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Dear Al,

I mailed you the picture instead of bringing it up with me so you could go over it in advance, because I will be coming soon. That is the reason for this letter.

I had hoped to know the exact date by now but I don't. I should soon. Here's the deal: I'm making a speech at Fairleigh Dickinson University, in Madison, N.J. They will pay me enough to cover my expenses. They asked that I make it the first or the second week of May. When the first week includes the last two days of April, that is rather indefinite. Anyway, Lil and I have dental appointments and she has a medical appointment on the 3rd, so we can't make it until after then. I wrote and said I could make it the week beginning the 6th or the 13th. They could take their choice. I guess they haven't decided.

Although they haven't said, I presume the speech will be at night. I have offered to conduct a seminar if they'd like, which would require that I be there in the afternoon. There is a kind of selfishness in offering to do more than they pay for. I get a real stimulation from some of the bright kids. The seminar can be much more fun than the speech. It is more informal, sort of like a big bullsession with the brighter students. I have often had stimulating bullsessions with the kids after the speech, and if they want that, that is ok too. But if it runs late, I'll take whatever pad they have there, for that night.

They seemed to prefer a Tuesday or a Wednesday.

Madison is near Whippany, where I spent some time as a soldier in World War II. And though I'd freeze to death! I had just come back for summer in Africa. That is about an hour from Manhattan.

I don't want you and Angie to go to trouble or a single cent of extra expense. I mean it.

As soon as I know the date, I'll let you know. If it is the 8th or 9th, when I'll leave here may be uncertain until the last minute because I have a friend going to Washington from Chicago for a reporter's convention and long ago we had arranged for him to spend that weekend here if he could. He won't know until he sees how the convention goes. If it is the 15th or 16th, I'll leave on an early Metroliner out of Baltimore on the 13th, for there are things I can do in NYC on a Sunday. I'll spend as much of the week as is necessary. My chief interest, as you know, is locating a lawyer. However, there are also other things I should do.

If it is not too much trouble, perhaps you could find out for me if I can save any money by buying coffee there? I used to prefer the Bustelo, in the pound bag. Can't get it here now. All that is available locally is the Medaglio d'oro, in 12 oz cans. It costs ~~XX/25~~ \$1.29. If I could save any money, I'd try to bring a case back with me. Coffee is one of the very few luxuries I indulge these days. It might not be feasible even if there is a saving because the saving might be eaten up by having to check the package at the station and having to make an extra trip there with it. Carrying it will not be too bad because I park the car next to the station in Baltimore, less than a five-minute walk.

Best to Angie and the kids.

Sincerely,