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## Helen to Dutch and Jim, 16 January

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January 16<sup>th</sup>

Dear Dutch & Jim,

After all your kindness, I never meant to wait so long to write.

There is no doubt in my mind that being with you all did Frank a lot of good. And he did keep his promise to you and went to Bethesda Naval Hospital right after Christmas for their usual whirlwind examination. So far as we (2) know, they found nothing wrong. There has been no actual report as such on the various tests, but for the first time Frank had a talk with the chief of internal medicine, and apparently

that was reassuring. Anyway,  
he seems to feel better now.

I just hope he never gets  
into the state he was in when  
I wrote you - (again, that is). That  
may be too much to hope for  
with a year like this coming  
up, and his staff situation  
not completely settled yet.

I thank you, Dutch, for your note  
at Christmas, and your letter. Jim's  
They were both a comfort to me.  
I guess I was as much in need  
of counsel as Frank, and I should  
have known he would snap back  
when he had a chance to  
analyze the situation. He is  
starting a book pretty soon, for  
which I am grateful. If he

will keep at it, at least he  
won't have as much time to  
worry. He never has been a  
"warrior" before! That is my  
department.

We had a pleasant Christmas.  
Frank's family came here - and,  
the twins are spoiled completely,  
having Grandmother for a month.  
They like school better, and are  
doing pretty well, we think.

Frank flew to Huntsville, Ala.  
yesterday with 4 other Congressmen  
to a celebration honoring Medaris.  
He came right back. Is going to  
Miss. next week (the 26<sup>th</sup> actually)  
for several days. So, the merry -

95. round has started already.

When are you all coming back  
to see us? Believe me, we love  
every minute you're here. So  
come often.

I thank you ever so much  
again.

Affectionately,

Helin