Ferris School for Boys BOX 230 Wilmington 99, Delaware Monday morning -[late July 1944]

My dear Lee: -

Well, it looks as if you're going to see the world before you're twenty-one. You've covered a good portion of this country already. When you get through this next chapter you will be qualified to be introduced as a cosmopolite. That two dollar word will make many an introducer clear his throat before proceeding.

You've done a grand job in every way, and I'm as proud of you as any father could be. The same steady, clear-cut attitude you have shown to date will be your greatest asset now. As I have said to you -- you've first got to be yourself, and usually respect and position follow.

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I was disappointed in the showing of the Blue Rocks this week. However, Lancaster was a stronger team. We'fe getting set for basketball now -- and some of those thrillers that you saw with me. I'll send you the particulars of the games.

All goes well here -- so don't worry about any of us. Mother is fine since her vacation - the girls are alright -- and I never felt better in my life.

We'll be with you every minute of every day and night -- pulling for you. The best to you!

Dad \sim

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