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We are waiting hoping & anxiously wishing the mail would come I guess we shall get one to night Good buy W.J.T.