

May 31, 1946

Dear Sumner:

We had hoped that you would telephone us yesterday from New York, since we know of no law that forbids you from placing but one telephone call a week; and when we learned late yesterday afternoon from a telephone call from Grandpa and Grandma, who had just arrived at York Street, that they had seen you the day before in Aberdeen, we were very much surprised that you did not call earlier in the day to tell us about that visit. We measure the attention to these details by very delicate scales.

As for Harvard and the summer school, I repeat my definite conclusion that you had better leave well enough alone and not stir up the army, less you endanger your release on July 3rd.

The big news here is, of course, the aptitude test that Helen will take tomorrow. That is her first milestone. May good luck attend her.

Later in the afternoon Helen and Mother will leave for Boston on the 5:15. I will go to Boston next week to bring her back.

I have just finished reading Bravchenko's, "I Chose Freedom", and the indictment is terrific. If the facts be true, Russia's scheme of enslavement of its people is by methods which are the forerunner of the Nazi Technique. Until Russia permits American correspondents to travel freely in their own automobiles all over that country, even as anybody can travel in this country, I am inclined to give much credence to the facts in that book which are as horrifying as they are revealing, of the hopelessness of making a real peace with Russia until the government there is overthrown.

We will discuss this later in great detail after you have had an opportunity to read the book.

Affectionately,