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Mr. Amon Carter  
Ft. Worth Club  
Ft. Worth, Texas

My dear Mr. Carter:

I have so much to write you about and so much to thank you for, I hardly know where to begin.

Mrs. Arnold nor I will ever forget our pleasant and most fascinating visit with you. I am sure if we hadn't had to worry about getting some sleep and hadn't had to leave so soon, we both could have enjoyed many more hours of your interesting stories.

I feel especially privileged to have had the opportunity to meet you and share your gracious hospitality and I want to say now that for all the good you have done for so many people, you certainly deserve to have the best happen to you and I sincerely hope your worries about your son are soon over and that he returns to you in the quickest and most satisfying way.

Now on the things I was to handle for you:

1. I am sure by now you know that the General is away for a short time convalescing from a mild illness. Therefore, there will be a delay in having him sign the three dollar bills, the two photographs you asked for and the new cap to replace the terrible one you have. (Just want to assure you that I haven't forgotten.)

2. The following ladies were contacted as to the size hose they wear and they are all terribly thrilled at the chance of getting your wonderful gift:

Size 9	Size 9½	Size 10
Mrs. Spaatz	Mrs. Marshall	Mrs. Eaker
Mrs. George	Mrs. Giles	
	Mrs. Doolittle	
	Mrs. Eisenhower	

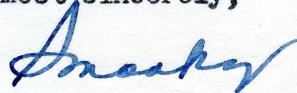
I know you have gone to considerable trouble to get these hose, Mr. Carter, and because you would have no occasion to know of any defects in them, I am passing on the following information and hope you accept it as it is intended:

I appreciated ever so much the thought behind your giving me the hose but I am sorry to say they cannot be worn. The legs are so short that the lisle tops start below the knee caps and in addition to this defect, it is impossible to straighten the seams. Whoever made the hose certainly wasted all yarns used in them because I am sure no woman can wear them.

I hope you realize I am calling this to your attention because I believe you would not want this to be true in the ones you send for the above ladies. (I do not know whether or not Mrs. Arnold has tried to wear hers.)

Thanks again, Sir, for all the kind things you did for us. I shall long remember my first visit to your club as a perfectly delightful evening.

Most sincerely,

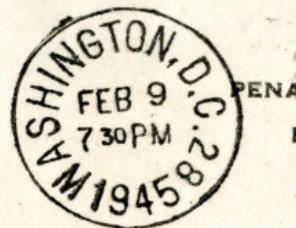


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