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Our Darling Ocllo and Sandra Lee:

Well, I'll enclose you both a copy of a letter. Mother and I drove with Speaker Rayburn all over the country, and I described it a little bit in this letter to Mr. Furman Hudson, who said we only had 200 people to meet Sam Rayburn. Well, we had over 50,000. We'll hear more about that later.

Of course, you know you have a very rich grandmother now. She's just won, for \$1.00, a \$34,000.00 beautiful home. It seems to me that if I were you gals, I would hurry and get married right quick and make Mother give you that house. However, I think you ought to wait about five years.

Your Mother and Grandmother and I spent the weekend at Fort Morgan. It was really very, very beautiful, and how I wished that you two could have been there. We saw the sunset and the new bridge at Alabama Point. We saw the sunrise and you know how pretty it is over there, and the houses were in such good shape. We heard the great Governor Patterson make his wonderful talk there with all of the flags flying over famous Fort Morgan. Well, it was a great day and I wished we'd had you all there. Every time we have anything good, we want you all to have some of it.

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Now, Mother is all excited about Sandra Lee going to Europe - I believe it's on Easter. I guess Easter won't come for a long time - I don't remember - but I guess Mother and I will be back in Washington long before then, and I heard Mother and Frances arguing a little bit about it. Mother said, "Papa and I want to send Sandra Lee." And, of course, your beautiful mother said "No, we will send her."

I don't know whether you heard about your mother or not, but she stole the show at the fashion show. They had 4,000 people there and each one paid \$3.00 to come in. Browder gave the party, and it was really very beautiful, and Lynn drove Mother and me down, but I couldn't ^{see} Lynn to applaud a bit when Browder came by in all her glory, and Bob was in Jacksonville.

You, of course, know that Uncle Aibert Ernest is very, very sick. I wish you could have heard little Lee's prayer when we had Speaker Rayburn at the hunting lodge at dinner the other night. He said, "God, help us to keep Uncle Aibert Ernest and get him well. Thanks for letting us have all this game to show to Speaker Rayburn and thanks for our trees and our family," and he just went right along talking to the Lord in such a natural way.

Well, anyway, Dick and Beppie's home looks beautiful, and Riley's and Frances' does, too, and Bob's and Lynn's and Jack has that place way up on the hill there and they're all getting along fine and Everything is Made for Love.

I hope you'll talk to Charlotte, Sandra Lee, about this trip. Wouldn't it be good if she could go with you all and show you the proper places? She's been there so much and has had so much experience and I believe knows more about it than anybody I know. Mother's threatening to go to Europe all the time. I don't know what she's going to do with all this money. They say it's worth \$34,000.00, but that old income tax man is coming along, and she's one of these Baptists, you know. Sam Rayburn's an old hard-shell Baptist. Well, I don't know whether Mother's a hard-shell or a soft-shell Baptist, but I'm one of these shouting Methodists. I haven't seen the house except for about five minutes and that was before Mother won it. I bought all of you tickets on it. It's a good thing that Riley or Frances didn't win it, because I understand the real estate people couldn't win it. Well, a lot of people

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are mumbling and growling about Mother having so much and they so little and her winning it. So, the first thing you know she might give it to this Baptist college. You can't ever tell. But anyway, it's a beautiful place -- three baths, beautiful white telephones. Even the towels and the food is in the house. It's one of the prettiest little places I've seen, but of course, Mother and I will always live right here where our children were born and where we've had so many joys and pleasures. We've lived here now for about 44 years, so we'll just finish out right here at 300 South Monterey Street where Everything is Made for Love.

I hope that you all heard that Aunt Charlotte gave us the picture of Francis Burwell Boykin, our great, great grandfather. It's very wonderful, and Mother has put it in the dining room, and you'll see it when you come home.

By the way, the tiger skin came in from New Delhi, and what a beauty it is! Rester thinks he killed one better than ours, but I doubt it, as this one is about 12 feet long. Sandra Lee was tiptoeing through the tulips here in the house helping Mother, and she must have not had on any shoes, or maybe these funny shoes that are made out of cloth. Anyway, that tiger claw clawed her foot a little bit, and what a beautiful, beautiful skin it is. During the hunting season, I'll put it up on that old piano there in the hall at the hunting lodge that is 140 years old, and let the people see that with the other trophies -- the buffalo, the antelope, the deer and just all of the different trophies we have there.

Well, the letter that I'm writing to Speaker Rayburn will describe a few of the things that happened on the famous trip where our Speaker honored us by coming here.

Let us know how you're getting along and if you need anything and every one of us send you all of our love, now and forever,

Devotedly,

Mama and Papa

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