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Dear Mrs. Rockrise.

Although I dislike to start a letter with an apology, I'm afraid I must in this instance, since we have delayed for some time to thank you for the wedding gift and to answer your letters. Some of the delay is explained by the fact that I didn't register a change of address with the postal authorities and instead resorted to infrequent visits to my former residence to pick up the unforwarded mail. Also we have been so busy with the holiday activities that many important things were left undone.

But now let me thank you for your thoughtful present. Alice and I both enjoy good books and it has made a welcome addition to our library.

We are now finally comfortable in our new apartment which we obtained only after a months strenuous and intensive search. We live about six miles from downtown Washington but with my old car, we manage pretty well. Alice is also a Lt. in the Navy and at present we both work in the same building, but she is on a continuously changing shift schedule of mornings, afternoons and nights which prevents having a very normal home life. However we both expect a discharge about the middle of April or so, at which time we hope to get located in some city where opportunities for a struggling architect are abundant.

What word have you had from George? Do you still expect him back this month?

I certainly hope that nothing goes wrong with his plans to return to the States, as I, too, am anxious to see him.

We hope to be in New York for a week-end in the near future, ~~and we~~ will certainly see you this time. Perhaps we can have dinner together as you suggested.

Hope you are keeping well and that the New Year brings you much happiness.

Sincerely

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