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Well it is getting late so I will close hoping I shall hear from you again before long, Good night As ever Your affectionate Mother