

Sat. Apr. 17

Dear Joan:

A joy to hear from you. Do you like my pretty new stationary? When Beth arrives + phones, I'll welcome her with [21 guns?] as your emissary. I am tired. I've worked for 2 years now without so much as one week of loafing. I should sit with you + view the St. Croix River Valley (know it? really beautiful) + relax. I'll finish the present (30,000 word) story in 3 weeks or so, + then I shall NEVER write anything again more arduous than labels on luggage. The book starts with a big advance sale I enclose advance copies of the reviews that will appear [?]. Also see the current TIME magazine – issue dated April 19. I hope you'll have your copy of the book by the time you receive this letter. Have you any definite plans [?] jobs? And just when do you graduate?

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