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Dear Charles:

We had a nice evening with Mary Jule and family last Monday. We were their guests at dinner at the Eldridge, and they were our guests later at the theatre. They have now gone to Jacksonville, Florida, and I shall call the Stoughs to see if they have their address.

There is nothing much new here. Dolph and Marie accompanied Blanche and Pat south leaving Lawrence a week ago last night. Pat had business there that would require about two weeks to look after and the others are combining some business with a lot of pleasure. I do not expect them back until at least a week from today and possibly longer. Pat's business is spread out to every oil producing region in the central west and south. I do not believe he is doing a large amount of government work at this time although he may be.

We had three days of sunshine and moderate temperature that were very enjoyable, but the good weather did not stay on long enough to dry up the fields so that farmers could get into them and neither has the ground been frozen hard enough for some little time to enable the farmers to finish shucking their corn, haul feed, etc.

I was pleased this morning with the decision of Judge Sullivan of the Federal Bench in declaring illegal the seizure of the Montgomery Ward stores. He said it was a hard decision to make at this time when everyone wished to cooperate with the government as fully as possible, but in the matter of seizure, it concerned congress rather than the president, and if it is the intent of the government that such seizure should be made, then congress should pass laws to such an effect and the courts would carry them out. It was another setback for a willful, imperious president who undoubtedly despises democracy and doubtless looks forward to the day when he can exercise sole control of the lives, property and liberty of the people.

We shall be glad to hear from you.

With love,

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