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wednesday

Dear Mr. Silver,

Box 31181  
LA 31

I've delayed answering your letter until I could come to a decision about the schools. As I see it now, Newcomb would really be an impossibility at this time.

I've decided to go ahead with the Kentucky application and have mailed it to them - the Millsaps one has been sent, also. If you can help me get in Ky. this fall, I'd appreciate it. I don't have ~~the~~ the slightest idea of how these things are done, but I'm sure you'll pull thru like a champ for me.

I don't think it will be necessary to pull any strings

at Millsaps. However, I gave  
your name as a personal  
reference, so they may  
contact you anyway. Have  
any grad buddies in their  
history dept.? Hope so!

It would really be great to  
be accepted to Ky this fall -  
however, I've tried to keep a  
level head about the possibility  
and be a little <sup>but</sup> reasonable. It  
would not surprise me to be  
rejected; therefore, I guess  
Millsaps will be my fate  
first semester.

I realize you must be  
busy as hell right now -  
things aren't too settled  
on the southern front from  
the newspaper coverage we  
get out here - It's a tribute

to you that you seem to be  
able to work in 47 different  
directions at once, and get  
everything done. I don't mean  
to be a distraction— I apologize  
for taking up so much of your  
time. However, being the  
selfish female I am, it seems  
quite logical to ask you to  
do these things for me—

Right now, I'm awaiting  
the big event—tentatively  
scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup>— not  
very long, hummm? After that,  
I'll remain in L.A. 10 days,  
then tramp up to S.F. and  
Yosemite. Will spend  
approximately six weeks  
roaming about Calif., then  
return to L.A. for my final

check-up — then home. Should  
be home by the first week  
in August, I suppose. Are you  
still going to Emory for the  
summer? Is Clutch going with  
you? It might not be a bad  
idea, you know, to get the  
family out of Miss. for the  
summer, too. You and Clutch  
can handle any situation  
that arises, I'm confident  
of that, but what about  
Gail? There are so many  
ways people can make  
trips for y'all. I just hate  
to think what might happen  
if some of the children at  
school repeat what they've  
heard their parents say  
about "that damned leftist, Silver"

in her presence - or <sup>worse</sup> take  
care. I know all this is  
totally unnecessary; you  
must've thought of the dis-  
advantages of your stand  
in detail before committing  
yourself - but please take  
care that no harm goes to  
the innocents.

Betty has been writing  
hints of a possible wedding  
this fall - any more to this  
than wishful thinking? It's  
come as such a shock to me  
that she has apparently lost  
all previous desire for a  
career, travel, etc., before  
settling down. It was hard  
to believe what I read  
in her letters - oh, well -  
I suppose we all change

in our conceptions of things  
a great deal ~~that~~ in our journey  
from adolescence to adulthood—  
enough philosophising.....

Thanks again for all  
your encouragement and  
help— and thanks in advance  
for those rec's you've  
promised for me.

Good luck with your  
multitudinous projects— and—

Take care —

As ever,

Polly