

## Side 8 - Kay

Are you listening?

I can't drive you to the hospital, but there may be something I can do. I could go to Southampton, on my own. Are you listening? As you say, if I left now, I would be back in time for the meeting.

Because I suspect you know more about Monday's weather than Colonel Krick ever will. Let me go to Southampton. To the hospital. I'll visit your wife, talk to your doctor and report back to you. Did you hear what I said?

I couldn't sleep. None of the family sleep much. Ike's family. The war family. There's Colonel Lee, have you met him? We call him Tex. They meet over breakfast, smoke Chesterfields, drink black coffee... organize the day. There's Bedell Smith. Beetle. He's cooking Ike his scrambled eggs as we speak. And Mickey, who would die for Ike, is downstairs pressing his uniform. Me, of course, wide awake... and you, Dr. Stagg, an honorary guest of the family, also wide awake.

My role in the family? Oh, general dogsbody, me. Driver, secretary... mechanic! I love driving. I've driven Ike for three years. Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia... we're onto our third car!

The family's been together since 1941. (*Unguarded.*) I've never been happier.