

March 5, 1946

Dear Sumner:

Your letter and the letters from the Hales rounded out a very good picture of your swell time. It was certainly a fortunate break for you that there was confusion about your luncheon appointment; otherwise you would never have been invited to the cocktail party and the rest of the evening would not have followed. I am, however, sorry that General and Mrs. Eisenhower did not attend the affair, for if they had you would no doubt have danced with Mrs. Eisenhower and buzzed into her ear your plea to be discharged posthaste. Mother, you know, does not agree with my point of view that it would be great if you could get out at this time and go back to Harvard, even unofficially, and write your thesis. She is more practical and thinks that, since you cannot get into the Law School until October, you might just as well have a good paying position, especially one that is not arduous.

I am enclosing copies of both letters from Agnes and Bob and I hope that you do not get a swell head. I wrote to Agnes this morning and told her that I read the letters with "immodest pleasure". I agree with you that there is no reason in the world why you cannot enjoy the opportunity that has been offered to you to have a good time in Washington, while you are in its environs. Evidently you wasted no time in writing to Mrs. LaFollette so as to nail down your date. Maybe in this manner you will meet some fine Jewish girls with high political background.

I read every word of your exuberant letter on your stay in Washington to Mother over the 'phone. She has to be in Boston this week while Dr. Sachs prescribes the necessary treatment. I plan to spend the week-end.

That will be all for the moment. Affectionately,  
P.S. I have mailed you the correspondence and the pictures.