

January 28, 1966
12:00 P.M.

Dearest Patricia:

I have just returned from an evening with Betty Walker and her husband Bob. — most enjoyable, as always.

However, the dinner and evening yesterday with you and Vince hit a high point of enjoyment for me. It was so good to see Vince again and have such a wonderful time together. I felt a bit guilty, though, for fear we kept you sitting too long in one place. Perhaps another time you should call a halt sooner for I know that neither he nor I would intentionally keep you a moment longer than you were comfortable in any place.

I'm sorry I did not know that you were coming home so early this evening. Had I done so I would have brought over your mail or at least left my key in my mail box so that you could have gotten it. All your mail, however, is business or commercial,

so you have missed nothing of primary interest. Call me in the morning whenever you are up and want your mail and I'll bring it over.

There are a couple of additional items I have for you and I'll bring them along too as well as some money. Perhaps we can have a tentative agreement as to how much you'll need per month tomorrow, but if you don't want to decide now, you can take your time. I haven't my first retirement check yet but I do, of course, have the back pay check that I've already shown you.

The petals you gave me from the carnation last night I put in a saucer under an upturned glass with a half teaspoonful of water to keep them fresh. They are on the table before me. I'll keep them as long as they last.

Also I'm pleased at the little piece of polished agate rock that you gave me. Every time I reach into my pocket for anything I find the rock

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also, which of course makes me
happy because I think of you,
and I know nothing nor anybody
more pleasant to think of. Every
little fragment of time I spend with
you is a living poem to me.

I took you from some fresh
celery juice today, but when I got
it the woman at Heidi's said the
vibrator did not come in this week
as it should have, and since the
representative of the company only
calls once a week it will be next week
now before she can have it. You may
borrow mine in the meanwhile if you
wish. It may not be as convenient,
but at least it will relieve some of the
tension from your neck and shoulders.

I was pleased the other day when you
said you were learning to let down
a bit and trust people more - even

though the "Lady" at the optical department
of the clinic was a bit offensive in her
behavior. Gradually you will become able
to let down a great deal. Then you'll feel
much more secure personally than you
have been in the past and this will be
all to the good. I still marvel at the
way you have turned out to be so fine a
young person in view of the difficulties of
your early life. I know that your ability to
hold in so much, to stand straight & tall,
look everyone square in the eyes and tell
truthfully and convincingly what you think
and feel has been the thing that has
saved your life as a living soul and
brought you where you are today. Now,
however, you can achieve a measure of
personal & spiritual liberation you have
never known before and the world will open
out widely before you.

I'll not try to tell you again just
now how I feel about you — This I
am sure you know. I'll just say "Goodnight
& God bless you & I'll hear from you tomorrow.
Love - Carl.