

October 7, 1939.

Dear Mary and Pete:

That wonderful Christmas present that you gave me last year for my golf activity and also for my protection against cold and stormy weather, has at last come into its own. I did not play golf after Christmas because I had my basketball, but this spring and summer I have played quite a bit, but of course the weather was hot and I did not wear the jacket.

However, the weather turned cool about two weeks ago and I had my first opportunity to try it out. It is marvelous, and although the weather has turned warm again, I want to tell you that it has been a source of great comfort and satisfaction to me to have this wonderful Christmas present that you people spent too much money for.

Now, let me say this - please do not get me another Christmas present this year. Just count this on last year and this year because I am making a brand new Christmas present out of it this year. Now I mean this with emphasis, and I want you people to save your money and not buy expensive Christmas presents like this jacket.

I have been wanting to write you people for a long time, but it seems that I cannot get caught up on my detail work. This is just another thank you letter for last year's Christmas present, to tell you how much I enjoy it. We are happy to know that we can expect you for Christmas week. Your mother is looking forward to that visit just as much as anyone could look forward to having her children return home. And old Grandpop Allen is perhaps just as enthusiastic.

With love and best wishes to all of you, I am

Affectionately, Your Dad

and Grand-dad - Wibbo, Sonny, and Joan.

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