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Monday morning,
Jan. 3rd 1944.

George, my darling,

The snow is coming down quite heavy and a white blanket is covering all the roof tops as I gaze out the window. It's a lovely sight especially if one is comfortable, warm and has Sunny Jim around to make the day bright. He's such a darling, buddy, and is now playing with his toys in the crib and also babbling some baby talk.

Betty will do my shopping this morning and also mail this letter to you. This morning, as every Monday morning, I got four letters from you, an allotment check from Uncle Sam, a card from Selma Small in Florida and guess what else.

Yes, dearest, it finally came - a legal notice
for you. You are summoned to appear as a Trial
Juror on January 6th. So you think you can make it?

For the first time since you're 21 you're finally
called to jury duty and you have to be in the
army. The irony of it all. But you need not
worry, dearest, they're getting their notice back with
a short letter explaining all. Up to date, I have
received a daily letter from you and censored letters
on the 17th, 18th, 19th, 22nd & 27th of December. I
do hope you got that letter with the \$10.00 and if you
don't get it, I'll not worry about it - anything can
happen in the army - especially if you're letters were
glued for a few days and I'll send you your
next gift in a money order. Am enclosing \$2.00 in
this letter - total so far $\$12.00$.

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Your very lovely words about me sure give me a lift but aren't you exaggerating, dearest. I'm really not beautiful and my soul sometimes is very black, especially when I think of a certain few individuals on this earth. You're really the one who has a soul and wonderful thoughts from a wonderful mind and you're really more compassionate than I'll ever be - I know that as a fact. You do have worshipers, you know and not only are they in the Stoff family. By the way, I still love you with all my being and it's really that love that's making a brave woman out of me. I'm still very lovelorn for my darling husband but maybe some

we'll be together again - if not up north maybe
down South.

Your folks are well, had an enjoyable day here
yesterday and then went home for some "chickent". I
insist that they have dinner or supper with me whenever
they're here but Mom prepares her meals at home in the morn.
They know about the bonus, I told them the day
I received it - they're the only ones that know. So
happy to know that you don't work too hard and that
you may get that "break" we're all hoping for. I'll
try to get around to that photograph real soon, plus
more snaps of baby and me.

My aunt Mildred was here with me last night
until 11.30, brought me candy and Jimmie several pairs
of socks. She's very thoughtful and was anxious to know how
you are. Best regards from her and all the family.

Until to-morrow, my love, and with a great
big kiss & hug from baby and me,
Love
Swinger
Ethel

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