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June 16

Dear Ones -

Saw "Weekend in Havana" last night - an old picture, technicolor, and pretty sad. Tonight it's "Passage to Marseilles" which I have seen. I finished "The Ugly Duchess" by Feuchtwanger - well written - a good historical novel of medieval German principalities 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 serious stuff in the nearby library. A couple of good history reviews will help bolster my memory for my orientation lectures when they come around. My work in the office is far from relaxing. Only my luck - my mail is not coming through. I look for a batch big enough to choke a horse in the near future.

By the time you get this the National Conventions will be under way. The obvious choices from this vantage point are FDR and Dewey. I hope some of your letters will give me your opinions. When you come right down to it - I can't see anybody but FDR

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again. The American people are not ready to change horses. What I fear is an uncompromising, blindly anti-FDR Republican bloc (if not majority), a force which may be destructive instead of constructive in its critical powers if it follows the seniority leadership of Taft and Vandenberg - men of the London Hoover spirit. You know that I don't agree with most of FDR's policy or lack of policy but I favor his positive policies of active government to Republican inertia.

Well its [*sic*] now June 16th - news of

bombing Japan, Saipan invasion etc.
the [*sic*] news is coming thick and fast. Pretty
swell.

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

Love,

Sumner