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House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

Saturday 10:15 a.m.

My dearest:

I'm not sure that I thoroughly and "completely" understood all of your statements in your letter written sometime Wednesday. I do know that every statement made was actuated only by a sincere determination ~~to~~ ^{to} be "absolutely honest" and "everlastingly" sure. If by inference a construction might be placed upon my statements which would justify the conclusion "that I would like ~~not~~ to have met you - just to have it erased" then my expression signifies nothing more than an inability to properly portray my real feelings by means of the written word. To admit an "affection and attachment," which you ^(understand) appreciate, has been too pronounced shouldn't indicate any indecision - much less indifference, or the necessity of reassurance.

It might be provoking, and could certainly result in little benefit to either of us, were I to definitely detail an explanation of my ^{reported} insistence and yearning for a yes from

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You. Coupled with my almost insane desire to have you was a requisite decision with which you might have had a concern. Surely a definite knowledge of my own station, for the next few months, would vitally affect everything - when your answer came back over the wire for 1500 miles, altho' disappointed, I at least had some definite indication of your true feeling, and consequently what was best for us. (See how much confidence I had in your opinions and judgment) Never have I concluded that I wanted to forget, but I feared them as I know now, a determination to follow my best friends suggestions as to my future work, would necessarily make it most difficult for ~~me~~ to realize my dreams of the last few weeks. All week I've been thinking and only saw how after I read your Wednesday letter. Senator Wertz and Welly called (person to person?) and for almost thirty minutes we exchanged plans, ^{ideas,} views ^{etc} all of which culminated in a decision which has been in the making for a year, almost made several times, and definitely arrived at this morning. In Senator Wertz's ~~own~~ words "your boy friend Welly put you on the spot?"

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My expressions of intention this morning or
my inferential suggestions in my letter
Monday didn't ^{or don't} mean, darling, that I was
"thankful that I know you," (I don't mean know either),
I shouldn't convey the thought to you that I
"would like to have it erased" - nor doesn't
definitely determine our future relationship.
It only meant - and now means - that as
a result of my decision, (Not of my confidence
"in the foundation solid enough to build upon")
my unheeded ^{unacceptable} suggestions can no longer
be carried out. It means sacrifice, and
my thoughts of a home and you head the list of
the numerous ones I will have to make for
the next four or five years. That is
why I said to you yesterday in my
letter that maybe you shouldn't have said
what you did to our ^{grandson} boy friend in
~~Dallas~~ ~~the~~ Dallas. No, sugar, now I shall
wait until January -- too many Januaries ^{in my}
for an attractive lovable girl already

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in her twenties.

I knew of a close relative, darling, where the young man, too, wanted to be sure. Not sure of himself - but sure of income - of position - of a good start. She patiently waited until he finished school - but just before his "break" reached him another break came. It may have been that there was "as much in the waiting idea" for her as there was for him - but she doesn't think so. And the money, ^{and the} seemed to me ^{not to wait too long, and I didn't} mean that loves you more than anyone in all the world wants to ^{be} perfectly "hand and level-headed" too. He probably has his feet in the eyes of all - but it has excited its price anyway. He, too, loves - "tender and gay, deep and passionate" - He, too, knows "we must wait until there isn't any doubt" upon your part and give a solid foundation to build upon. From what little people have told me about the power, ^{and} and from what I know about foundations it will be of necessity little more than a friendship from here on, out. All I've told you in this

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Most trying letter has come from the heart.
It must be just as hard on me as it was
on you when you said ("Mayn't")

Last night I laughed for hours at Ted Stoe.
The Japhank is one of the best plays I've ever
seen. Didn't like the mocking of religion,
legislative government etc but it was
most entertaining just the same. I think
it dangerous --- but you probably would
see it differently - All wait until you do
and then we can have our discussion.

Tonight we accepted the invitation of
Nettie Lee & Eloise to dance at the Southern
Club. (At their home.) Every Saturday night
they give wonderful dances and with all
of my boys in the office and the girls in
the departments bin going to try to find boys
(saturday and be a boy again -
I hope you won't draw too many conclusions

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about my plans with the Senators. They cautioned me to say nothing and when I do Mr. Dick must be the first one to know -- besides you and Mother --

I hardly know how to end this letter. It is difficult to understand, I know, but paraphrasing Shakespeare, it seems like this -- "There comes a tide in an affair of love, which taken at the flood, leads on to happiness". I sincerely hope the tide has not already reached flood level; I fear it has --

Love

P.S. Backrack sent your picture to Boston for a frame and it is to be sent to you direct from there. Should reach you early in November -- I don't like to say November -- so let's add next month --

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