Sweetheart;

It's my turn now so I'll say. I'm very sorry that I didn't write yesterday. Mac [scratched out word] came in to visit me yesterday and, since he stayed until late last night, I was not able to write.

We had a very pleasant visit and talked about anything and everything. He is still hard at work at the Pacifican and is enjoying himself printing controversial articles and rewriting others, placing the stress on certain parts of the article. He dug up a story which raised a lot of hell here. It concerns the shipping home of whole divisions with all men having 60 prints and over, instead of taking out these low point men and replacing them with high point men from other outfits, which is what they told us they would do. This really drew a storm of protest from all [scratched out word] the men and Some higher ups got on the editor of the Pacifican and gave him hell. Since the news was true, there was nothing they could do about it.

I just got a letter from you this minute. It is a nice long letter (7 pages) but it covered three days, so I shall probably not receive another for several days. Even if it is on a weekend and the mail doesn't go out on Sunday you could still write a letter each day Honey because I love so to receive them. They are the only thing that cheers me up.

There was also a letter from Mom. I got one yesterday too. I guess Pauline was becoming quite a problem child. She has the idea that she's persecuted. I spent the morning writing her a nice long letter. Mom and Dad don't understand her too well, but she has been refusing to even try to understand them. This is what my letter dealt with primarily. Mom told me that she had been staying out as late as four or five in the morning every morning. She must have been giving her new boyfriend Wally quite a line about how abused she was because one morning she got home at about 3:30 and a little while afterward the doorbell rang. Dad went down and there was Wally, fists clenched, to tell dad not to pick on Pauline because he had kept her out so late. Dad then told him that he couldn't have much respect for Pauline if he kept her out that late every night. Very contemptuously, Wally told Dad that he (Dad) did not know the meaning of the word respect. I devoted almost a whole page of my letter to Pauline to explaining that I wanted her to cut out the self pity and start doing something constructive toward stopping all this bickering. I have very great respect for Dad and for Mom and should anything of this sort recur when I am home someone’s nose is going to be bloodied. Wally must be a very melodramatic juvenile character. Don't worry about the way I worded the letter though. I think Pauline will take the advice I gave her because I stressed the point that she was old enough to make her own decisions and that all the stuff I wrote was food for thought in deciding what she wanted to do since the final decision was up to her.

I’ll get the family united or bust in the effort. Arthur is getting along a lot better now. Mom said that he took my last letter quite seriously and that he is contemplating taking some kind of training for a job. I'm very glad to hear that and I'll have to write him a letter this afternoon. The main trouble with Art is that he has lost his confidence in himself. I'll have to try to get rid of that idea for him.
Now I want to ask you for some help. You see I think Arthur would do his best work at something in the line of outdoor work. He was always interested in Farming and other work which kept him outside. I naturally thought of forestry work too. What I want to find out is whether college training is necessary, and if now, just what training is required. Arthur is no great shakes at formal education but he is a pretty smart kid all the same. I'd just like to get the date on different jobs so I could make recommendations and suggestions. If you can think of any other jobs would you find out about them and send the information regarding the training required for the jobs. If there is any way you could check up on two year agricultural courses and the opportunities available after completion of the courses, I’d like to have that information too. Right now Arthur needs a lot of help.

But enough of the family troubles I shall have to leave you for the time being as I have to go to work but I’ll be back this evening Darling, so don’t go away.

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The same evening –

Hello again Sweetheart I’ll bet you didn’t even miss me all this time I have been away. This evening’s mail brought a letter from you, my second today. The last one I got was written before the precious one, two days before in fact. It was nice to get two the same day though, even if it does mean I shall have to go without for a couple of days.

You mentioned the sketches I have not done since I got here. I am going to do a set of sketches, small size, to send your mother as a Christmas present. I’ll do them on file cards, since that is about the best stuff I have to work with. The sketches will be about 5” by 8” large and I want to do about a dozen of them and make up a small portfolio, nothing to heavy because I want to make an envelope [scratched out word] for it and send it air mail. That way it should reach home within a few weeks.

Speaking of Christmas presents, I am having Mom send you some money with which to buy presents to the family. You would know best what to get for Mom and Pauline. I’ll wrack my brain trying to think of something for you to get Dad and Arthur. I’m having Mom send you fifty dollars. You will probably not use all of it and what you have left over, although it won’t be very much, you can put in the furniture fund. I’d also like you to get a little something for Morris and Beverly Ann.

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They are Emily’s children, the ones you bought presents for last Christmas. My but it is handy to have someone back home to toss all these worries and cares on. Never fear though Sweetheart, that is the least of the reasons why it is so nice to have someone back home. Someone I know I shall return to.

I’m sorry that I don’t know who wrote the article I sent you Honey. I also think it is very good and wish I did know who wrote it so we could get a regular copy of the whole book. As I told you though, there was one book in the library at MSC that seemed to cover the same subject and it was a nice big illustrated tome.

Your doctor must be quite a busy body. I don’t blame you for stating that, even if you did agree to try to get a diaphragm right away, you would not try to get it from him lest your whole life should be bared to the public. You were quite right when you said that you thought you understood why I would like you to have the diaphragm the first night. You see Honey, I just wanted everything to be just as
perfect as it possibly can be. We have waited so long for that first night and it means so very much to us. We shall have nights later, when we become more experienced, which shall undoubtedly be much more satisfying but there will only be one first night. There will be something there that we shall never recapture and I wanted it to be just as perfect in every respect as it possibly can be. As I have already told you, there is definitely something lacking when a condom is used. There is not that very intimate and thrilling feeling of the

walls of the vagina on the penis. Of course if we only take our weeks’ honeymoon, we could get you fitted very soon and that would be better than going on a long honeymoon and have to wait till it is all over before we can have the fitting. There will be a great difference to you as well as to myself because the pleasures of the immediate contact are just as great for both. Of course we could always get married and then wait until we got the diaphragm, but that would never work, I just couldn’t go [scratched out word] for even that length of time, with you that close to me, and still not get into you. In fact it is going to be damned hard even waiting till we can be married. I want to make you my wife at the earliest possible minute. I’m so starved for you that it hurts, it actually does.

It is nice that you are so sure you shall be able to hold down the two jobs of working in the library and being my wife at the same time. As far as your being a housewife part goes, we will take the emphasis off the word house because we are going to see to it that the house chores are cut down to a minimum. It would be too much to expect you do a full time job of housekeeping while you work. We can send out our laundry and work together to get the rest of the work down. The two of us should be able to handle the job very well. In fact, working together, there is very little we could not do. You are the most ideally suited person in the world to have as a wife Sweetheart and I love you with all my being.

You are right again when you say that I would be interested in the purchases you made with your first pay check. The linen handkerchiefs were very interesting, the start of my hope chest. The shoes you got sound very nice and I hope I can get some just like them when I get home. I still like the idea of our getting identical suits (yours with a skirt naturally), and also getting other identical outfits. It would be very nice. Now we come to the article which really captured my imagination; that is the nice nightgown you bought, the white one with the lace on it. Send me a rough sketch of it so I’ll have an idea of what it looks like so I can include it in my dreams. Or, if you can, you can have pictures taken in the nightgown by the same person who took the others. You never did tell me who did take the others. Is it a secret Honey. Confess!

It is time for me to retire to my dream now Darling and I’ll give you a big hug and kiss to keep you till I can meet you in that dream. Until then remember that

I love you with all of my more than ever a woman has been loved before.

Freddie