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Dear Douglas:

So glad to get your letter yesterday but disappointed for you that your Washington trip did not materialize but as you say, one never knows in the service when a meeting between friends may occur. And that brings me to the subject of Tommie. He leaves tomorrow morning, Wednesday, for a stop-over of one night in New York and on Thursday morning he leaves for Norfolk. He has your address and will endeavor to contact you.

This last weekend Clara and Agness borrowed his pup tent, went down by bus and after much wandering in the wrong entrances and thru unfamiliar fields, pitched it on (the) bluff where we generally go with the crowd for swimming at Bonnet Shores. Little sleep was had by either, first because of neglecting to hollow out the ground to make it conform to the body and second because it is against the law to be so near the coast at night. With three separate changes of the coast guard patrol, they were awakened by flashlight and requested to give name, address, <u>and</u> telephone number!

Saturday afternoon we spent a very pleasant time at the yacht club for the annual regatta. The weather was perfect with very blue water and brisk wind. Donald and Francis Kern were there and Donald wants you to be sure to look them up when you come up this way. Marilyn had Daryl at the club for a while and she caused quite a bit of interest and looked very sweet in pale pink.

Alan Butler is to be married Thursday. He has ten days leave and thought he might just as well!

I meant to tell you in the previous paragraph that we had clam chowder and cakes from Crescent Park served for supper at the Yacht Club, all you wanted and it was good. Then Government movies were shown, probably you have seen them on "Why we are in this war" with dancing by juke box music afterwards. The music was so horrible that we sat it out and found it very pleasant because of the heat.

Last night Dad and I went to the play house again to see Ilka Chase in "Biography." It is a good company there and the plays are well directed and always have an outstanding guest star. For some reason we have been getting a post card every week

entitling us to one seat free except for tax, with the purchase of another. So each time we have felt we could afford the price of one best one as long as the other was so cheap and each time, we have had B centre which couldn't be better.

I expect this will be the last letter that I shall send to Florida for some time but we may receive another one from you which requires an answer. We are looking forward to your coming home if only for a day but we have heard of several who were able to get permission to overcome the 40 mile limit as long as it was their home and some have even been able to commute so here's hoping!

Don't hesitate to send home any soiled clothes for we can get them done in some way and according to your letter much more easily than you can.

Did I tell you that our shop is closed on Mondays during the summer so that I have a wonderfully long weekend. Only four days and then my holiday comes around again. What a snap! No reduction in my pay but what the government is able to do to it!

Lots of love and looking forward,
Mother (Transcription ends)