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Box 808
Jackson, Mississippi
November 11, 1951

Dear Hubert:

Over a month since your letter came, but I've been THAT busy and couldn't find a minute to put finger to key. Even now it is Sunday morning, but I had a few do dads to do at the office, and will take time to write now. In that way Bob will have dinner cooked before I get home.

I went by to see your mother yesterday, and read your last letter. We both hope that your lack of stated dissatisfaction with the place means that you are liking it better. The fact that you have stayed this long proves that, I suppose. She misses you, and said she hadn't been feeling well, but nothing serious--not down in the bed, I mean. I've tried to get by once a week or so, but haven't made it every week but almost. She was out watering yesterday, and looking at the dead buds on camellias and brown leaves on azaleas. Don't think all were killed, but lots of damage.

Friday night I went by Joe's to see about some purple velvet drapes (you remember those old things Helen gave him) for us to use in the opera. He says we can use them. He, Douglas and Major were sipping beer. I haven't been with any of them since you left. I've seen Joe and D once for a chat, and have been to Major's once. Several talks on phone. Haven't kept up much with l'affaire Nelson, but it is still going on madly. Lots of new clothes--when I asked where he was going to wear them he says Nassau. May be.

My trip to Detroit and Chicago was a much needed change. Convention in Detroit for five days then to Chicago on business for two days. Flying all the time. Not much sex, but a little, in Detroit, and none at all in Chicago. In Detroit saw T of Hoffman and ~~Mix~~ M. Douglas & Signe Hasso in Glad Tidings. I found amusing, but no good reviews when it opened in NY the next week. In Chi I saw So. Pac. and C. Chan in Gentlemen. Loved both, of course.

Scenery work is going on at great pace for the opera. The man they had engaged by letter is still trapped in Turkey so Wetzell is bossing the scenery, and we are all hammering and sawing. Ruth is a great help, and several others have joined in. I got Ray Scott to help, and ~~ix~~ he is good with hammer and saw. Henry Feux has been up, but I didn't meet him. Joe says Helen is giving a party ~~of~~ for him, and that Joelle (Joel) is coming up with him. Seta was up for an Alexander wedding (and CLAY is getting married 12-15-51), but just for two days and nothing but talk on phone. E. Spencer was through two weeks ago, and I took her and Eudo to supper. E's book is coming put in spring. She left galleys with Eudora. E. Bowen is to arrive day before T'giving, and several have been invited over for T'giving afternoon. Then they leave by the convert. for NO for several days.

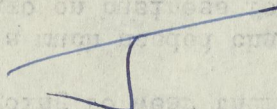
Last week-end Tom and I went to Gulfport Friday and drove to NO and B. Rouge and home Sunday. Cold but wonderful sunshine. Called David when we went through NO, but no answer. Afraid he was out of town, so didn't wait, but Ray Scott says he was down there that week-end and David had a wonderful party.

Sorry we didn't know, but all sudden, and didn't want to stay there if he wasn't in town. I plan to be back soon, and will let him know in time.

My condition improves, and will go for another x-ray in ten days. A month ago I was doing so well that I stopped one of the medications for a few days, and nearly had the relapse. I did feel awfully bad for two weeks, but am back fine again.

Mrs. Capers mind has gone completely--not violent--just doesn't know anything or anybody--not even Dr. C or Charlotte. They have her now at Dr. Schmid's--the old Welch's San out in W. Jackson. Nothing else to do, and wonderful attention there they say. Major hasn't joined us in anything, so it has mostly been me, Ruth, Cha and Eudora when we did anything. One Sunday we went to Vicksburg, and I bought the Caroline Compton watercolor that I've been wanting. Ruth and I went to Fledermaus and saw Eudo with some strange man; they were with Mary F. and Joe Skinner.

Time for lunch now, so must eat and dash to work on scenery. Write if you have time, and hurry home for Christmas.



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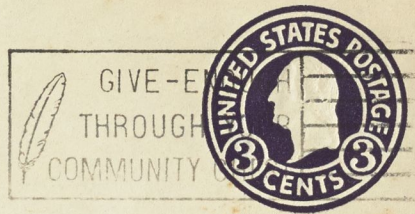
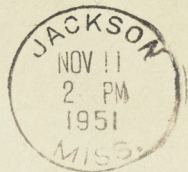
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