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Mrs. Dolph Simons
Miami Beach, Florida

Dear Marie:

I have just had a long letter from Dolph, apparently, written from Dhahran, the place we have been unable to locate on the map. Seemingly, it is a new development between American and Arabian Oil Companies, and is, therefore, too new a development to appear on our older maps. The letter was full of interest and I have just written him through the San Francisco address.

Everything has been moving along nicely. I have not been to your house, but John keeps in touch with it. We have enjoyed having him with us. He gets along fine with Otis and Margaret. Yesterday, because it was wash day at home, I took the three of them out to dinner with me at the Castle Tea Room. We had a good dinner.

As far as I can see, John has continued to be conscientious about his studies and his athletics. I am sorry that we did not win at Topeka, but the other towns have good teams also.

You have missed a lot of snow and ice. It thawed quite a bit yesterday and is thawing today. Last night the wind from the south was of great intensity. John was somewhat worried about the top of the convertible, and I had him park it in the shelter of the Cedar trees south of the garage.

Blanche, Janet, and Dorothea expect to be here on the 19th. It would be nice if you could be here at that time, but that probably is a little too early.

Everything has run very smoothly at the office and at home. I really feel that the increased attention to business, occasioned by Dolph's absence, has been good for me.

I have seen Art at Rotary but have not had an opportunity to talk with him.

I hope you will have a thoroughly enjoyable time.

Lovingly, your father