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Hello Dad;

Boy are you surprised to hear from me? or are you? I just had a few minutes with nothing to do and decided to let you know what I was doing.

I heard from mother about a week ago and her letter sounded quite natural. However, I don't quite know what to make of the situation. I guess the best way in this case is to just sit tight and let things take their natural course.

How is the farming coming? Did you get your peas in? The weather has been terrible here for about two weeks but it seems to be clearing up now. At least it hasn't rained since last night.

I don't know whether you know it or not, but I haven't worked for the Davenport Hotel since about two weeks ago today. I had a little trouble with the manager over a check one of the guests wanted to cash and he sort of layed me off for a few days. When this came I decided that I wouldn't go back at all. Luckily I had a little cash on hand and so was able to keep going.

Yesterday I started working fr the firm represented at the top of this page as a stenographer. I am to start at I believe \$30. As you probably know, this is the company which got the contract for the naval supply base which is to be erected on east Trent. This project will employ about 5,000 workers and will last about one to one and one-half years. I think that I am going to like it very much.

Tell Joan that I am sorry I slipped up on her graduation, but that conditions as they were I just didn't have the necessary finances to do anything about it. I will see her later. Hope everyone is well and happy. Why don't you come up and see what is going on in this part of the country. It is simply amazing, and I am sure you would enjoy it. You surely could get away for a day or two, and it would do you good.

Love, Bob

