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Dear Kieran,

I know you would have expected more loyalty from me in the case of Rom and Elsie and I feel I have let you down badly, but what could I do? They arrived on Wednesday evening (I got home from the Gem Club to find them on my doorstep at 11pm) both seemingly under great stress, and being very conscious of the fact that people took me in when I ran, I did the same. Fortunately Helen Dempsey was coming on Friday and not going till Monday, so they had to find other accommodation. As I expected, they turned up again Monday evening and I told Rom he must ring you and say just what he was planning so that you, in turn, could get on with the running of the Marist Brothers, etc.

Elsie seems to be so screwed up she doesn't know what to think, believe or do and seesawed between intense happiness about her future life and deep depression and guilt - boy! - she gave me the pip well and truly, was quite depressing in fact, so I was able to tell Rom quite truthfully that I couldn't handle their traumas at this stage, and they were leaving this morning. Not very charitable of me, probably, but I've had quite enough drama thanks.

At least they made me realise all over again, how lucky I was to be leading a peaceful solo existence!

You have always been so loyal and loving and encouraging to me, K, I hope you can find it in your heart to forgive me.

*Love*  
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