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My dearest sweetheart,

I just came back from lab where we have been grading papers ever since supper, and we still have some to go. We have got so now that instead of one person grading them all, about four of us grade them, each one taking a question. You see in that way we get through a whole lot quicker.

I sure was glad to hear that you got back alright and also that you had a good time dear. I don't know whether I want you to spend any of your vacation up there or not, if so many men want to flirt with you. You see dear that's because you are so good looking and sweet. Haven't I always told you that you were? I sure have heard some wild tales about that place anyway. Quite a number of the boys here worked up there last summer and they are certainly full of tales about that place.

Well honey we won a track meet from state today and it sure was a "peachy" meet. Have you ever seen a track meet dear? The final outcome was Rice 63.5 Texas 53.5. The relay race was the deciding factor. Had Texas won that the score would have resulted in a tie, but Rice won it easily. Honey that was the best thing I have seen in a long time. It certainly was pretty and awful fast. We took 10 out of 15 first places, so you see we have got a pretty good track team left after all. But if we only had what we lost, we would have a world beater. We had freshman lab this afternoon but we all saw to it that they were thru by three o'clock. The meet began at three, however, so I didn't get to see the 100 yard dash and the 120 high hurdles. We won the 100 – it was run in 9 4/5 seconds. Got second place in the other.

Sweetheart I am sorry that you had to catch my lonesomeness, but honey I've still got it and will have, dear, until I am with you again. Do you think that time ever will come around? No darling if I were to go to bed at 10:30 I would be getting up at 4:30. I have gotten so that I can't sleep after six o'clock as it is and goodness me I go to bed late enough, but I just never am sleepy, I don't get sleepy in the daytime, unless it is that I

have to go to a lecture right after dinner and then I do feel all tired out. I used to be that way in High School though. I remember when I sued to go in Miss Bakers' class and it was an awful effort to keep awake. And I remember something else that happened in that class also, do you honey?

You go down and tell the Katy officials that you want them to put on a sleeper to Houston, and smile at them real sweetly dear and I believe they will do it. Oh my but I sure hope so, darling. I get so excited whenever I think about you coming down here, before June.

This morning there was a man who brought his little boy out be examined, to see if he had any danger of getting hydrophobia. He had been bitten by a dog, but the man didn't know whether the dog was mad or not, and so Dr. Chandler questioned him and it finally developed that some boy had pulled the dog's tail and so he turned around and bit the one nearest him I guess and this little boy happened to be the goat. Well it was a pretty bad bite, but, of course, not of an infective or pathogenic type. There is always danger of blood poisoning setting in from a bite of any kind, especially if not cared for. People certainly are scared of rabies, you can't blame them, but it does seem funny, and what is more peculiar so few people seem to know anything about it, and there is really not so very much to know, and it is most certainly a prevalent disease.

Sweetheart I see I will also have to give you a few lectures in bacteriology. Honey they can't bite me, but they can very easily enter the blood stream through some sort of an abrasion, or also by inhaling them, but there isn't any risk, dear, if you are at all careful since I am that.

Sweetheart I can't see how that insurance can be paid thru March when March is just over and I always sent in a payment at the end of the month, for the month just passed. But we should worry. They way they work that receipt business is that if you get one for any month it means that all payments previous to and including that month are satisfactory. I am sending you with this letter the three for January, February and March.

Darling I might have a whole on my mind, but never so much as not to be lonesome for you and wishing that we were together. I'll have to admit that my time is pretty well taken up, but I've always got time to think about you, and if it weren't for that my life would certainly be empty. Pleasant dreams to you dearest.

I love you -

With all my love,

Otto