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Sunday
July 1
1934

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Dearest Missy & Grace -

Off tonight on the Big Trip after a terrible week which ended last night with all bills signed, all appointments made, desk clear - & as I wired you today Paula is left in charge of the government. Ray will help her, but she really does not need anything except an occasional kind word -

The whole show is postponed 3 days & I won't get back to Washington till Aug. 10th but that does not mean that the Prince de Lien has any Lien on you past that date.

It has been hotter than ever the past four days & you are damned lucky kids to be in Touraine - I hope your French enables you to keep from starving & that you know what the value of the franc is by now. As I have had no cable asking for funds I hope for the best.

The previous week was a great success except for the defeat of all Harvard crews but F. Jr. seems philosophical. The Yale degree speech caused a lot of excitement - & on Thursday last I made the radio talk & have eliminated half the Repub. propaganda.

L.H. thinks he will go West with Steve & come back with us all on the train -

By the way Mac thinks from Marguerite's photo she is yearning for him but this big news story about Bill Bullitt upsets him a lot especially because it says C. Vanderbilt, Jr. is to be best man - However don't worry!

I will write you from Panama & then we head out into the Pacific - July 12 - & don't get to Hawaii till the 23rd

Do please keep well & get some rest! I am going to myself! Do call on Aunt Dora in Paris when you go back - I am making F. Jr. keep a diary of our trip "for the record" - you know I never would -

Don't go to Germany & keep away from Riots & Revolutions. The U.S.A. needs you & so do I. Much love from your devoted

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The boys are most interested & grand comrades - They, with Wilson Brown & Doc McIntire make up our mess table - Rudolph & Gus & Dick Jervis eat in the ward room, & Fox with the warrant officers - in his new uniform - It's hot ashore but I don't mind it -

I do hope all goes well & that you both are living up to the solemn promises! You will get no more epistles from me I fear, because Panama might not reach you - When we all get back we will have a competition in French - ! but I do wish I could speak Spanish - I may learn -

Much love to you both - & I hope the money lasts - but if it doesn't I can wire you some from Honolulu - I get there the 24th

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