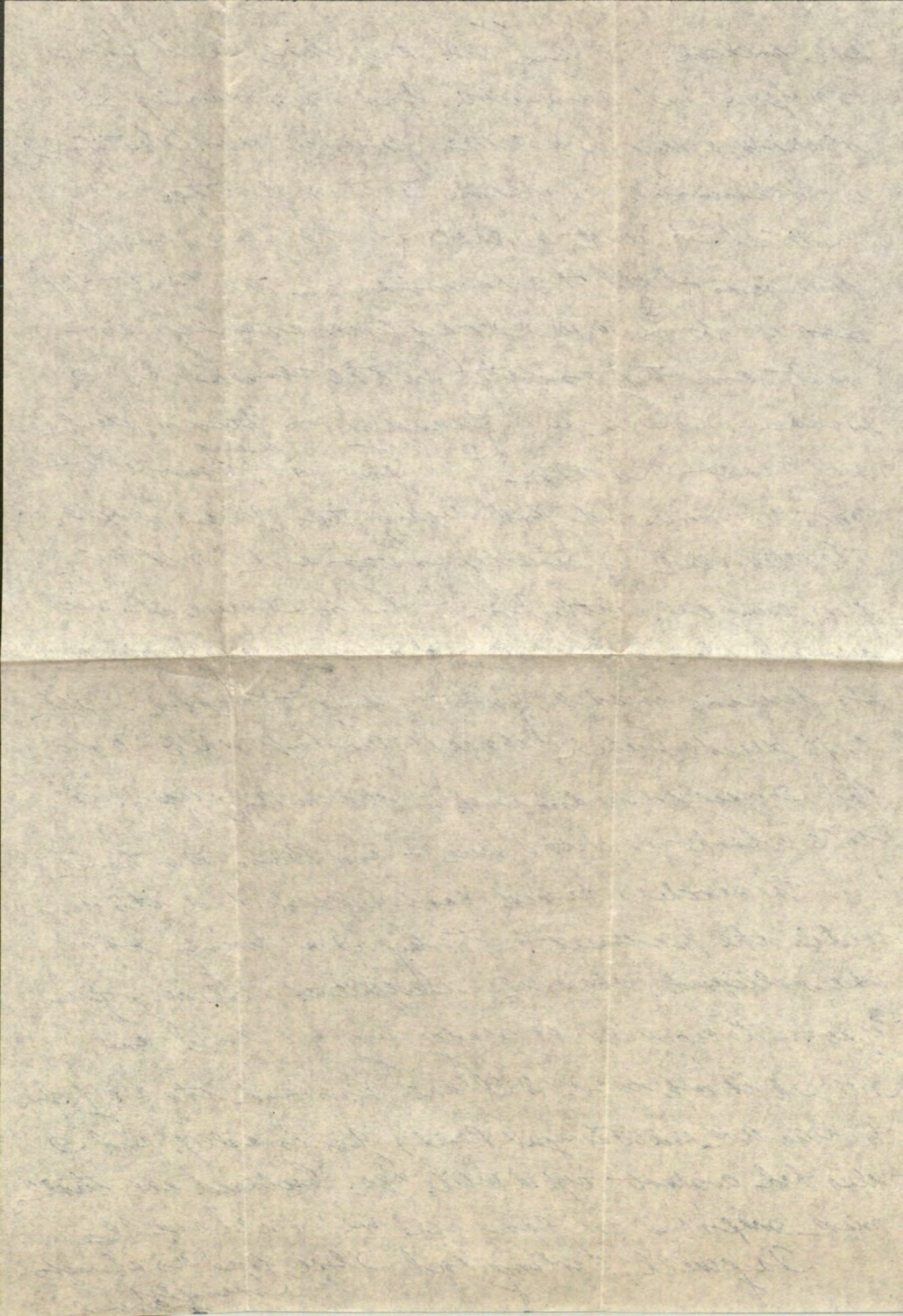
This morning I received your air-mail letter dated April 8th # with the enclosed \$30.00 money order. Thanks so much and I'll add it to our sack of gold. I enjoyed reading your x-ray letter and then re-read it aloud to Jim. In fact, I read it on the way to the post office at 8.45 a.m. when I mailed you a short v-mail letter. These past few days have kept me on my toes but most of the dirty work is done and all I have to finish up are the closets. I tipped Mr. Zichov \$2.00 and he hung the large mirror, put back the cornice and cleaned up most of the mess. For the first time, he acted nicely. Even Jim had the time of his life when he handed me the liquor bottles from the bottom of the closet. He also helped empty out most of my shoes. I'm sure starting Jim early on his usefulness.

We're both feeling very good and expect to spend the summer in the country. When it rains it pours, isn't that always the way. Bess called my mom yesterday to tell her that a 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ room apartment was taken by Ray and Bess in the town of Monticello. Ray's uncle owns the house and I believe Bess moved in today. All of us

are welcome to use ^{it} and live in it for
the Spring and summer. And this morning I
received a very nice letter from a Mrs. Hastings
in Grahamville in regards to that cottage I
mentioned. She sent a photo of the place and
dimensions of all the rooms and the cost of
~~for~~ it is \$250.00. I may come as early as I
want and stay as late in the season as I
wish. So I'm in a quandary — Bess's place
will cost less than \$100 and is ^{usually} accessible to
Monticello, movies and good shopping plus Jewish people —
The other place is strictly country and I'll be
alone every eve with Jim — unless I share it with
someone else (but who?). If only you were here,
the decision would be quite easy to make. I'll
try to decide within the next few days what to do
and I may even drive up to the country again to
take a look-see at the place — and Bess's new home.

The weather turned cooler again and it's down
wed in the apartment. To-day I'm having the
wheels aligned, the axle straightened and only for
\$7.00. The car will be ready by 4 o'clock and
I'll pick it up then. I'll take Jim and the dog f. bus
to Utica Ave and Farragut Road. Jim is asleep and I
also had a short nap a while ago. Enclosed are three
map snips and you can see we're all well.

Stay well, darling and I love you as always.
Lovingly
Dorothy



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