Dean George Esterly, Newark University, Newark, New Jersey:

Dear George:

I was just sick when I learned that you and Helen had been to my home to say hello last week. When I saw your mother at the dental office - she stopped by to get Susie to drive to Topeka to meet your dad - your mother told me that she was sorry that I was going to miss you, that you would be here during my stay in New York.

Mrs. Allen was ill in bed after a stremuous house cleaning when you called, but Eleanor took your card and laid it on my dressing table. I glanced at it, but thought that it had come during my absence in New York. The next day Mrs. Allen asked me if I got the card, and I said "Yes", but nothing more was discussed. Then I went down to your dad's office to have a tooth cared for, and for the first time I learned that you were here while I was out playing golf. Then I checked back with the family and it made me feel worse than ever in having seen your card and having realized what your mother had said. I did not dream you were in town after my return from New York.

Gosh, how I would have loved to have seen you and Helen, and to have had a long visit with you. I had counted on calling you while I was in New York so that we could have a visit, but that is the way things go.

Then when your dad told me about the interview of the various board members with you, I know what a grand visit we would have had, had me gotten together. I know that you must have had a great visit here with your folks and your friends, but I still feel irked because I passed up such a grand opportunity. I hear many wonderful things regarding your growth and development as one of the outstanding administrators of the country. I am happy for your many accomplishments and your continued growth.

Give Helen my kindest regards, and remember always that I cherish those very pleasant days with you in your lovely home and the visit with Furgie who was also a guest in your home.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,