## V-MAIL [Transcription begins]

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Just an extra 10 - 26 - 44

Dear Douglas - Today the news of the big naval victory is on everyone's lips. We have thought of you many times and wondered how near you personally were to all the excitement.

What's the big idea--getting Trudie all hot and bothered over one incomplete V-mail letter--just sending her Page 2 and starting that off "I never saw anything as funny in my life-- thought we'd split our sides laughing." Poor girl, she is looking [indecipherable] and wondering where Page 1 is and what was so funny on it. I met her on the street the other day and told her it was just another of my son's jokes on a par with locking the "heads" at Columbia & dropping the string thru the knot hole in the floor at Brown!

Uncle Rob was operated on for appendicitis last night but is doing nicely.

Dad is reading Naval Proceedings" and Marilyn the "Saturday Evening Post" & with Daryl tucked away for the night the house is quiet. Hope you have a good night's sleep and a pleasant day tomorrow!

Love from us all Mother

I think I wrote my letter the wrong way of the sheet and I have all this space left over! We are still having warm weather and tonight the furnace has gone out and will let is stay that way for a day or two or until the weather changes as it will no doubt. We even had a thunder storm today! [Transcription ended]