



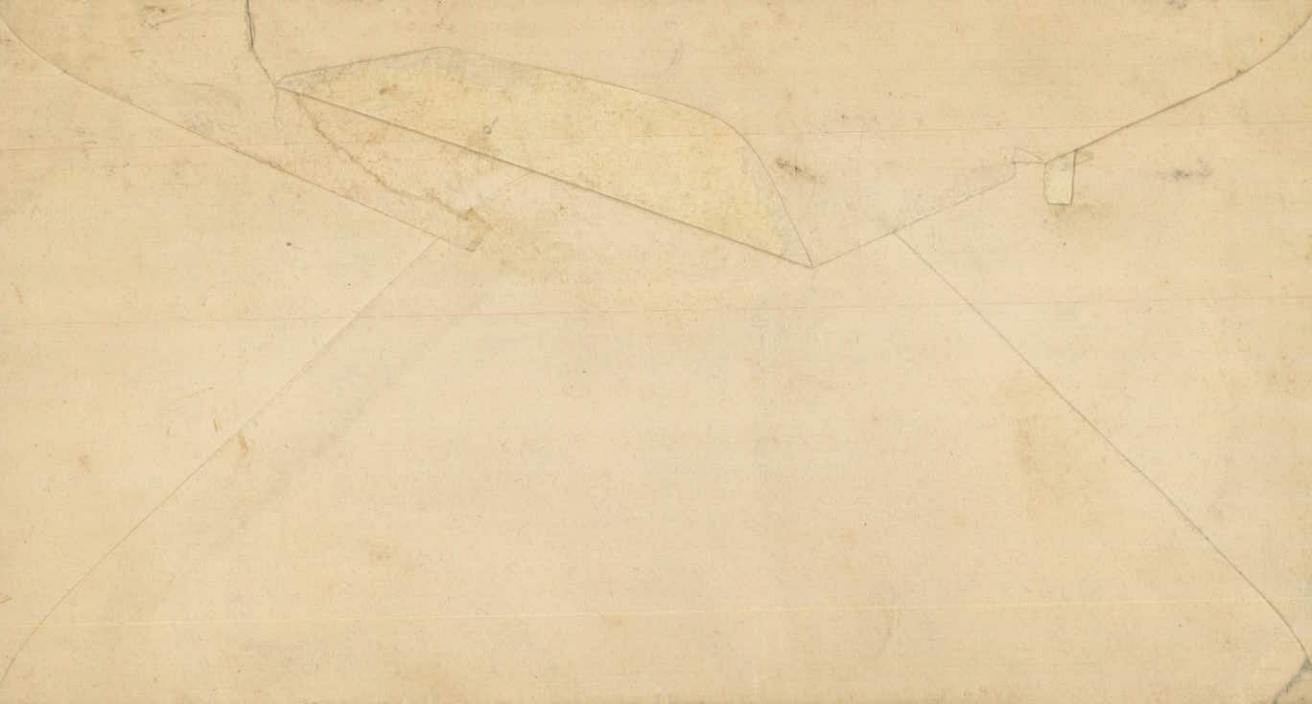
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Bob darling, -

As usual I'm sorry I said anything about my
wishes in this morning's letter. I always get ~~you~~
trumped ^{up} this time they have only been very slight & very
low in my mind. The fact that they are there & you
don't know bothers me the least. I must get on that -
it's terrible for you. Anyway after I'd written the letter
after I began to think Washington thoughts - everything
became OK. I suspect you know we will hang
on to let it bother you - but I want you to know
that your fiancee - is still yours, always yours - I hope in
other form, however.

I also feel much better too, because I got the
nicest letter from Dixie today. It sounded a lot like
yours and as it is the first and I commendation
from your family direct to me, I certainly cherish it.
I was beginning to think your family didn't give a
damn who married you. Characteristically - it would be
Dixie to write first - I always have liked her - and I
guess she will! Anyway I was glad to get the letter -
I'm silly I guess - but it's nice to have those things.
Ah well!

Your letter sent me into a stream of
thoughts and into kind of an excitement. Tonight
coming home - the big pull upon me from the old
familiar ache in my stomach (e) - your desire, I
would love to see you. Are you surprised?

Anyway - my reactions are these. It's
hard for me to say exactly how I feel as - couple
of issues are involved. I think it'd be exactly
what you'd like & hard to get me, see things,
and do something new. It really sounds wonderful
And I think you'd just revel in it. After all
you had travel & you know it. It's an awfully

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hard thing to go right out of school into job. I think it's really bad - you need better. The ideal way would be to travel for you! So if you can combine job & travel - see the better. So say I - go ahead & do it if you want to. However, I think it'd make you feel a thousand times better, less pent up etc. It'd also give you experience - travel experience - grows anybody up - makes them more interesting. So darling, I'm in love!

Other considerations of course, as you point out, come into the picture. As for leaving Pan Am. Co. - if you feel it may lead to the new developments stuff & no further - I say forgo that. I know you're smart, you can get somewhere in. Frankly, I'm not crazy to marry a man who'll stop in & look all his life & get nothing from it - as an advancement I mean. I admit I'd like a little of adventure. So I wouldn't worry about getting back into Pan Am. And I wouldn't worry about your getting another job - after 4 or 5 years. An engineer - esp. in radio line - can always get a job. You'd have no trouble - and you'll have such a competent wife - she could support you. (Happy life that would be.)

Of course the one big letter I see in the thing is - marriage. I do not believe the idea of your being off a week, time 3 days, then off another week. And I'd probably worry! But, darling - you're young & I expect we could postpone some - although I wouldn't like it. If we did get married & then was your job - if sure a short one, I'd have a job too. I just wouldn't see how I'd do anything. Well, darling, there's my opinion.

I'd all but the love - I really like the idea. You
 need it all right - I hate to have you settle down
 having had no kind of life. Find out how long
 & on what terms you'd be. If you really would love
 to stay 4 or 5 years, and chances of Pan. Amer. - If
 you wanted to return. I ain't crazy about Florida -
 but anything as long as we're married.

Deanie - guess I'll live the way the
 whole thing fascinates me! My reaction is to
 think about it hard. Then act! After all - we
 is your time to live. And if we had to wait
 a year and $\frac{1}{2}$ - it might be worth it for you
 sake. Really! If you weren't engaged - just think
 you could jump with no strings attached. A
 free man! Awful ain't it. I want you to do
 what you want. I want you to be happy
 and a bit a trouble would do wonders for
 you. Would you - well happier husband! You
 need a little beer drinking, a little smoking
 with other men, a little love thrown together with
 people. You need a bit less conscientiousness and
 inhibition. Yes, it'd be good - and don't
 put me in your way. That'd be the last
 thing I'd want. -

I do want to marry you sometimes
 though - no kidding! I kind of like the glamour of
 a flying husband - really. (Should be good pay, too!)
 I'd love you - no matter what you decide -
 I'd always love you -
 yours,
 O/S/S

