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March 7, 1961

Mr. Riley Boykin Smith
c/o Mr. and Mrs. Riley Smith
1109 Pace Parkway
Mobile, Alabama

Our dear Grandson:

Well, it's going to be Easter and Mother and I want you dressed up good, so this morning when she gave me the coffee at 3:45 o'clock this morning and I started to dictate the letters, she suggested that I send to each one of our grandsons twenty-five dollars to buy a pretty coat for Easter. I tried to cut-argue her but couldn't, and I told her Easter would be warm and you'd want to be in your shirt sleeves, but anyway, as I've said, women can out-talk the men, so I am enclosing our check for twenty-five dollars for an Easter present.

We received your letter about the good grades you made and you should see your sister, she is going to town. She just called us at five o'clock, she was downstairs at the hotel getting a check cashed, so she could go to West Point. You'll soon be able to go to some of these places too if you make the proper grades.

Give your big Daddy and little Mother and your big sister, Miss Ocllo Gunn Boykin Smith, Jr., our best love, and this goes for all of you, and Mother and I will be home there at Easter to see how good you look, and don't forget to send me your grades every month. It's so important for you to get all of the knowledge and information you possibly can, and it will help you just as long as you live and who knows, it may help you after you are not living.

Anyway, Lucas and the young ladies in the office join Mother and me in sending you our best love now and forever.

Devotedly,

FWB:g
Encl.

bc-Mrs. Frank W. Boykin