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Dear Betsy,

As the time for my return to New Orleans draws closer, I think more about a pad. I fear I have stayed so much with the Herrons that I am interfering with their private lives - and I am not alone in staying and having stayed with them. They are such wonderful people. They almost always have others with them. Time was when I ran an almost-boarding house in a two-room apartment, so I know that at times company can be too much.

I'd appreciate it if you could speak to your friend who was looking for a college girl to stay with her - if these are not essential prerequisites, for I cannot fill them. While the date for my return is not yet fixed, I guess it will be about the middle of the month. The duration, if I can make any kind of guess, would be four to five weeks. However, moves by the defense can delay this. It is my hunch that they will make motions for legal purposes but will not press them as they have in the past, causing further delays in the trial, because they have pretty much milked the defendant and because the delays are now hurting him very much.

I lead a simple life, and any accommodations will suffice. I do not require a bed - a sofa is sufficient, and the less soft, with my bad back, the better.

However, I may well be keeping bad hours, sometimes leaving early in the morning, perhaps working early in the morning before I leave, and perhaps working at night after my return from the trial. This means typing. My portable is not unusually noisy.

If I can ask another favor of you, please: I'd like to borrow a typewriter table, a small, portable one. Especially because I do not know the touch system does it sometimes become tiring if I use a regular table, which is much higher. And it reduces my efficiency and results in further deterioration of my already-bad typing. Bringing my own, by air, will cost as much as buying one down there.

I do hope what I ask is not burdensome.

And thanks for everything. My best to you all.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg