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Dear Mother, Father, and Pete:

I just got back from the lab--three and a half hours over there. I had to put in some extra time because of the six hours I missed last week. I worked up a scheme whereby I successfully avoided doing two hours' work over again because of breakage the last time. I think I shall have to go Saturday morning, and then I shall have caught up with the average of the class. I might not have to, but I don't want to have to do it the week before debate, and the Tuesday after debate comes the mid-semester.

I went over to Students' right after lunch and pulled off a speech to my nurse. She criticized me. I doubt whether that system is very much worth while, but even if it isn't, fifteen minutes a day is not a very great loss.

I shall have to get my brain working for the Spenser paper due next Monday. I have not done as much Spenser reading as I should have, and the little I have done, I have not done particularly intelligently or when I was in a very wide-awake condition. It is sort of hard to write a paper with such a background.

Miss Dennis told me this morning that she was not going to give the mid-semester until after spring vacation. I impressed upon her what welcome information that was. I am quite sure that Millsy is going to spring a mid-semester on us either this Monday or the week following.

I have devoted quite a little time lately to considering my elections for next year. The dean's office sent out slips for trial elections, which were due yesterday. There have been so many conflicts recently that they are trying to rearrange the hours. The problem is a lot harder than it was last year. I certainly have lots more interest than I had then, and in addition, the working out of my major and minor is involved. But more of that again--I have to go over to Main for dinner with Lucy now. I am going to try to get her to work out a trick debate stand with me for tomorrow night. With all respect to the slippings, I think they might indicate the first alternates. The same applies to the honorable "Miscellany News". We not only have to be prepared to take the place of any one of the three speakers, but we have to organize our side every time we are up for practice, and work up as many trick and unexpected stands as possible. Me for "appreciation of work where appreciation is due"!

Please send Pete the inclosed from Miss Hamilton and have him return it to me. I explained to her that I would probably be an alternate and also that I might not be sent to Wellesley, but she seemed to choose to ignore it. Nevertheless, it is a very nice letter and I want it back. Friday before first hour!

I had planned to go to bed early last night, but when I got back at nine from the libe, Kellogg was here to tell me that I would have to take her place with the regular team today, because they decided that in case I had to sub, I would be better off if I had practiced with them before. She staid till ten. They have changed the main speech completely since I last heard the stand--I mean the introductory speech. Mine will be the pleasant job today of showing how the question resolves itself into the large immigration of Russian Jews and Italians. If that isn't luck, I don't know what is. Bad luck, I mean.

I have to go to a debate meeting fourth hour, work on debate fifth and sixth, and debate seventh and eighth. I have an awful lot to do this week-end.

I am glad you are getting along all right, Mother. I hope you will be better soon. How long do you have to stay in the hospital?

Love, Fannie