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P.S. YOUR LETTER WAS BETTER THAN A  
VALENTINE - THANKS SWEETHEART

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Darling,

It has been a gray rainy  
day all day today. Not much  
snow this winter. no fun!

Valentine's Day I felt very  
unhappy - I can't tell you why -  
I just felt as though I wasn't  
very much good to the world, I guess.  
Right then in there I decided to do  
something so I went downtown  
to one of the Red Cross Blood  
Donor Centers and helped them  
take blood. I was there from  
6:30 P.M. to 9:00 and when I left I  
told them I would come next  
Wednesday - They were delighted!  
When I returned home there was  
your Special Delivery letter  
waiting for me. I read it over and

over again. In each time I read it I felt better in better. Right will always win - so I must not lose faith. You are my strength and I still love you very very much - you know that honey. If I could pick the place I want to live it would be with you.

Geographically it wouldn't matter, believe me. However, I wish you would give Houston at least two working years before you decide to make a definite change. Say by this time next year if you are still dissatisfied - change - By that time you should know what you're looking for - Right now I don't think you do. In the meantime talk to DeBakey about private practice. On your vacation you could look over the situation in New England if you

like - but I don't think you'll find many places more desirable than Houston. By the way when are you taking your vacation? Mine will probably be the first of June - I'll graduate then.

Is Gusta still planning your Pap's birthday party in April? If so, are you coming? When? Anyway, when am I going to see you again? Three months is just about my limit. It has been six weeks since you were here but it already it seems like six months. Oh gee —

The other day I had to go down to Personnel to be identified. They finger printed me left + right separately and together - noted weight, color of hair, eyes and skin - took my picture - also took blood

for typing. All patients are going to wear identification bracelets. Everyone working in the hospital will be required to carry their identification cards at all times. N.Y.C. is going all out for Civil Defense.

Saw "Bell Book and Candle" with Rex Harrison and Lilli Palmer - It's a new comedy by John van Druten - Remember he wrote "The Voice of the Turtle". I enjoyed it lab.

Guess I've written you everything of any importance, honey. I can't begin to tell you how much I LOVE you but I think you know anyway. Sometimes I think I can't go on another day without you, but I do - Your letters and my promise to you are the only two reasons I don't join the Navy. If I don't see you soon I might join anyway. All my love, Dorinda