

Dearest Dad -

Friday nite

Very suddenly, it has been decided that Pat & I shall take Mother M. on a 17 day cruise to South America. They seem to think I need a change and altho I feel that an 83 year old lady & a semi-sick person might be some what of a problem, we are going - leaving on an Alwa Boat on April 8th - Mother M. pays the bills. She has wanted to go for some time & feels shy & hesitant too many years to enjoy anything of the kind and I'm sure I'll enjoy it after we get started. Right now with wedding plans & the time so near - it sort of floors me. I have finished addressing invitations and am almost finished with the announcements & the kids are going to stick & put on stamps.

Now Dad, I hate to bother you with this but I have to have a birth certificate or certificate of citizenship. Can you get it for me or tell me how to get it? It has to come thru Kansas. I have to have this to get a passport ^{visa} or also have to get a vaccination which I dread. I've always had such a bad time with shots of any kind - But - I am going to have that done Monday.

I received your letter, also one from Marie today. So glad Deeper is back safely & that the future in the J. W. with the Admirals, very good. I'll write Marie as soon as possible.

I am writing in bed, therefore the handwriting is a little worse than usual. Please excuse