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Who do you love?

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Washington, D.C.

Wednesday Morning -

My dearest;

I feel too good to be a criminal altho' when I think of my complaints about not receiving letters I am conscious of having been too exacting and expectant. Your letters mean so much that when I don't get one in the morning mail my stock immediately starts going down. Yesterday I wrote complaining - only to have the mail boy bring me a letter an hour after mine had been posted. He said it wasn't mailed at the right time to be delivered with the other letter mail. When I started to school last night I stopped by the Dodge, and to my most pleasant surprise, I had another letter from you which had been written Friday night. It was the best letter you have written. It made me so happy to have you tell me you wanted me. It gave me new life - a real inspiration and a determination to make you the most happy and contented little woman in all the world.



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If I were only sure - if you <sup>could</sup> <sup>only</sup> know <sup>←</sup>  
how you feel - What a different slant  
it could put on the whole matter.

Maury (the new Congressman from S.A.) returned  
from a week-end visit to N.Y. and has  
been at the Dodge with me. He is a  
most interesting personality. The driving  
type, he is always going after things  
and he gets them.

Yesterday we went to the P.O. Dept.  
early in the morning. We didn't get  
back to the office until late in the  
afternoon. Had a nice chat with  
Bill Bray a young friend of mine  
who is Forley's right hand man. He  
only married last year and now has  
a little girl baby 2 wks. old. Before  
March '33 he was employed on the  
floor of the House but Forley needed



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Someone who knew "the bill" and Bill  
got the call and shortly afterward got  
her consent. Now they must be so happy -  
Bill promised to send Sam Fox a picture  
of Foly and gave us assurance that  
Donnell would be taken care of in S.G.  
and we were on our way.

Down on the Mexican border across from  
Piedras Negras there is an old 77 year  
old Customs Collector. For years he has  
served our country faithfully and well.  
Just before President Hoover retired from  
office he blanketed into Civil Service  
all of the mounted Customs men but  
poor old 77 year old Jim Hurst was too  
old to go in under the order. The age  
limit was 70 and that limit got him.  
Three Customs Collectors protested. Citizens



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All up and down the border who had known him for years said he was physically fit and mentally alert. Congressmen wrote letters, sent wires and appeared in person but got no where. Less than a month ago the Secretary of the Treasury refused to ask the President for an executive order to cover the case. Just after receiving this word and before I left Texas, Mr. Dick called me to his home and said he wanted to give me one special commission. "Lyndon," he said, "if you don't do anything from now until January except get old Jim Dueset classified your time will be well spent." Monday morning I had a pleasant visit with the wife of ex-Governor McMillen of Tenn. She is now a member of the Civil Service Commission. We talked of Texas and Texans. She rehearsed her important incidents in her husband's political career.



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I had met her previously and for an hour we just talked of people, principles and things. She is most intelligent, considerate, gracious and sympathetic. Before leaving she told me that she would personally assume the responsibility of selling the other two commissioners on the Surt classification idea. She sold them and called me late yesterday and told me that the commission decision had just been handed down in favor of the old man. Zell White is using a story on it today.

Wright Matthews, Assistant Com. of Int. Revenue and newly elected President of the Texas Club, called this morning and discussed the Texas Club program for the year. (Hurry and tell me where you will be there to visit (or to stay??)). We must have our biggest and best celebration when you and Gene are here. Very likely ~~we~~ we will have the dance at the Shoreham and Beau's



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I think of standing with you on the terrace - for very long without, coming to Karnack for you. After our storm in July our Mues County farmers lost hundreds of bales of cotton in the field. They now have hundreds of certificates for which they have no cotton. Just across the line in other counties our farmers have cotton and no certificates hence, before they can give it they must pay the tax. Yesterday after conferences with the Chief of the Cotton Section, the legal division and the department policy committee, a ruling was issued allowing our farmers to go across the county line, buy seed cotton free of tax, and then apply their certificate, give the cotton, and sell it. This will result in an increased income to these farmers with left over certificates of at least \$10 per bale more than they would get if their certificates were placed in the pool (see for instance with the Karnack farmers who have surplus certificates or surplus cotton). Why are I writing about Customs collectors,



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Cotton Certificates and Internal Revenue Collectors  
to my love who may not be interested at all.  
Perhaps I wouldn't presume so much if I weren't  
so happy today. Your Friday letter gave me  
new hope, new interest, new plans and to  
sum it all up just thrilled me to death.

Hurry and send me the Kodak pictures.  
Don't postpone finding the large picture you  
looked for but couldn't locate the night I  
was at your home. Then on top of all of  
that, (and that isn't much for one who loves you and adores  
to look at you often) I want you to have those  
new pictures made and really rushed to  
me. Then I'll have something to thrill ~~me~~ <sup>you</sup>  
in addition to waiting for the postman.

I have all of your letters - one by one  
in my room. When I can't "take it" anymore  
I reread them and last night I noticed that  
you had only erred 4 days in not writing, for



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a while I thought you had waited a week to write - then I realized you had only left me <sup>less than</sup> a week ago -

Honey I can't write very well. I don't know how to spell, punctuate and compose. ~~how~~ ~~not~~. It is much easier to dictate when you have been doing that for two years -

you wanted a long letter - Here it is - Now I will brief cases for the next 3 hours - Haven't had a date since I enrolled and try to work from 8 until 12. Could work later with you looking on - or reading with me. Would you come and help me to climb?

Found a lot of newspaper pictures and articles when I moved my belongings yesterday. Think I'll send them to you so you can see that I can't take a picture but maybe you would think the articles flattering and me ~~esatistical~~ so I will wait - over) (over)



I couldn't say goodbye in such a short space  
but in order to get all of these pages in one  
envelope I had to write on the back of this page.

Mr. Jones from Amarillo and Maury just  
stuck me for the lunch - so I'm off -

Tell me what I hope you want to  
tell me each time after you have  
sealed your letter. Remember?

I'm ready now - are you?

all my love -

Lyndon Baines



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