

Bethesda, July 12, 1951

Dear John and Pegs,

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It was just wonderful seeing you both, especially seeing you so happy and enthusiastic. I can't tell you how good it is to know that you are both in good hands and all set for the future. While of course (as I said when you were here) John is extremely lucky, as his sister I can't fail to add that I think Peg is lucky too! The thing is I've known for quite some time that John is a remarkable and wonderful man, so that's not news from my point of view, but what IS news is that he has married a woman who appears from the point of view of Bethesda to be pretty remarkable herself.

William wanted me to tell you that he has found it will be necessary to have a picture of the babies, full face if possible, for the passport. Do you think you could get us some in the right size in time for giving to the Passport Division? We'd be grateful for a small note saying either yes or no about the matter, so that in case you don't think you could do it or do it in time, we could take the babies to have their picture taken right away. He didn't say when the Passport people want them, but I'd venture a guess that it would probably be in a week or so. That's awfully short notice, I'm afraid, so you probably won't be able to do it. It's a great nuisance in any case. Sorry.

Things are going along in their rapid pace as usual. William is working regularly for the last time tomorrow, and from then on he'll concentrate on private business, either here at home packing or down at the office taking care of the necessary correspondence. It may be possible for us to stop off for an hour or so in Westfield on the first of August as John suggested. It would probably be around noon or one o'clock or so. I hope you're usually around home at that time. But since the whole matter is purely tentative, don't hold your breath till we come, as we used to say in college.

Much love,