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My dearest Sweetheart,

How are you feeling tonight? I sure hope you are feeling alright again. What has been the matter, won't you tell even me?

I sure wish I could have been with you Sunday instead of spending my time in the laboratory. Was that man from Cincinnati a traveling man, and rather large. If it's who I think it was he can certainly tell some tales, jokes and the rest of them I believe are fibs. He never quit talking for five minutes in his life. I am glad it made you feel better darling and I know they were glad to have you. They always are and only wish you would come more often. My but how I do wish that I could have been there, it seems like ages since I have seen you. Darling I don't want to leave you again after we are together this summer, I just simply am not going to be able to stand it. I am going to have a whole lot to talk to you about when I see you dear, just worlds of questions to ask you, you don't answer half of them when I write them.

I knew you weren't feeling right when you wrote that letter, but it was so unusual that I let it get the best of me. No honey, I don't write you because I feel like I have to but because I love you and want to. I would be absolutely miserable if I didn't write or couldn't write to you, see.

Well the swimming party was real nice last night and had a real good time. The water wasn't to [sic] cold, and I didn't get one bit cold until after I had been in quite a while. After the swim we went over to one of the girls house, and danced. I guess I must have had to much pep or something last night, because I have been completely tired out all day long and couldn't do hardly any work at all. The doc said I was a food for going to a swim and then dancing. If it always affects me like this I'll have to admit that I am. Tell Miriam that I had a date with Francis Foote and see what she says.

I did something this morning that I have never done as long as I have been here. I went to education and the prof gave us a written quiz on the days lesson. Well I didn't know

what he was talking about, so all I did was sign my name to the paper and hand it in. Something I've never done before. But no one in the class knew anything, and what they did write they guess at. Moral, don't go out during school nights, but I wouldn't have studied it had I been out here, it's absolutely against my religion to study that until just before an exam. I've got one Thursday, covering everything we have had so far.

You know I am getting so I can't go to a class and sit thru it, without getting awful restless. I am always comparing this year with my Senior year in high school and goodness me how different it is. I used to think I knew something now I know, I know nothing. Then everything else is so different. If I hadn't been such a nut the last party of my Senior year in high school could have been a whole lot happier. The last days of this one are going to be the happiest I have ever had. The moment you get here dear, I am going to be a changed person.

Friday and Saturday of this week we play S.M.U. baseball and Saturday afternoon we have a track meet with S.M.U. also. Friday afternoon there is a high school meet out here. So you see there will be plenty doing the latter part of the week, I won't get to see any of the Friday events, but sure am going to take them in Saturday. I hope we beat them both in baseball and track. I am really not afraid of track but I am of baseball. We've got nine men but not a team. I wish you were here to go out with me dear.

Sweetheart I've got to go to a meeting of the Dallas Club and will finish this when I come back. I love you darling.

Later.

Well we decided that Dallas was better than Houston and that as soon as school is out we would all go back to our favorite city. It certainly would take a whole lot to keep me away. Honey when are you going to get down here and when will you leave? If you want me to I will stay here just as long as you do and then we can go home together. I sure am looking forward to the time we will have next June, dear. I get so excited now when I think about you coming down.

Sweetheart you already help me just worlds. You have no idea, what a big help you are. It is you that makes me want to work, and it is you that makes me look at some things in a totally different light than I would otherwise. If you only knew, or if I could only make you know the big influence that you do have over me dear. I consider myself as being the luckiest man going, and it's all because I love you.

With all my love,

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