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Why Darling -

That was the most horrible letter I've ever received. You not only blasted our future to bits, but you did it in a hurry. Look, I know the army is efficient and all, but have a heart.

It wasn't like you at all, and who's supposed to be the pessimist in this duo?

I may sound light, but I don't think any little and appropriately yellow japs backed by all the dictators the devil ever made can lick our spirits if we don't lay down and give in. I guess it's the

Speak in me - but that's the way I feel.

Speaking of feeling, in my case the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak & feel that I could have hysterical my mouth and actually enjoy it. There must be a pathway in our talking like this and I can't see where it's common - fadder.

You definitely sounded in the letter as if you had been in-  
sured with the typically male attitude that was is a serious business not to be toyed with, and love is something to which every boring female with. I can't believe that it will last long if true, that attitude I mean, because you're not that dumb as don't give yourself to it, heart & soul, but save a little for me, and that part can remember that the reason the best men & women aren't men, and that it's only an incident in your life which has to end someday. whatever it be for the best or worst.

Because I believe, and you've got to believe too, that there's only one way in their deal, that some day, somehow whatever way that's on alive will be together for the rest of eternity. That's why I wouldn't be so very about your deal because I know the love you

matter very much, and that they're together.

But I'm not interested in dying right now, there's every chance that we have a long hard life ahead of us - because the world's going to need people like us more than it ever did. So for pete's sake forget all that martyr attitude. I don't doubt that you want to give the country all the support you can but a little hope & confidence won't hurt a thing.

I still want to marry you the first chance we get, even if we only have 15 minutes. It's too late to walk out on me now. And I can't believe you'd want to even if you swore you were not in love any more.

I'm going to write you after whether you like it or not. And I also love you darling. — Pat.