Dear Onee-

Saw "Weekend in New York" last night - an old picture, technicolor, and pretty bad. I thought it was "Passage to Marseille" which I have seen. I finished "The Ugly Duckling" by Fensterlander. Well written. A good historical novel of medieval German principalties and the rivalry of the Holy Roman Empire. I can see that reading is going to be my best form of entertainment.

There is plenty of constructive newer stuff in the nearby library. A couple of good literary reviews will help bolster my memory for my Information lectures when they come around.

My work in the office keeps from restating.

Only one hitch: my mail is not coming through. I wish for a batch big enough to do a line in the near future.

By the time you get this the National conventions will be underway. The obvious choice in this vantage point is FDR and Dewey. I hope some of your letters will give me your opinion. Whether I might don't it - I can't see anybody but FDR
again. The American people are not ready to change horses. What I fear is an uncom-

germinating, blindly anti-FDR Republican bloc (if not majority), a path which may be destructive

instead of constructive in its critical powers if it follows the seniority leadership of Taft and

Vanderburg - men of the senior levels against you know that I don't agree with most of

FDR's policy - lack of policy - but I favor his positive policies of active government to

Republican inertia.

Well its now June 16th - news of bombing of Japan, Saipan invasion etc. the news is coming thick and fast. Pretty swell.

That's it for now - I want this to get off this morning.

Yrs. Sincerely