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I think I have told you all the news for this week, lots of love to you both & I hope you have a very happy birthday.

Your affectionate daughter Myrtle.