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2515 W 5th Street  
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Dear Mom,

Lee Oswald is looking for work in Dallas. Did my last letter say so? Probably not. He arrived a week and a half ago and has been looking for work since. It's a very depressing business for him, I'm sure. He spent last weekend & the one before with us here and was a happy addition to our expanded family. He played with Chris, watched football on TV, played down the driveway that wouldn't close, and generally added a needed masculine flavor. From a poor first impression I have come to like him. We saw the doctor at Parkland (free care) hospital last Friday and all seem very healthy. The baby has lowered somewhat & I am so far impressed with the quality

If the core Marina is getting here. And it appears that change will be geared to their ability to pay.

If Lee can just find work that will help so much. Meantime, I started giving him driving lessons last Sunday (yesterday). If he can drive this will open up more job possibilities & more locations.

I feel committed to seeing Marina & Lee through this difficult period in their lives. This may mean <sup>(as I think I would wish)</sup> ~~into~~ <sup>open</sup> having her & the babies here until spring if Lee has to go East or somewhere looking for work. Meantime I

what I would most like is for Marina to stay through Christmas (which she has never celebrated - at least American style) then have you in Feb. You rightly took me to task for being too full of alternate

plans & ifs & ands, and here I am in such a condition again. I find it very embarrassing. I hope you can forgive, and that time will clarify things happily.

Yes, I've heard from Dad, who says he is to go on a 2 week trip to Britain to give his final report on the crop insurance business he was doing the past year &.

No, I've given up the idea of a trailer. It just doesn't make sense for me to put money that direction. If you come, it will have to be to the S.E. bedroom. I feel I need "mad-money". In this case I mean money to move east on if I decide to give up all hope for the marriage. I am presently very discouraged. I came back so hopeful & feel so dashed. Michael doesn't seem to want to include me in his future. For whatever reasons, he hasn't

When we to see the land he bought. Last  
week by phone I got directions from him  
and went today to see it without him.  
It's nice, wooded and cozy. It does  
need everything - clearing up, water, light, sewage,  
building - and Michael seems so slow  
to achieve his own aims. He seems to  
think he can do it all himself, and really  
he has not the energy or the time. He  
has the money, but seems unwilling to  
delegate the work.

I wish Michael would consider seeking <sup>psychological</sup>  
help. But he is very wary. And of course  
good help is jolly hard to find.

Please let me know how things are  
with you, & I'll keep you informed on our  
doing here.

Much love,  
Ruth