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Washington, D.C. Sunday 11:20 A.M.

My dearest:

After talking to you only a few hours ago it seems "hilly" to write and repeat what I told you, or attempt to sidetrack my thoughts, and talk about something else - yesterday afternoon after suffering in bed for hours I insisted it would be great to talk with my Bird. Only an hour before I placed the call I had, flat of my back with cover bell over me, written a wire to you. Then Maury & I left on the 6:20 train for Texas. Friday night I wrote you a long 7 page letter only to decide that it shouldn't be mailed - and now I know it shouldn't have - at 8 I rose to pick up Whit Thairion & Wife and join some friends for a long evening - I knew if I talked to you that I would either be so disappointed that I would need them to help me forget or so happy I shouldn't celebrate without them - It turned out just that way - I placed the call while in bed at the hotel - Running

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I shouldn't get out in the night air - In a minute
 Mr. Crow said you were at the ball game and
 would come home in an hour. Then I called Helen
 who had been at the Navy game all afternoon and
 secured her consent to join us and in addition
 an invite for a meal before going - On my way
 out to her apartment I stopped by the office for
 an overcoat and tried on my call again - in
 only a minute I was talking to you - Then,
 disappointed, I dropped in at Helen's 30 min
 late and got frustrated at you being ~~tricky~~ at
 9 our party was going strong and Bill was
 fussing because I told him you had said
 that Texas lost 31-0 - I told him better an
 hour later - - but by that time I was
 too miserable to enjoy it with him - At
 12 we came home and I doctored most all
 of the night. This morning I went to the desk
 just before coming to the office and got some

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Special. You timed it just right this time. When I pushed this note in going to my room and stay there until --- I feel much better tho' it may require a week behind the bars.

Yes, honey, I was disappointed in your not saying yes enthusiastically. We approach things so differently tho' I'm confident your judgment was the best. I should tell you what prompted my eagerness or attempt to give an explanation. It must have been just you.

All my life I've worked for people - I've tried to do my bit to make life enjoyable for my family and my friends. About the time I met you it looked as if my task was about complete. My brothers and sisters educated and most of my friends doing well ^{and} where they wanted to be. Then you came along with all of the things I had been taught to treasure and hold sacred. I jumped

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* too quickly. It was such a relief - it was satisfying to have something of my own - I'll put there --

This morning I've just been writing without taking time for even a comma - If I hesitated a bit I wouldn't say what I'm thinking -

Now I'm going back to live ^{and} play just for each day - It was foolish anyway to have "the desire of the moth for the star"

I know you must have had a great time in Dallas - Would that I could have been there to meet your friends and with you to have added them to that group of which I am so proud - When, and if, I come to Texas we must all get together in Austin and see how congenial we could all be -

Gene gave me a very sweet letter yesterday. It is only now that I realize that there can be something to her view of life. She told me in

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Austin how great it was to love -- "friends" --

Tomorrow I'll write Dotty - Gene had told me
of her terrible experience -

Under separate cover I'm mailing an article
about Maury which you might enjoy reading -

Perhaps I act too ~~harshly~~ hastily - People
sometimes tell me "you are too sentimental and
impulsive" but anyway I'm the best and greatest
friends in all the world -

I won't write as often or as "silly" but that
won't keep me from saying to myself "in absolute
honesty that I love you" and that means
"devotionally" and "permanently" -

I hope you were able to talk to Dolly - I trust that
Gene delivered my message and my ---
Thanks for the thoughtful rose leaf -
My little Gene has been in red

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With my father and him more than concerned about him - May get the doctor after lunch -

Am so glad your dad enjoyed the ranch pictures - Return them with my proofs if this reaches you before the proofs are mailed -

I know you have had a time reading this writing - I can do much better, but usually Sundays make me so differently and I write more freely and less cautiously -

A day or two ago I wrote you a long letter - told you all about everything - but didn't exercise good judgment in the last paragraph - (just as I didn't last night) hence it is ~~some~~ unmailed and somewhere in my room - I'll resurrect it - revise it if I can - and as general information about Tex, N.Y. - Austin and here, forward it on to you - I know you are having a great time watching your efforts build - you seem to enjoy

1 everything you do so much that I think it would be
well for me to try to develop some inspiration and
stimulation - for me ^{my} help heartily done
everything -

I've written too much - won't I? I hope
what I've said is best for both of us --- and
let's make it that way - I have looked for
a letter which made me one's Xmas on friendship.
Did I send it to you? It was such a masterpiece
that I want to always keep it. Honey now
that you have gone over the newspaper
clippings and junk I sent you put them
in an old shoe box of some kind and get them
out of your way by sending them to me. I'm going
to have Carol take them and paste them in
a little scrapbook -

The library books don't have to be returned
at any particular time - Will send you some
more if you have time to read them -
So glad Ben got to go to Dallas
and had a chance to see Marie, you and
her mother - Affectionately - Grand.

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