

*give me time of day letter
written along with date -*

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

March 3, 1942

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Dearest: Such a short time -*

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(To Neal Douglass
for pictures \$12.50
Phone calls \$9.07
Car use tax \$ 2.10)
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am sending check

*(Have sent 50 to cover
checks like this*

*Here is check for the
\$23.67 item -*

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Delay in answering mail - This comes from 4 reports
1. *Senator*
2. *Bill D*
3. *Frank W*
4. *Jim B-*

Your card saying that you had had bad reports on the office has me very worried. What were they? We have, to my knowledge, made several errors, but none of great importance. I surely do want to patch up the holes. Please tell me everything.

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over to Senate to see him and ask his advice on something - Use your most courtly manner - give him 3 hugs for me -

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Darling, I can't wait much longer to see what is red velvet! I am so anxious to get it.

All my love, always,

Bird

It was mailed Sat 10 days ago from pumps - this is Thursday Mar 5 -

Had no letter from you Tues. or Wednesday - Am I blue? Am I blue?

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