

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

March 2, 1942

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Save
Mrs. Parker
Sometime -
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idea -

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How are
you doing?

I have your post-card and your last two wires addressed to "Secretary". Darling, if that's the way you want it to be, I shall certainly work as hard as I can and call up all my initiative and directing ability. However, I just want to say that I've always thought the one who knew the most and worked the most ought to have the title, and that is O. J. Besides, the title of Secretary very clearly indicates pay, and will do so to all those who never hear directly that I am working up here without salary.

Secy means
the boss and
that's what you
should be. It
won't be long until
you know the most
and work the most
on the most important
things -

I certainly am glad you have decided to put Nellie on now. Mary was doing so much work that could just as well have been passed on to someone of less experience. Clipping those papers and keeping a scrap-book used hours of her time that could have been spent to more telling advantage and yet should be done. We shall have a staff meeting tomorrow morning about a division of work and let you know the results.

good -
give me a
report on
Nellie -

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There is so much to learn! I want to trace down each of our general types of inquiries and get myself acquainted with all the ramifications, perhaps one problem a day will be the way to go at it.

I must run now. Shall write you a volume tomorrow.

All my love,

Bird
I've been waiting 2 weeks for that Volume

Excellent
idea if
it doesn't make
you forget to write
or then & there!!

Also write
Herman
& explain
Wire was
sent to all

good

March 27, 1942

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