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Hi, all of you,

I'll be staying over the night of the 20th. Van Meter phoned from WCAU today. They apparently will want me for TV the next day, via tape or taping the next day. My immediate problem is to get copies of the book into Philadelphia bookstores. Glad you are that close. Whether or not Lil comes (and she hasn't made up her mind, but if the weather is like this, she won't) I'll use that couch, and by the time I get there I'll need it. The show lasts until 2 a.m.

Some of these yack programs attract attention. I've been on one in California by long-distance phone - for two hours! What a phone bill they must have!

I'll be driving. I'll have the 26 large volumes with me and undoubtedly some extra copies of the book. I'd like to make a tape of the show. Do you have a tape machine, or a friend who might be interested in the program who does? He have one that I can bring, but I cannot use it there. Were Lil to come up and stay in either Wilmington or with you, she could. If she stays home, I'll have to see if we can get WCAU on the transistor radio.

Things look better all the time, but that really doesn't yet mean anything. We have much sweating yet to do. If you see any reviews, please send them to me, or any other comment. Alma sent me an Inquirer story that is important.

From 10 o'clock on (it's now four) I've done nothing but answer letters and mail out books. Both I enjoy, but they leave time for little else, even with our long day.

Regards, especially to the kids. I'm looking forward to seeing them again. If anything develops, I'll let you know. Is my best bet, if I do not go to Wilmington, to use the Jersey Turnpike to the Whitman Bridge, or what. And what is best from Wilmington?

Yours,

Friday evening

Hi —

A very fast one, because if I don't write at the moment I think of it — I just may forget.

We are a matter of minutes — 15 tops from WCAU so if we can be of any help to you with accommodations please say so. We'd love to have you stay here. We have a studio couch — which opens up into a double bed in the recreation room + a powder room downstairs, too. We will be happy to chauffeur you, etc. Of course this goes for Ed, too, the you is plural. Also keep it in mind for any other occasions.

When Mom told me yesterday you would be on WCAU radio, I thought it would be the Ed Harvey show, which is what I had in mind when I wrote you several weeks ago. Alva told me it was the Jack McKinney show at night which we have never heard. Ed Harvey has an afternoon show which is

very popular. I assume he still does, I haven't
listened to the radio in some time, mainly because
of the children's schedules. I used to listen to
WCAU all the time, ^{except for good music.} It's almost an all talk station.
& when you are in with children so much it gives
you some contact with the outside world although its
frustrating not to have anyone to talk to about what you
hear.

Also the Mike Douglas show (TV 3) goes
on in Phila also. An afternoon show - a
modification of the Tonight Show - that goes on around
1:00. but I probably told you about that in my last
letter.

Be on all fine. Joyce is at camp until
July 9 - apparently enjoying it & missing home.
They had a flood in their tent earlier in the week.
She did well in school - and her behavior improved
considerably as the semester ended and all activities
ceased. We don't approve of children taking on so
much, but she wanted it and did very well with
everything, except of course her behavior & attitude.

Grattor did well, also. He is now learning to swim
and enjoying it very much. Elaine loves the water. She
imitates Grattor & generally tries to do all the things
she can't and almost does.

Let us know if you want to stay here &
we can send you directions from any point or
meet you wherever it's convenient for you.

Goodnight

Love,
Mona