October 10, 1940

Mrs. Frank W. Boykin,
300 S. Monterey St.,
Mobile, Ala.

My darling Ocllo, Frances, Bob, Jack, Dick and little Ocllo,III:

Well here I am trying to make plans to meet Mother, Frances and the Resters in Fort Worth any time they are ready next week. I would like to leave here about Wednesday as that is the day we expect Congress to adjourn, until the following Monday, and I would only lose a few roll calls, and I have got to go to New York, I think, Tuesday, for a couple of hours. I will fly there and back.

We put Mr. Schundlers bill through both the House and the Senate again, and I am going to the White House tomorrow, and hope I can get it signed up for him. Everybody has certainly worked hard on this and I do hope he gets it fixed up.

Mr. Herd's matter will not come up until after the 18th of next month.

Now, wouldn't it be fine if we had an up-to-date Station Wagon? We could take all the folks, and everything we need, and even the babies and a nurse. If Bob and Jack were smart they would buy ~~a Station Wagon~~ instead of a car, and we could buy it now and use it on this trip, and Rester and I could pay them send for it. Then they could rent it to the club, for about ten dollars a day, during the hunting season, and get about $300.00 on it, because Mr. Mattman and his party would then not need two automobiles, but could just rent the Station Wagon. They when Bob and Jack went to the University of Alabama, they could take parties out and mop up, and all of us could come to Washington in it, after Christmas.

Well anyway I have already made a deal with them and I am going to keep my deal.

This is going to be a great trip and I think I will send Riley a copy of this letter so he will be kept posted.

I am sending this letter to Mother, by air mail, so she will

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get it Friday. I am enclosing three checks, one for this week, one for next week, after we have gone, and one for the following week, and I wish you all would talk things over so you would know right where we were going to be, and we could leave word with Bob, Jack and Dick, and Martha and Richard, right where we were going to be every night, and we could let you know. Has Frances written Riley and asked him about going? He will have a copy of this letter. It will be a great trip. The Dancigers will entertain us at Fort Worth. Then I have several other friends along the way that will entertain also. We will go through Yellowstone Park and then go to Casper, Wyoming, and then several hundred miles around to the different places where we have the oil structures and the wells.

It is going to be a great trip. Rester and I expect to take a couple of days shooting antelope and I expect Mother and Mrs. Rester will join us. I know Frances will, so if they are going to do this, we had better get all of the guns and get ready. Mother has her gun, and Mrs. Rester has a gun. They won't need to bring a shotgun for me, because I have a brand new one that Mr. Deane gave me and which I have never shot, and I will have a shotgun, but I do want Rester to be sure and bring the big rifle that Col. Knight gave me, with plenty of shells, and also bring Frank, Jr's rifle. I imagine he had better bring some buckshot for a twelve gauge shotgun, because I don't know whether we can get any where we are going or not, but we will need plenty of rifles. I expect to shoot Frank, Jr's rifle. We will need about fifty shells there and about fifty for Col. Knight's rifle.

What I had hoped to get from somebody was a rifle with a telescope sight. Gus Meaher has one. Mother you might call him up and see if he would lend it to us. If he will, we would not want a 22, but we would take anything up to a 30-30, or bigger than that, because we are almost going to have to have telescope sights to hit antelopes. His is the only one I know of and we would be mighty careful with it. I killed my sheep in Alaska with a telescope sight, and I don't believe we can have much luck unless we have those, however, I don't know of anybody that has one except Gus Meaher, and he had it when he was up on a hunting trip one time, at our place, and I believe he would be glad to lend it to us.

I wish you would show this letter to Buster and ask him to go to Gus Meaher and tell him that I want to borrow the gun. I have helped

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him and his folks, down through the years, on taxes and other things, and had him up on our place for a week at a time, with all expenses paid by us, on hunting trips, etc., and he is the richest young man in Mobile and has plenty of money and should be delighted to lend us the rifle. If he does lend it we will have to get some cartridges for it, and a good many, because the fellow with the telescope sight is going to kill more than anybody else.

It is going to be a great trip, and we will see the most beautiful scenery in the world. I expect to meet some people there and borrow a man from Danciger to help me go over the oil properties and see just what they are worth, as I am going to close this matter out one way or the other. They say there is a fortune in it, but it is mighty hard to get any results from a proposition that is that far away from you, and now since Sid Keoughan, the real man that we were depending on, is dead, the best thing we can do, I think, is sell.

We will meet, I expect, the different Congressmen and their families, as we go through the different States in which they are located. I am making up a list of them; however, don't take many swell clothes because we don't expect to wear them, however, I expect Si Newton will entertain us in Denver.

This about brings you up to date. I am just broken hearted that I won't be able to see little Ollo this trip, but will get to see her often after the first of the year.

Minnie Putnam and Helen Callon, Ethel's in-laws, are at the Mayflower Hotel and called up. I did not know they were coming, although Virginia did write me they were coming, but I have not been able to look at my mail as I have not been to the office for the last two or three days, as I am working on a coke oven for the DeBardelebens and Milton Fies, and Tom Johnson of the Alabama Power Co. and several other people, and we have been getting good results.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap were here and we got good results for them.

I will run by and see Minnie and Helen as they expect to be here several days, and give them cards to everything.

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Mrs. Frank W. Boykin,

I have got to work as hard as I can so I can get through and get away from here in time to meet you all. I am ready to meet you there any time after daylight Wednesday morning, but I could leave here if necessary, Tuesday, so I can meet you Tuesday night, Wednesday morning, Wednesday night, or Thursday morning, and I would like to meet you at Fort Worth. I think it would be a good idea for Rester to call me as soon as you all get this letter, and go over all of this and you can figure out everything from top to bottom.

I know it is going to be a great trip and it will do us an awful, awful lot of good. I hope so because I need it as I am worked to a frazzle.

Please give all the folks our very best love and I am working mighty hard with Mr. Arthur Williams to put over a proposition for Bill. I do hope we can put it over as it will mean several thousand dollars to Bill and Ollie, and that would put them on their feet if they would use it to the proper advantage, and I certainly hope they will do it. It is a great opportunity but no one knows whether it is going over now, but if one proposition don't go over that does not phase me, I just go on and try another one.

Lots of love to all of you, and I hope Frances has taken this up with Riley and that Riley has told her whether she can go or not. It would be a great trip for her and do her a lot of good, and maybe some day she and Riley might have to go out there and take care of their property, as part of it will be theirs some of these days.

Anyway it is great country out there and will be a great trip and I wish Riley could go with us, but he might be able to go on a later trip. I had hoped we could all make a steamer trip next summer, but I guess we will be bogged up in war so bad by that time, we will never make that kind of trip. Anyway I am sending Riley a copy of this letter and with world's of love to Mother, Frances, Bob, Jack, Dick and Ocllo, III, and all of our loved ones back home, I am,

Devotedly your husband and daddy,

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