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Mother, darling,

I suppose this is bad news, but I am rather excited about it. I am going down to Spain for my vacation. I shall be very careful and not get mixed up in any fighting, as most of what I want to do is behind-the-lines research. Mr. Hills wrote me a letter enabling me to fix up my passport as a Herald Tribune representative and said he would take any stories I might mail out or write afterward, but I am also negotiating in various quarters for other pieces. If things work out well, I may write a book.

This morning I started taking Spanish lessons, and it comes back to me very easily. I am still taking an occasional German lesson as well. The U.P. job is fairly certain eventually, but I don't know just when it will materialize. There is still an outside chance that I might get home for a spell after coming back from Spain, but probably not.

My financial status is this: I have just about enough money to get by on until next payday and owe a \$27 for lessons (most of which I haven't taken yet) and a still undetermined amount for my dentistry. The gum is in beautiful condition, but is not quite closed up yet, and I have to go back once or twice more. When I start on my vacation, I shall get five weeks' pay all at once, which with a little help from the Loyalist Propaganda Ministry will be plenty. My laundry is paid up to

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date and my rent through April 15.

The weather here in the past two weeks has been beautiful and I have gone into the Bois or along the banks of the Seine a few times to do my reading. Next week end I am going to try to get three days off in a row, which are owing to me through arduous work during the Austrian crisis, and take a little more advantage of the weather. The trees are budding and it is warm enough to sit in the sun without a coat on.

Did John go down south this year and does he still think the Cardinals have a chance against the Pirates?

If I get back from Spain in time, I am going to be best man at Tom Wilson's wedding to an American girl who used to work in our office and who now has a job at the Embassy. I am farther than ever from thinking of marriage now that French women no longer have to obey their husbands.

I shall write you again twice before leaving France.

Love,

Jim