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Dearest Lee:

Before leaving for my meeting at Atlantic City I'll talk to you for a few minutes. It is not so cold today - not the 1 below as it was last week, so maybe the seashore won't be too bad. Of course I shall be in meetings all the time so may never even get a glimpse of the boardwalk.

Well, Shirley descended upon us Friday afternoon, bringing both Timmy and Collins, so you can imagine that we had a pretty lively weekend. I hope some time you will be able to meet some of these fine girls who are Shirley's friends at Williamsport. Daddy drove them to Paoli to catch the 6:30 last night, which would land them in Williamsport around 11. They all have exams in English this afternoon. Bernice, too, starts her midyears today, with English and French today - 3 hour exams.

I mentioned to the Boykins yesterday the fact that one of your crew members is from Tiger, Georgia. That is where they have their summer home - Lakemont, they call it, but I believe Tiger is the post-office, or vice versa. Ask Harold if he knows them. I could not remember at the time which one it was lived there, so I will have to call Mrs. Boykin and give her Harold's name to find out if she knows his family. The Boykins are pretty well but his eyesight is very, very bad. Of course they always are inquiring for you.

Last night after we came back from Paoli daddy was listed to speak to the Young Adult group at church about the work here at the school and it was going on 10 when we got back home. Grandmother Jones has had a slight touch of the grippe and is still confined to her room. It is a question of getting her strength back now. Grandmother Minker is coming out today to be with her while I am gone.

Things are looking brighter in the European situation with the Russians advancing so rapidly; so maybe it won't be too many months before Germany collapses, although I imagine that as the armies get closer and closer to Berlin the fighting will become fiercer and fiercer.

We think of you always, dear, as you very well know I am sure. Love. Mother