

December 20, 1943

Mr. C. H. Hoinville
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Dear Charlie:

Thank you very much for sending me the letter from Lambert. I had a copy made for myself. He wrote a beautiful letter and one in which he carefully appraised Julia's many outstanding qualities and her great ability. Her interest in humanity was so wide spread that it was rather difficult for some to understand how such unselfish interest could exist. She was truly a great woman, a wonderful wife, and a loving and helpful sister. The little sentiment penciled on Janet's childish note showed how her heart was touched by seemingly trivial things. My children all loved her.

Your business note came in very handy. Last evening Mrs. Simons and I attended a dinner party for fourteen given by Rev. and Mrs. Theodore Aszman of the Presbyterian Church in honor of Mrs. Karl F. Baldwin, the wife of Col. Baldwin, now military attache with General MacArthur in Australia. During the evening Chancellor Malott, who was also a guest, mentioned that he had four days' supply of fuel only, and naturally was worried. I told him that you were handling the oil supply for the railroads of the country, and this morning when your letter came, I called him up and read it to him. He was very greatly pleased and was very profuse in expressing his appreciation.

That is one of the things that I have always admired in you is your ability to get things done and right now.

I am paying the penalty a bit for going thru those dusty boxes by having an infection in my nose. I have been handling it pretty well and this morning I have called the doctor to come in and see me. I don't know that any further attention will have to be given, but I don't want to take any chances. I knew I was running the risk when I was in Chicago, but hoped that I could avoid it. It is nothing serious and nothing to cause you any worry.

I hope that everything is moving along smoothly and that Mary Jule will be able to find mamma's Paisley shawl. I am afraid that