

Wednesday evening
After the concert & reception.

Dearest Patricia:

I hope the hollyhock doll
was still in good enough shape to suggest
that these "flower dolls" can be attractive.
The rain ^(+wind) had beaten down a couple of plants
alongside Mr. Edwards' Hamburger Joint where
I park my car & though the flowers were
bedraggled & in poor shape, I thought of
the ones we used to make when I was a
kid at home so I picked a couple & made
up one when I was "home" at lunch time.
It really wasn't much — only a suggestion,
but I thought that if you'd never seen
one it might interest you.

I was pleased to see you twice today &
have a moment to exchange a few words
with you after the concert. Herb saw me
inside the auditorium & told me you were
just outside if I'd like to chat with you a
moment. I always have a surge of happiness
when I see you — no matter how brief the
contact is.

I told Betty Walker, with whom I had

a light dinner (dinner time) at Original Joe's, that I was trying to play the role of godfather to you but that really you were one of the most intelligent companions I knew — and her reply was — "Well — you've played that role immen- sely to innumerable students. I feel that I've been able to look on you as — & go to you for moral support & all manner of questions ever since I was in your class years ago."

While waiting for Mr. Scheer to start talking, I looked over all the girls in the room this afternoon and saw not one who could hold a candle to you! So once again, I feel supremely sure of my judgment, and once again I mixed thankfulness for my opportunity to have a special interest in you and ~~any~~ kind of affection in return. In fact I once more wondered at my good fortune — How could any man be so lucky?

Scheer, I thought to be among the most intelligent speakers in a controversial field I have ever heard. He gave

me much of what I have been seeking on Viet Nam. - something more than mere emotional feelings, which I must say is all I believe some of our students and faculty have. He gave full credit to the reasoning of every one he mentioned or anyone asked about and still was able to present his own beliefs and reasons for them. This is a much more convincing thing than any of the impassioned, to violent (in speech and ideas) statements that were presented by most of the speakers at the "Teach-in" evening that I heard last month. And he didn't have to advocate communism (which some of those speakers did - about 3 of them) to give force to his arguments. He and the American Friends Society were in the Teach-in group I heard were impressive. To me, the others destroyed most of the force of what they had to say by their irrational and violent language. I'm going to try to

get acquainted with Scheer. It shouldn't be difficult.

Incidentally you may remember that in talking about the Americans in Red China, he mentioned an Anna Louise Strong. She belongs to a Palo Alto - Menlo Park Family of whom I know several members, & once long ago, I believe I met her. However, she has been strongly leftist for years and, I think has been out of the country for a number of years. None of the rest of her family are of her political persuasion, though they laugh at any idea that she is dangerous.

Oh - I felt the same way as you did about the pianist tonight - but as I make no pretensions to musical knowledge, I refrained from voicing my feelings until you stated your judgment. Then I felt very good because I felt vindicated in my judgment.

This concludes my special thoughts for this evening, but I'm very happy that you felt so well prepared for your exam today and I hope you get a top grade in it. I'm sure you have the intellect to get good grades in everything but you still are under a cloud of unfavorable impressions formulated a long while ago. See you Friday - Love, always, Carl.