

December 30, 1948

Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Simons  
1509 Massachusetts Street  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Children:

I want to thank you so much for my Christmas gifts--the fine book, "Running of the Tide", which I am sure I will enjoy reading, the wonderful belt, the fine new hat, and best of all the portraits of your two manly sons. They are wonderful boys.

I, also, appreciate very much indeed the great help that Marie was to me in preparing for Christmas and in the preceeding weeks.

In talking today to Will Ellis, he spoke very complimentary of Marie. I find that his wife lost recently a son who was exceedingly dear to her, and that she is taking it unusually hard.

Much love to all of you,