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With love

Sarah

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[Written on previous page, upside-down at the top:]

Be sure to show Betty a good time when she is in Milan -

↑ a note from your "Pa" who is, as usual, sleeping - (hallway)

I'll reimburse you.

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