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Thursday Night 9 PM -

Darling -

My letters are always so involved that it is with some reluctance that I begin an attempt to discuss with you via the letter route the subject that occupied most of our conversation this evening -

Altho I was thrilled to death when the operator told me in the lobby that you were calling I couldn't help but feel let down after you had repeated your doubts -

I shall expect you to call me from Ala. or when you enter Texas, and I'll be most anxious to get some reassurance. If after your trip you want to, or can wait until after Thanksgiving, then I'll completely understand - Now about the telephone conversation -

It seemed sweet but non-committal.

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To me it has always seemed a safe rule
to take my cue as to my behavior from the
other persons attitude. So since you seem calm
and cool and won't plenty of time to 'make
up your mind' I think why not simulate
indifference myself. I'm sure in some instances
indifference may add charm. It might be
best to abide by your decision with apparent
calm acquiescence and just see what would
happen. If you don't know your own mind,
I won't press you, in spite of my ardent
nature, and more than that I want it all
to end as quickly as possible. Of course I'm
hurt that you are undemonstrative and
analytical in regard to your emotions. I'm
afraid, dear, your instinctive reticence does
not hold an appeal for my peculiarities of
temperament. I had hoped I was and wanted

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to marry a woman who loved me, would pet me,
and be as affectionate as I am -

If you want me and are just holding off -
then ~~don't~~ Wait -

If you, after comparing the relative merits
of various suitors, think you might be
happy then tell me -

My decision is the same in either case -
You should know how I feel about you - I shall
not attempt to cover up what I've said or done
the last 2 days - I'll wait until you find time
to write or call ~~before~~ I make further plans -

If your Aunt Effie or Gene or any
of the other people you love prompt you to wait
to wait - wire - write or phone and I'll
call it a bad day and return immediately

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~~To~~ my labours ~~elsewhere~~ away from Corpus —
I'll not be grieved or hurt at you — rather
wonder that you can feel as you do —

Mother too (wonders) about it all — I think
I'm the only person that is positive and
it may be it will be best ~~for~~ you to
wait until another comes along —

I love you — Thanks for the
telephone call —

Edna —

P.S. Have a letter from Gene and am afraid
to answer it — Guess I'll try —
Think you might enjoy Mother's letter — It
may be what you want to hear — I'll
tell you what all of my business friends think
after you know again definitely.

Tues -

My darling Bay:

You have been in my thoughts almost constantly ever since you were here. I am wondering what decision you will make. Personally I should prefer to have you near me of course but when I consider what is best for you I disregard the personal element. I had to do that when you first went to Washington; that was the first and hardest wrench. The knife turned in the wound when you had pneumonia way off up there. I want you so much darling, but I want your happiness and success more than the gratification of my feelings.

The thing for you to do is to get your law degree, I am sure. If you can do that and work for

Mr. Kleberg I think that would be best. It seems to me that some arrangement could be effected in which another stenographer could be employed in the place of I. E. or Gene who could be transferred somewhere else. This man could take charge of the office while you were in school.

The Austin plan sounds good to me for some reasons and if it does not mean severing your connection with Mr. K — it is splendid. I think he is one of Nature's noblemen and I am very proud for you to be associated with a man of his high standards, clean living, and genuine culture — a real Thoroughbred. He

has character and not many dear
do. The best thing for you to do is to
sit down and talk it all out with
him. He is a real friend and his
kind of friendship counts.

Ben was here this morning and
had lots to say about you. He says
everyone considers you Congressional
timber. You have made a man of him.

We surely enjoyed your visit Sunday
and of course the girls too. I had
never met Jean before and under-
stand now why all of you do. I hard-
ly know what to say about Bird ex-
cept that you have been exaggera-
ting your feeling for her I believe -
you do not act like a man so
in love as you have been telling
me. Do you know, honey, I think

you have decided it is time for you
to fall in love and you are accordingly
proceeding to do so. Honey, am I teasing
you too much? But really and truly I do
not believe that you are genuinely and
everlastingly in love. But understand
this, my sweet son, if you decide you
are I am behind you. Whatever you
do in love or business you have me
backing you. I say as you request
me to, what I think and then whatever
you decide I am with you heart &
soul -

Lucia went home this afternoon. Surely
will miss her, She was greatly excited over
the prospect of your getting her the work
you mention. Took off the proof you gave
me of you. She thinks you are the greatest
brother in the world.

Not much news. Hope you come up
soon again. Am so glad you are near me.
You looked so splendid and handsome son.
I am so proud of my son. Write me -
Dearest love - Mamma -

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