November 8, 1938.

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Dear Harry:

I wrote Taft Talbott that I was well pleased with the looks
of the stocking, but I was disappointed that they do not have the
lastex top. This stocking top is no different than any other
knitted stocking.

As I explained to you and Taft, I wanted elastic woven in at
the top of the sock like those light weight summer socks that are
on the commercial market at every haberdashery store in the United
States. This origination of the summer sock, of course, was to
eliminate the sock suspender around the sweating leg in the summer
time.

All that has been done in the socks that you sent me is that
the ribbing at the top is tighter, but of course after these have
been worn a while and dry cleaned a few times that elasticity will
disappear. You have the length of the sock exactly right. I would
want no more knitting on the sock than the actual wool ribbing.
This top space feature I would want done with lastex. Even at this
length it could be doubled over if necessary.

It was my notion that a narrow strip of knitted material
similar to that used for the foot could be interposed at the top and
then the lastex woven in at the top above this knitted material. But
all of it together, the knitted material and the lastex, would be no
greater in length than you have shown now in the original stocking.
I am referring to the ribbed cuff at the top of the stocking. Or
better still, why not use the elastic tape of about one inch in width
which is used to hold up the shorts in men's undergarments. The
strength and width of this abdominal elastic band would be exactly
right for the band to be used at the top of the stocking.

I would like to get action on this right away as we will have
our first game on November 29 when the Varsity play the Frosh. Please
see if your factory cannot work up a sock according to the specifi-
cations that I described to you and Taft when you were here. The
one you have sent is no improvement over the old one. I am wondering
why you cannot get your factory superintendent to get it the way I
described to you. I want something new and different, not something