

June 11, 1943.

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Dear Heinie:

I just called for you at your office, but failing to get you I talked to someone there and explained that it would not be necessary for you to come down Saturday morning, as anxious as I would be to see you. Bess and I have not had an opportunity to visit with you for quite some time.

We have Jane (Mrs. Elwood Mons) and her husband, who is an ensign flier, here visiting with us this week. Bobby is in from the University of Pennsylvania where he will soon start on his senior year in medicine. Eleanor, the baby - the towhead - graduated from Penn on June 2nd, and she is with us. So it would be a happy occasion to have you visiting with us, but I wanted to save the firm's money when I called.

I learn from other sources that the tile are in such bad condition that replacement of the broken ones would not guarantee the non-leakage in the pool. We have been losing about 5,000 gallons a day by seepage and that is why I wanted you down, but I am told on pretty competent authority that this old pool, which was built nearly 35 years ago, needs rebuilding. It is only 50 by 20 feet and needs 10 more feet in length to meet the minimum official requirements.

So some time when you would not have to make an extra trip I would like for you to figure on a scum gutter and taking out all the old tile, and increasing the length ten feet. That is all we can get in this small space. If you should want to come down some time to bid on it we would be delighted to see you.

With all good wishes to you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.