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Mrs. L. A. McNalley
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Dear Janet:

I received the necktie yesterday or the day before but did not wish to acknowledge receipt of it until I had it around my neck. I wore it this morning and it has been favorably commented on by persons in the office. I realize that it meant a long and hard job for you and I appreciate it all the more for that.

I don't know of anything especially new. Dolph is receiving many compliments from those who have heard him talk. Last night he spoke at Fort Riley and has been invited to address a class of graduates there later. He has not been feeling quite as good as normal but can't take enough time off to really catch up. The latter part of the month he will be going to Washington and New York to meet with the several newspaper organizations with which he is identified.

I read proof yesterday on his book which will contain about 90 pages. He tells me that his remarks seemingly met with unqualified approval at Fort Riley which means a good deal for the military to accept the views of a civilian.

I presume you got Mike's pajamas and we hope he will be back to visit us often. I had a talk recently over the phone with Mary Beth.

Dolph and Marie leave soon for Auburn where he speaks tonight before a group made up of several independent groups.

I should like to have you and Blanche and Dorothea discuss among yourselves the periods that you would like to spend at the lake. If you want to be there altogether, so much the better. Dolph has already contacted Goedderz about putting in a new pump for the well as the one we have been using has now gone through 11 summers, and occasionally got out of order. It looks now as if Margaret would be ready to go up with me and that Otis would first