

5:30 p.m. April 19, 1943

Darling mine:

I enjoyed our talk last night very much and I was especially glad to hear two things--that we are released from INS and that you may come home this week-end. Both of those are things to cheer about!!

I forgot to ask you one all-important thing--did you give INS the check you had and did they accept it? It was in full payment thru April 10 and it had written on it "In full payment for all services rendered or to be rendered." The service stopped at 2 p.m. today--therefore we owe them for 9 more days. Shall we send them a check for 9 days or just what is the score?

Here is a budget prepared by me and subject to all my ignorance about book-keeping. It is divided into three parts: payroll, commissions and other running expenses. Note that of the total of \$3582.80, there is \$375 that involves no cash outlay--it is trade-outs in advertising, \$300 to the Austin School of Business, about \$75 to the Daily Texan. In figuring actual outlay that brings it to \$3207.80. Now that you have got rid of the INS expense, it comes down to \$3055.80. I believe there will be some other reductions possible.

About the waterk light, and power bill: I believe there might be some hope of cutting it down. Mr. Novy brought up the subject by telling me when he took over Paramount their bills were running \$1300 a month and now they were about \$70!! What shenanigans he worked with the rates I don't know, but he asked me to bring him our bills for the last few months, he would have his engineers go over them, see if there were any possibilities of getting another and lower rate. I took him six months bills this morning. He said KNOW's bill was around \$40 a month. I explained that there station was 250 watts and ours was 1000, so ours would take more juice. Of course, he does not want to have his name mentioned in connection with it but will advise with me and tell me what to do, if anything. His engineers will tell him tomorrow if there is any way to lower the rate. He has done this for a few building owners in Austin and the city fathers naturally want him to lay off--so we won't mention it to anyone. There is one reduction I know we can make--all of those old bills were delinquent and had to add the 10% penalty to them --we all know the difficulties that perhaps made that unavoidable but it had better not happen again. That's throwing away \$6 or \$7 a month.

Darling, I've read the contract we have with the Austin School of Business.