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Dearest Belle:

Here I am away up here in Michigan campaigning - Last night I spoke at Jackson, the night before Detroit - Tonight I go to Pontiac and tomorrow drive away up to Sault St. Marie where they've called for me. Then I go on in to Indiana for a week, thence to Iowa, Nebr., Colo & end up in Wyo. (which is great)! Oh, but its strenuous! Four nights ago I talked to ten thousand people in New Jersey. Imagine!

There's so much I want to tell you & so little time to write - I didn't buy the house; they raised the price to \$21,500 - but as you know I was bent upon leaving the hotel & leased a lovely apartment in the Dresden - nice big rooms, ventilation on three sides, lovely floors & closets 'n everything! Bradford & I were so keen about it. I had to take it right then or not at all, rent to begin Nov. 1st. And then, what do you think just after signing the lease Mr. Joe Keenan (Asst. Atty. General of the U.S.) sent for Bradford to come to him to say that he had recommended Bradford to Max Steuer (?) of N.Y. & the upshot of it all is that Bradford apparently will be going up there in ten days or less to take a place in his office - to start at the bottom of the ladder of course, hoping to climb upward. Doubtless he will get a very small salary at first. I left Washington before final conclusions were arrived at - But wasn't it good of Mr. Keenan to take it upon himself to help Bradford - Mr. Steuer (?) said he would do anything for Mr. Keenan even if he had to create a place for Bradford.

Max Steuer (?) is one of the most famous lawyers in the U.S. He has the reputation of being extremely shrewd - smooth (He will not step into a court room for less than \$1000) & Bradford has made careful inquiry & finds no one who can point out an instance of bad ethics in his practice. I do hope so that Bradford is making no mistake. He says he would about as soon go to South Africa as to New York but he feels that he can not afford to turn down an opening when openings are so scarce. I too feel that life is so hectic for young people in N.Y.

However great the wrench for me to have him leave that of course must not in the least degree influence him.

More than 750 took the bar examination in Washington. 51% failed so we are so grateful that Bradford passed. Now he has before him if he goes to N.Y. the hurdle of the bar examination up there.

Again about the apartment - The ~~xxxx~~ rent is \$35 more a month than I paid at the Mayflower, but I have 9 large rooms. After considerable perplexity & figuring I've arranged for a very fine woman on the Board of Appeals of the Veterans Bureau to come & live with me; also Nathan Bartlett a close friend of the boys & me. So that will bring down my rent & I figure that keeping a maid & eating at my own table will cost me no more than I have been paying. I'll confess that Bradford's going ~~xxxx~~ takes away much of the zest for housekeeping. But if I get the apartment nicely furnished it's not unlikely I think that I could rent it at a profit if I found it ~~x~~ burdensome to keep it. My won't it be grand when you & George come that I'll have a place to make you comfortable! I can't take time now to tell you my plans about furniture. Bradford by the way is staying in

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Washington ten days or so to attend to the moving.

Dear sister of mine about the desk. Do you want it? If you do keep it, pay me what you want to & I'll get a less lovely one, or send it on just as you like - I've looked at old furniture, desks included, all the way from New Orleans through Georgia, Ky, Tenn, Va., West Va & in Washington & know pretty well about prices. Handsome old ones are not plentiful & not cheap. If you think that one is worth \$150 to you I'm sure you couldn't match it for less - Or take it for anything you want to pay. It seems foolish to pay freight on it, in a way, when my future is so uncertain. And still I don't care. The truth is I wouldn't turn over my hand for the difference between your keeping it or my taking it. I want to pay the freight if you send it.

I saw the other day in Washington a little reproduction of a little tambour (?) desk - It was pretty but not handsome - I thought that might do very well - It was \$65.00

Imagine trying to set up housekeeping & being out of town until two or three weeks after the rent starts. Thank the Lord for Bradford! I'll go to the Denver Mint after the election.

If I have a chance I'll see or at least telephone your mother if I go through Indianapolis. I do not speak there.

Ruth & her mother-in-law came & we were all out together twice, Stanley & his wife included. It was so nice to see Ruth. She seemed to be having a grand time. Perhaps you know I've ~~xxx~~ stepped up Stanley's salary \$240 a year - Indeed I don't know how long that work will last which he is doing.

Goodbye I must go - I'm interrupted. Give my love to George & all the girls & boys of the family.

Letters will be forwarded me from Washington. My schedule is too complex for you to bother with

Devotedly,
Hellie