

AFTER FIVE DAYS, RETURN TO

Coolidge

Pine Mt. Ky

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VIA AIR MAIL

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Tuesday Morning

Bob darling, -

I'm afraid this letter won't go out as planned this morning and you'll be damn glad to get it when it comes. Right now you are a little annoyed and slightly worried at me and about me. My letters have been funny and you haven't had too many of them in the past week. You are wondering, too, - especially about me.

Well, darling, if this letter does what it should do, it'll stop all that. It should convince you that I love you - down deep and all over - that I want to marry you - now and next September.

I have been wondering, darling, yes I leave. And it all came to a climax this weekend, when I saw Aunt Og, realized what a marvelous piece of work she was doing, and how I was going to settle down ^{with} an enquiry for the rest of my life and perhaps do nothing gloriously exciting together to help humanity (or something). Don't laugh at me - wait a minute. I kept wondering even as you do - if you want to sit in Pan Am. for all your life or whether you are going to leave the stimulus to get out & do something better. I wondered if you were enough interested in my educational humanitarian interests to keep me satisfied. If an idea are broad enough to mix each other. Don't blame these things on Aunt Og - she said nothing about them.

What she did say, however, was to realize how important small things often turned out to be. A steady sniffling, for ex., will get a you heaves - quicken your lack of compassion, for ex.

Of course I immediately thought of your showing - which you always expect - but which letters are not sent as you well know. It's funny but before I see you I always wonder how you'll look - if you'll be really clean shaven - and so few times you really are - you, it bothers me. And you're so damn good looking - I hate to have you ever any looks at all. The same applies to blackheads - I have a much worse complexion than you in fact right now I'm sick about it - but yours could be so good with just a little more care. Please, darling, don't be annoyed - these are the only 2 little things about you I don't like and they can so easily become big in my mind. You wonder if I write them, TV, and I don't, it's up to you - about that!

Now let's go back to the other thing - the big one I brought up - the mess nothing in my mind now. Let me go back again - yesterday after I got your questioning letter - I felt sick. I've been cogitating all these things for a couple of weeks, nothing to me, and to get your letter - scared me! What can I tell him? If I do tell him I am doubting he will get upset and I know it'll pass - but how can I conceal it - I can't! My mind on a tumbler.

In the frame of mind I went down to see Malcolm Army (Palpatto's son). I had to go on an errand but he could see something was bothering me - typical me! Little by little he got me thinking about it and completely stopped my mind from working. He says it's all Pure Mt. - and I'm not kidding. This is such an unusual vent up existence here - apart from usual relationships - that analytical thinking is absolutely impossible to do in a clear way. Things are blurred and very

How you - that in a unusual situation need quickly
 pass of because you could get them out of your system.
 Here you have no outward means of escape - no
 friends to confide in, and as you work the idea
 keep coming over in your mind. Pretty soon they are
 warped ideas! He said don't make any emotional
 decisions here - it can't be done and they won't
 hold outside. I know, he said, from my own
 experience & I wish I never had. (he is expected to be
 engaged! He said if Paine act. is going to break up a
 relationship, if it can't take it - I'd get out of Paine
 act. - it isn't worth it. But, darling, it isn't going
 to do it - because I see us! And I really think it is
 true. This place is isolated, unexciting, and unemotional.
 Your thinking becomes biased.

So, dearie, I remember all we were over in
 Washington & I know it's OK. I know you & I
 understand & complicitness has been perfectly. I know
 that I'd rather live a happy married life - than have
 a brilliant career - as Auntie said she would do.
 I think you'd have the capacity to get on & do new
 things especially with me behind you, and I think
 as we live together our ideas will very well
 toward a common point - even as they have in
 only a year. I don't want to be held back by
 your conservatism - and I never in idea - and I
 won't be because we'll enter change.

What I meant by that horrible remark -
 you didn't listen to them - was this. I found myself
 thinking about things the way you did them last
 year, the same type of thing, that bothered me
 my at Thanksgiving - that I would say - look here,
 that was you ago - remember Wash. - how you
 felt - remember June, remember the summer.

This is all I meant by that, dear, and I apologize.
I mean I do! I didn't mean to insult my future
husband - because I happen to be very fond of him!
It's just that I need to see you more but I think
we can accomplish more by letters than we have
been!

Dearest - there's the best - I mean for! How
I wish this were already in your hands. But
I wanted it to say what I wanted it to read
than to be unkind of.

May I tell you dear, that your future
wife will love, honor, cherish & obey thee, will
respect you, will give you inspiration, will follow you
in all things great & small. And no matter how
much I annoy you - I'll always love you & this side
of life shall pass. They always say the engaged
period is the hardest! But just think what
the married period will be - love, understanding,
companionship - all these in any quantity at
any time! Whatever love is, dear, I have it
in my heart for you. A heart which always
wishes to see you

Yours,

Ossy

It's now 10 - and I'm dying of sleep - but I
feel as if I wanted a word with you. After
reading this one - I feel it over say what
I wanted it to. I hope you get it.

A, for your writing to be wonderful - I'm not
being noble - I want you to. It does my
heart good to hear you say you don't want

To do the possible thing. I love you but I'm
 wanting to. I want to have an impressive life -
 a full & eventful & unusual drip - me on
 here. I don't want you to sit in me for all
 your life. Look at Paul! He was terribly
 self-conscious when he went to Japan -
 and now look at him. Getting around does
 anyone a good job. Of course the net is
 that you are tied down in a way - by me! (Tough
 luck!) If you want to have a good thing before
 settling down - OK - I guess I can wait. Or
 if you want to take a job in some weird place -
 OK too, if I can accompany you. Don't do
 anything in a rush - because that is something
 different. Really look around & see what there
 is. Why there might be something absolutely
 fascinating somewhere. It might be possible to
 contact Tibet - they very likely might have
 a line on after. I'm not surprised at your
 attitude about this job - I'm highly pleased
 & am delighted at times that you wouldn't
 push enough - settle down & that's true. Now
 I feel differently. You don't know how
 happy it makes me!

I'm behind you in anything you
 decide, dear - but don't put "yes" if it
 long. I'm dying right now. If you think you
 ever get sick of your job - think of me - I
 get fed up as I am tonight. At least you
 can go out to a movie - not me! God &
 can't tell you how much I want to see
 you - it's impossible!

Anyway I love you tremendously
 and I miss you like hell -

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I'm still tired. I wanted to go to bed
early the night before but the Dr. got
started on a long harangue & I couldn't leave.
He needed a listening ear so I gave it to
him! He is now beginning to see all the
drawbacks in this job - quite discouraging.
So I go to bed at 12:15 - discouraged in
that.

Sometimes I get so sick of this place. All
I do is what someone else tells me to. Miss Bond
is a good egg ~~and~~ that but she likes me right
under her thumb & that's where I am. I/A
could only use a little initiative - but I can't.
Oh well, I hope things will change. Right
now I would like nothing better than
Miami, you & a wedding ring. The devil
take experience & the infidelity. I'd much
rather be tending our babies. You'd buy me
my motherly instincts - they come pretty
strong sometimes. I feel what you might
call a little (ha) cray up!

More on a job - you know, Devine, you
don't have to settle down in a job just
because you're marrying me. We can change
jobs after we're married & as for that you
I could get a job, too! As for that you
I - god I love - job. I'm getting that
complex on my system - I'd much
rather be a "housewife".

The ring question I see that way
I would prefer to get it with you. I want
something simple & I can't tell till I see
it. So I may let wait till we get

Together & pick it out. I'm going to see you
 Christmas whether is before or not - so let's
 wait till then. Also you ought to know by then
 what you are planning to do - so we can tell
 if any postponing need to be done. (I hope not)
 Right now I wouldn't mind marrying you at
 Christmas. Say, Coolidge, that's not so bad. ~~It~~
 Have I by any chance interested that I love
 you & am sick & this? Yes - & why I'm
 surprised.

Well, dearie, this is already a
 volume & often people need attention - But
 I happen to love you most. -

Always & ever forevermore -

Ossy

- 1st ps. - I miss you
- 2nd ps. - I'd like to kiss you.
- 3rd ps. - Come up & see me sometime
- 4th ps. - Tell me I'm wise to be here - I
 sometimes doubt
- 5th ps. - I'm your fiance' - me

