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Bobby -

As Family Archivist, you might be interested in these 2 letters that Dad sent to his parents. I found them in my Thai materials room had kept.

Good to see you + Bev albeit not under the best of circumstances. I've spoken to my mom once since I've been back. Give me a call one of these days.

Go Bulls!

Johnny



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Dear Mother and Daddy:

Well, here I am in Washington. When I last wrote you I told you I was on my way to Aunt Grace's Friday morning. There I stayed for dinner and the afternoon and had a very nice time. That evening Joe picked me up from there and we had supper together, then picked up Aunt Joe. Joe showed me around Cleveland at night and then we went home and went to bed. Saturday. Up at 6:00 and left Joe's at 6:15. Stopped at 105 St for breakfast and then left for Washington at 6:30. We figured on making

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100 miles every 3 hours, but due to stops and the mountain trip were not able to keep that pace.

About noon we reached the mountains and remained in them until about supper time. They seem are big and there are lots of them too. We passed thru Gettysburg about 6:00 and saw the famous battlefields there. From there on it grew dark and we had a detour so didn't get to Washington until about 10:00. We then had supper and found a hotel. It was the Springton where we took a room with a bath for \$5. It was very hot that night and we didn't sleep well. Sunday, today.

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I took a cold bath to cool off and then went to St. Patrick for 8:00 mass. After breakfast we went to the Capitol and went through the whole place with a guide. It sure was wonderful. We drove around and then had dinner. After this we went to the Washington monument and spent some time there. Then on the advice of a friend Joe met we moved over here to this hotel, which is a new one, and where we got a swell room, with shower and two beds for the same price that we payed at the other hotel. This afternoon Joe and I went to the ball game and saw Washington play Philadelphia here.

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I just discovered I used all the paper up.
 This town's about as bad as Chicago went when
 it comes to baseball. They had a full house
 even tho' it was cloudy. The game started and
 Phila. jumped into a big lead in the 2nd by
 scoring 5 runs. But Washington kept at it
 and they went into the last of the ninth with
 the A's leading 6 to 5. Joe was pulling for
 Connie Mack but Walter's boys pulled a fast one.
 The first man up bunted and caught them asleep.
 Then instead of sacrificing the next man hit the
 first pitch for a single to left. The big crowd
 went wild. Art Shivers came up as a pinch
 hitter, but just then it started to rain with
 men on first and third and it looked bad for the
 home team. But it soon stopped and he walked,
 after which a sacrifice fly and a hit won the
 game for Washington and the crowd went wild,
 throwing hats and paper on the field, like at

Cubs fresh. It sure was a wonderful finish
 and a great game. If Connie does look out
 Washington going to win yet. After the game
 we reached the hotel just before it started to
 rain. We washed and had supper here. As
 it is raining I thought this a good time to
 write you. Oh yes, I forgot to tell you we
 have a radio here in the room, which I'm
 listening to as I write. Well, tomorrow we
 plan to spend the day seeing Washington and
 Tuesday start for Phila. When I get there
 I will write again. So far I've had a
 wonderful time and hope the rest of the
 trip will be just as nice.

With love, Joseph

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Dear Mother and Teddy:

Having completed our visit in Washington Joe and I came over here to Phila. to see a few things before we head back to Cleveland. The last I wrote you was Sunday night in Washington. Monday morning we went to the Franciscan Monastery and spent an hour and a half going thru this wonderful place. Will tell you more about it when I get home. From there we went to the Catholic U. and visited the National Shrine they are building there. From there we went to Mr. Vernon and saw Washington's home. After this we went thru the White House, but only one evening was



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open to the public. We then went through the building where they make the paper currency and stamps. From there we visited the Navy Yard, where we spent an enjoyable time. Next we went to the Lincoln Memorial, then up to St. Alban's where Pres. Wilson's body lies. It was then supper time and as we had a busy day we went to the hotel and rested. After a little rest we thought we would take a walk before retiring. We walked around the White House and then up to the Capitol, which was some walk. At the Capitol the U. S. Navy Band was giving a concert, which we listened to. When we got back to our hotel we figured we had seen Washington



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pretty well in our few days, and so thought
of going to Phila. and then home. Which we
are doing. We both enjoyed our visit in
Washington and think it a very nice town
in which to live. Tuesday, today, we took
off for Phila. about 7 o'clock. From Washington
we went to Annapolis. This was the prettiest ride
of our trip. On arriving there we drove through
the Mary's grounds. They sure are wonderful and was
worth the time going there for. From there we
went to Baltimore and then on to Phila. After
dinner here we drove around and settled here in
the Majestic. Phila. sure is a big, smoky old town
as compared with Washington. And what small



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streets they have. Joe called up Mr. Catchesaw, who used to work at the Atlas and he is going to show us around Phila. tomorrow. I think we are going to the Mint, Mary Woods, and then to Valley Forge. It will be about 3 o'clock when we get there, and as this is on our way to Cleveland we are going to cont. homeward. We will stop along the road that night and reach Cleveland sometime Thursday afternoon or evening. It is too far to make in one day, I mean Phila. to Cleveland. Friday, I guess, we'll fly golf and the same Saturday. I may leave for home Saturday night instead of Sunday, but as yet I am not sure. Enough for now.

Joseph