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Dear E.R.

Will you be at Hyde Park either the first or the second week-end in June? The reason I ask is that there is a bare possibility we might bring the twins up to see the Big House. Arthur Krook's secretary, Miss Emmitt Holleman definitely is taking her little 10-year-old niece, Barbara Allen, up at that time. She is the child I told you of who so hero-worshipped the President, despite her Republican parents, that she made them take her down to see the funeral train when it went through their town in Virginia. I told Emmitt of how you had described to me sitting in the dark and looking out at those crowds. And Emmitt told the little girl that you were looking at her while she was looking at the train that carried the President. I would like to have her meet you, I know she would remember it all her life.

I don't think I've ever told you how much knowing you now means to my children. They really hold it against me that they do not remember the President. I told them they'd seen him when they were little, but Ruth Eleanor answered: "But you didn't have us meet him personally."

With love,

*Bea*

*That last dinner was,  
I think the best of all -  
My love to Tommy too -*

May 18, 1947

Dear Bess:

I expect to be here over the week-end of May 30th to June 1st. On the 2nd I am flying out to California, and will have to leave here early that morning.

The following week end, I shall have to leave here some time on the 7th to go to New York to take a train for Geneva, New York, where I have to speak on the 8th.

I feel fairly sure that I will be here after that over the week ends, although it is always possible that the Human Rights Commission, which meets on the 9th of June for two weeks, may call extra sessions on Saturday.

I want very much to see the children, and I shall be very happy to see the other little girl if we can arrange our various businesses so as to be free at the same time.

Affectionately,