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addressed to me 'First Class Mail'  
March 9, 1942 Rush Important  
8:55 P. M.

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Darling, one person I wish you would send a card to is Ruth, Dad's wife. She has recently had about the fifth, and we believe last, operation on her ankle and will be on crutches or in a wheel chair all Spring. Just send it to Karnack, as I don't know which hospital in Shreveport she is in.

The checks for the phone calls, pictures, and car tax, and the large and too-ample check for the entertaining I did have come and been deposited in the Marshall National Bank. Darling, I appreciate them very much and I love you for being so generous but I shall not let these "set a precedent" at all, as I can get along on much less. Of course, next month's entertaining I can gear to fit this schedule. Here is a hug and many, many kisses. I assure you the size and number of them was most unexpected.

This afternoon I took off an hour and forty-five minutes and carried Peggy, Jr., her present. Elizabeth Rowe wasn't at home, so I did not go by and leave her present as I especially would like to have a visit with her. The Corcorans have a beautiful new home!!! For your future use, the address is 4640 Hawthorne Lane, N.W. Margaret Josephine's birthday is January 19. The little shoes and pajamas were quite, quite adorable, though too big as yet, and the little one carried around one shoe with her all the time I was there. She will grow to them before long. Peggy sent you her thanks. I'm sure Mary wrote down Tom's probable addresses for you in her letter--(either at Thomas P. Corcoran's residence in Phoenix, Arizona, or at La Reforma Hotel in Mexico City.)

Good

OK.  
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Give me  
your estimates

Thanks

The new house is charming and has far more personality than the place they had before. One whole wall of the living-room is solid mirrors, except for the fire-place, and at the end is a bay window which looks down into the rose garden and takes up nearly that whole wall. Peggy is quite large and says she is getting bored. She said she wanted me to come over for lunch or something as soon as she got control of the series of domestic crises she is involved in now--she just moved in last week and is busy getting additional furniture and drapes, not to mention the new baby that is almost here.

Darling, the letters Sherman addresses to you we send right on to you without answering. Is that right? Nor did we write Robert Acock and George I. Sanchez whom he mentioned in his letter of about a week ago. We thought they were for your attention alone. Let us hear if you want it done differently.

A word about these congratulation-condolence letters: I am writing everybody who is a friend or even acquaintance or even a friend of a good friend. I am not writing strangers, as I personally would feel insincere and awkward doing it. However in the case of little boys who win 4H prizes, or a mother with five sons in the armed services, or the newly appointed president of Southwestern University, I feel that I can write a very timely and acceptable letter without knowing the person at all and am doing so. We wrote about twenty such letters <sup>last</sup> week and the number will increase slightly, I expect. In the case of Mr. Curry, whom I do not know, I noticed that I had a purely business letter to him to sign, so I wrote this note on a separate sheet of paper and just clipped it to the letter--though I did not know him, Tom Ferguson, Granville Hearn, F. W. Zoeller and such friends of ours participated in one way or another in his wedding. I'm enclosing copies of three of this type letter, for your suggestions, since it will be a repeat performance as I go along.

Here is a sample of my lovely red alluring gown--and me with nobody to allure!?

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All my love, Bird

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