

From Harry S. Truman to Bess W. Truman, July 3, 1935

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Dear Bess:

I am late getting to write today. Just as I started to write once in the Senate, Pittman asked me to preside and I got stuck there until 3 o'clock. Then John took me up town to buy a swimming suit for him and me for tomorrow and here it is four o'clock. I guess we'll have a nice picnic. The Atlantic City proposition is called off because nearly all the Senators had to make 4th of July speeches. I am glad you're not sorry that you took the plunge sixteen years ago. Just for that I'll have to talk sordid things in the letter.

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I have a bill from Woolf's for \$55.00, one from Jelleff's for \$53.20, one from Garfinckel's for \$55.85, and the grocery people sent me one for \$9.53. If you say these are all right, I'll pay them but I'll wait until I hear from you. I am sending you a draft Friday for \$200 and if you need more I'll send more. I'll have to have about \$150.00-75.00 for room rent and at least that much for laundry and meals; as nearly as I can figure we ought to be about 150 or 200.00 to the good at the end of this month, and next month if I get home we can beat it a couple of hundred more and perhaps get enough ahead to get furniture and fixtures for next year.

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I guess we ought to be happy we have no doctor's bills and all of us are well. If I made everybody I've gotten jobs for since 1927 pay me by the month as Bulger used to, we'd have a nice tidy sum to the leeward every month, but I'm just a d.f. I guess I can't take it that way.

I'd have sent you the draft today but I couldn't get anybody to go uptown for me in time. The darned banks close at 2 P.M. you know.

I hope you are cool and happy and having a good time.

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I'm sorry to talk money and bills and I wouldn't if I were a millionaire.

I walk down to Pennsylvania Avenue and eat breakfast - usually at Child's. Everything is all right at Drain's. I told you that Leonard said he'd give us an apartment at a special price next year. I leave my car in the Senate garage and ride the bus or cab. Either one is twenty cents.

I have Mrs. Drain's dish on my desk and will send it home tonight by Vic. Please write every day. Your Sunday note came after I'd mailed your letter yesterday. I got a nice one today as you can see. Kiss baby and lots of love, Harry