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[August 19, 1943] Thursday evening

Dear Lee,

I am sitting where you no doubt would like to be -- in Phipps' pullman care at Rehoboth Beach. Yesterday I asked my boss if I could have the weekend off & today we arrived here about noon -- Shirley, Bernice, Charlotte Dunlap & I. Mr. Smith drove us down, making some stops to see boys while in the vicinity, so our trip could be called "legitimate." It was all planned so quickly that it hardly seems possible we are here. It is now 7:30 P.M. The girls have got up town for an evening paper but I am rather tired so stayed here and am writing you. Daddy will not get down - having to preach Sunday. He & I were invited to spend the weekend with the Drs. Miller at their cottage on Silver Lake -- along with the Wagners and Herings, but this seemed the best weekend for the girls & me to get away so we are here. This week has really been cooler in Wilmington -- we slept under a blanket last night but I guess that won't last long.

I have been looking over the guestbook here & found it was the summer of 1937 that we spent a week here. I didn't realize it had been so long. Remember when you got locked in the bathroom &

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we thought we'd never get you out?

The coast guard here on the beach are using the police dogs this year at night. I want to see them before we leave. Within the last few days they have banned all cameras at the beaches along the east coast, so I guess you won't get any pictures of us posing as bathing beauties. Have you received the gift from Shirley & Bernice?

The baseball team at Ferris was scheduled to see the Blue Rocks play tonight, but for some reason the game was called off.

You mentioned having read "One World" - I believe before you left Lincoln. I have recently finished it and liked it very much. As a book dividend I received "Prefaces to Peace" -- includes Wilkie's book complete, "Problems of Lasting Peace" by Hoover & Gibson, complete, "The Price of Free World Victory" by Henry A. Wallace, & "Blueprint for Peace" by Sumner Welles. I brought the book down here with me.

I am thinking of you as you are having your exams this week & hope all goes well. We shall be returning to Wilmington Monday for I must get back to the office. Reed Gerald & his wife Ruth had dinner with us Monday evening. She is a very lovely girl.

Love from all of us & we wish you were here.

Mother