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REF.NO. BWGJ.2. LETTER FROM PAULA TO EDDIE IN APRIL ¹⁹⁴² (THIS YEAR BELIEVED
DICTATED BY EDDIE.)

Dear Eddie,

I am sorry for what I am about to write, but I can't go on living a lie anymore. I've cheated & lied to you. I just can't carry on anymore. I am having to write it down on paper as I can't tell you face to face.

The baby I'm carrying is not yours. I have been having an affair for the last 14 months with a guy called Nigel, the baby is his. If you work it out the baby could not possibly be yours. I was living at Mums at the time, we hardly seen each other, never mind sleeping together. I tricked you into thinking the baby was yours by the dates I gave you, in fact the baby is due 3/4 weeks before that.

I know I have messed your life up I can't apologise enough, what you could have had as well. No one knows, not even Julie about Nigel but they will soon. Nigel has asked me to go and live with him abroad, I have said yes. You can have the house and the furniture. I will only be taking a few small items. You can divorce me on adultery, send the papers to Mum & Dad for me to sign as when I have told them what is really going on, I will give them my forwarding address.

I would like you to try and pick up the pieces with Sandra, as I know she really loves you, you deserve better than me. Don't do anything stupid I'm not worth it. Hopefully by the weekend I'll be out of your life for good and I'll be starting my new life with Nigel. I suppose you feel like hitting me, you never have but I bet you feel like it now. You'll hate me, think I'm selfish. I did love you in my own way, its just that Nigel came along and my life changed. You probably wondering where did I find time, well you know that computer course I said I was on, I only went twice. I used it as an excuse to get out.

I can't imagine how you must feel, about the baby especially. Coming with me to Ante Natal, feeling it kick inside. How could I lie to you, it would have to be a lie forever. I know you would like a family but Sandra or whoever will provide you with that. I think in my own way I knew the marriage was nearly over as you hardly touch me unless I touch you, we never really kiss we were just like good friends in a way. Everyone will be shocked but its what I wanted all along I've destroyed you in every way that I could and saying sorry wont help you but if I could turn the clock back I would.

You must go on and forget me and my family its all down to you now. You have been great with me over the whole situation. I couldn't have been so calm about it as you have been. But as you said you only stayed because of the baby it was not for me. I wonder what my family and friends will say, its going to be interesting. I hope they don't blame you, I will tell them everything once I'm gone. You don't have to worry. They will all have to accept it as I am not changing my mind. Just as you won't ever let me back into your life. I've got to ~~choose~~ ^{make} now but at least you know we are parting as friends not enemies like in your previous marriage. Take good care of yourself. Good luck for your future. Love from Paula X