

December 11, 1943.

Miss Betty Lederer,
1300 Western,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Betty:

During a Sunday morning breakfast early last Summer, when you dropped over to pay Ruth and me a little visit, I noticed that you had been biting your finger nails and presumptuously called your attention to the fact and, incidentally, offered you a reward for testing your will power: namely, to the effect that if you could refrain from biting your nails for three months that I would send you a check for \$25.00.

Time flies quickly and now it is almost six months before I realized my obligation which had long since been due. Therefore, I enclose, herewith, my check for \$25.00. It is the easiest \$25.00 I have ever parted with and in talking with you this morning I was so delighted to find that you had not only fulfilled the obligation that I placed upon you for three months but had been courageous enough to give me double time -- so, here comes the check and I hope you will use it anyway that will bring you the greatest happiness.

Patience, will power and the courage of your convictions are the necessary requisites to a wholesome, delightful, happy life and this I wish for you in every sense. You are a delightful, lovely little girl and all of your friends are real proud of you.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read "J. D. Carey", with a horizontal line underneath.

AGC.KD