

I'll be home by ^{noon or sooner} ~~midday~~
Sat. If you want to wait till then
I'll provide the transportation
to do the shopping. Please
plan on it.

Carl

Buy what you need to help your ~~over~~
Mom this weekend. She'd like
a good roast for dinner
Sat. I know.

Cabin 32
Overlooking Round Meadow
Giant Forest Lodge
Sequoia National Park, Calif.
Wednesday 4:00 P.M.

My dear, dear, Patricia:

Mail service - with our moving about - has been poor, but I apologize for not telling you that I received your first letter on Thursday before leaving Mammoth Lakes. I intended to but talking with you from the outskirts of Fresno was so delightful and exciting that it just pushed everything else out of my mind. And today shortly after talking with you, your second letter arrived. It had been returned to San Jose and forwarded to me up here. I am most grateful to you for the two letters and still I hope to receive one up here - however if I don't, I will know that writing hasn't been practical for you.

I am disturbed over the fact that you still have adverse effects from the blows on your head in the auto accident. You must have got a terrific wallop out of it and maybe it's lucky that you didn't get killed. Still, allowing for all such explanations, it

still positively hurts me to think of
you being injured in any way at all.
I'll look forward to reassurance when I
see you at your mom's on Saturday evening.
I'll be there in good time for dinner and
I hope there'll be time for a good visit.

And though you know already I want to
reiterate that I want to do for you every-
thing I possibly can. If you gave me
any reason to think that you really needed
the help I could give right now, I'd
pull out of Sequoia tonight. I don't have
to be here, of course, though I'm getting
some good pictures (quite a few, I hope) and
I'm enjoying every part of the program.
I'm also trying to look at a lot of
things for you, as you'd look at them.
I'm trying to live up to your statement
that when I enjoy each trip "to the
top, that's for me" (you) also!

Bud Applegarth was pleased at your
greetings & had only nice things to say
about you - as did Mrs. Ellis. - In fact no
one has had anything but nice things

to say, although a couple received your
greetings as simply "in the line of duty"
Bud & Dorothy Ellis were warm in their
response as was also Dr. Sharsmith. His
you just glowed when I told him and then
he related to me his story of your meeting
him on the trail at Tolovane Meadows.

Thanks for the enclosure of the rose leaflet.
I have a special place in my heart for
anyone who can appreciate the little elements
of beauty that come our way each day and
so often - by so many persons are just
brushed aside.

The "shooting stars" enclosed are from
Round Meadow just below my cabin. This
is the biggest of all the kinds of shooting stars
that I know and the Sequoia meadows are
abundantly supplied with them now. The
plant is the tip of a shoot of "horsetail rush."
Also called "scouring rush" because in early
times (& perhaps still in Europe) they are gathered &
dried for cleaning pots & pans. Their stems
have numerous crystals of silica in them. One
species (without the side branches) used to be used to

Keep the reeds of wind instruments (bores, clarinets, saxophones, etc.) in ideal form for producing the right sounds. But as they grow in marshes & wet meadows they are things of beauty. I'm going to photograph one especially beautiful lot of them that are growing up through the water of a little stream that enters Round Meadow about 200 yds from my cabin.

Well, darling — due to mail delays, this letter will not beat me to San Jose by more than a day & probably will be the last I can hope will reach you before I see you Saturday. I'm counting on that! I just hope that, in time I can get you to feeling that I'm as important to you as you are to me. You say in your second letter that I have "made you a little happier with life." I want to remove obstacles to happiness so that I can make you a lot happier than heretofore. And please, believe me, I want this all to happen in the proper framework of relations so that it will become a part of the stimulus of "positive suggestion" that I have mentioned and in due time will explain fully. Until I see you then — Love
Carl.