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Sunday afternoon

My dearest Baby Girl:

Today could have been such a lovely day - if only I could have brought this sunshine to you or the sunshine could have brought you out here to me. I have wondered many times throughout the day - as I read 'Education for Dictator or Democrat' and news - what you were doing. I hope you were somewhere playing - with golly folk and that you were made happy - happy as you deserve to be. Perhaps you took some movies - or just drove in the park - or even Santa had some nice drinks and stimulating conversation - I hope you did something - something that you can remember and enjoy. There seems never to be time for you tell me of your fun - and I'm too lazy to tell you about what I have (mostly what I haven't had). Did meet the 'Betty Davis' girl and had drinks and dinner - liked it so well that I repeated the performance a couple of times - but Captains and competition I guess got me - perhaps my own impulsiveness and independence. She



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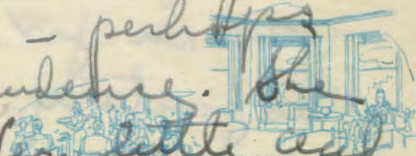
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✓ Conscious of her good looks, (all but her teeth they are) terrible.

Today I slept until 8:30 - up and shored postcards (20) for an hour - Laffer - the office mail etc. John didn't get up until later and then went driving with Otto until after 3. I read and read and read -

then on my own motion and alone I went to a show Anne Sheridan & Esther Davis - didn't like it as usual - left at 4:15 and am back waiting for seven to have dinner with Truman Gamy and his pregnant wife. I haven't seen him for 10 yrs. and I hope I still like him -

I think of you often and kindly and surely and devotedly. Sorry I haven't made you happier but guess I can't do a good job that way - for long anyway. I have taken several shots of introspection and reflection and do try to be thoughtful - if not Considerate and wholly desirable.

Yesterday afternoon (Sat. aft.) I walked 8 mi. looking and thinking and wondering. In a very beautiful window I saw very pretty China and I thought how well you always handled yourself at the parties I gave. In the store I went and before I knew it a Navy Check was gone and an order was in for China to be shipped to you from the factory. It may get there by April when you move back. When it comes you must have Sam & the Kildays & the Poags and some of the others out. and of course I know by that time you will have collected several interesting ladies like

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3. Peggy Palmer - Will you please call her and transfer a telephone kiss to her for me.

Have had two letters from S.H. He is doing grand. I'm very happy about him and all the family for the first time in years. Mother writes regularly (not as regularly as you) but I watch for the postman and little did I realize others were such a part of my life -

Yesterday I bought baby shoes and robes and pajamas for all our baby friends. Ben P. Jr., Tex, Peggy Jr., Betty Jr., Vita Louise, Miss Sherman Jr., Miss Dorothy Jackson Jr., Miss Bob Johnson Jr. et al.

It gave me a lot to do and a chance to exercise taste and choice without fear - fear of anything except your wondering if I could afford it.



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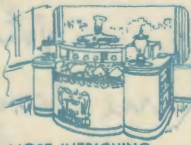
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4 Some of the packages I'm sending to you to personally deliver - some I'm making direct. Hope you like them - I've already picked out a sport (stock & shorts to match) for you and I'll send it when I feel flush and grateful and feel that I'm not spoiling you. Did I forget to say also when I get the money - What happened to the Alabama deal?

I expect to clean up some of my accounts and put some money with Tommie at 6% when that is over but that I'll wait -

I'm keeping up with my birthday cards but they are very few names in my book - Could you help?

Your work in the office - I envy - Wish I could do it - Hope you hat it up. Every day report I get and I hear lots gives you 110% already - What will it be in June? - 199%?

My work is messy - I should be doing more. Should be producing and driving and working my damn head off - When I'll be back I don't know, Hope Forestral calls me back & sends me on something new and different - I'm degenerating fast at this. I love you very very very much - Keep up the exercise but change the hours either before 2 o'clock or after or in mid-afternoon. Open & close the office. I love you

March 5, 1942

Dearest:

So you've been going out with Bette Davis!!!! I want to congratulate you on your good taste. If she is as interesting a companion as she is an actress she is quite the top. Mary came in and said a Mr. Weisl, lawyer for some of the big studios, was going to see you in San Francisco and may be he would introduce you to some movie people. I told her maybe you would introduce Mr. Weisl to some. Seriously, dear, she is the most worthwhile actress in Hollywood, to my feeling, and I hope you had a gay and stimulating time.

All your letters I love to get. But the ones in your own hand-writing, that are often love letters these days, are the ones I read over and over. Darling, I want to answer one paragraph in the letter written Sunday afternoon: I am happy; I am lucky; I am much stronger than the girl I was a few years ago; I feel capable of handling whatever happens to us with ultimate happy and constructive conclusion; and I wouldn't trade you for a combination of Charles Boyer-the richest Rockefeller-and MacArthur. Because I am in love with you and besides that I believe in you.

I am delighted about you buying the baby shoes for all our friends. The Lyndon that is thoughtful and sweet is the Lyndon I am fondest of. It will be fun to deliver them. But, dear, I want to remind you that Dorothy Nichol's baby is a boy named Donald, and the Bob Jackson's baby is also a boy, named Bob, Jr. (By the way, its birthday is either June 28 or 29, because Bob was walking the floor in the hospital as he got reports on your election--either date is close enough for purposes of sending a card or gift).

My china sounds wonderful!!! I can't wait to see it. I shall wear my red velvet hostess-pajamas, and set the table with my china, and have Sam to dinner! By the way, I forgot to tell you that Mrs. Kilday (Cecile) asked me to lunch but I couldn't go. Darling, you are too, too sweet and thoughtful to send me the china. Thanks with all my heart.

The Alabama business is briefly this: the estate has been evaluated at roughly \$190,000. There are twelve heirs. I am supposed to get one twelvth (1/12). The income tax on that

amount, if Waddy Bouillon is correct in his figures, is approximately \$34,000. Uncle Claud told Aunt Effie in the Spring of 1939 that he owed her \$52,000 but no evidence of it appears on his books, and if we are able to get that debt admitted, which I very much hope to do, the debate will then be \$140,000. I have urged all the heirs to meet in Montgomery within the next two or three weeks to settle what is to be done about Aunt Effie and have worked out a compromise which is too long to explain here. I am asking Senator Wirtz to meet me in Montgomery and believe he will. At present it all hinges upon when he can come.

Darling, one more little thing: Senator writes me that Tom Miller is still anxious to get his son in an officer's training camp and Senator says "That is something you might want to take up with Tom or Jim Rowe." I understand you knew about it for some time before you left and I wonder if you did not think it feasible to tackle it or if you did take any steps. Think about it a bit and tell me what I should do. Furthermore, I do not understand just what bearing Him, or Tom, could have on that, even if they were a mind to.

Nothing at all could delight me more than Sam Houston's apparent good behaviour, because of the way it must make you feel. I am so happy that you are regarded, my dearest!

All my love, always,