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My little Darling,

It is 11:15 P.M. and I have to get up before six to get out for a 7:30 class. So, I'll try to be brief.

Tonight I went to the St. Paul's Church, where Harold Reinbold was married, for evening service. The pastor, Dr. Thomas, spoke. I enjoyed myself; the kids there are so friendly (and pretty!). Then I had to pick up my aunt and sister near our church. While I was there Shirley Anderson's grandmother talked me into taking her and Shirley's cousin, Connie Mahon, home. So, as a good little boy, I said I'd be delighted to do so. In our Church tonight they had a guest violinist from Wheaton play. She is just a new student. Elaine sang and so got to know her rather well. One of the older fellows who always likes to look after me tried to talk me into dating her. He said that she is just right for me. Well, I did not see her and don't know. I told him that I'd probably know whether I'll be free after a week or two.-????????!!!!!! You hold the answer to that question, Darling,

Went to the farm Saturday afternoon with Dad. We arranged to get some work done there and came right home again. La Verne had a little supper for us before we left.

As I said, Darling, this is a short, short letter because I must get to bed. Can't afford to stay up when I have school tomorrow.

About your coming to the States as my bride, I suppose you think

I don't understand your feelings. You are wrong if you think that. I do understand perfectly how you feel. It probably would look a little funny if you did become engaged to me without seeing me again. You are right in wanting to immigrate before we get engaged. Yet, Sweetheart, as right as you are, it just cannot be done that way. If you immigrate, you would not get here before a year from next Christmas. Then we would have to be engaged for about six months. By then it would be two years from ~~now~~^{now} before we could get married. But in two years I will have no more government compensation left (all I have left is two years). With two years of Seminary left, we would have to wait another two years. If I enter Seminary married, they will provide for both of us. But if not, they will insist on my graduating before marrying you. Therefore, Darling, unless you immigrate immediately as my bride, we will have to wait for four years. I could promise to be faithful and yet date other girls anyway. That way I would go out on dates and you would remain faithful to me, thinking I was faithful to you. A certain H. already did that to you. But Darling, I am not made that way. If I date, I want you to date. I don't want to date because I have found the one I love - you. But I know I cannot wait for four years for you.

Darling, you know the decision I hope you make. May the Lord guide you as you do make this great decision. I shall be praying for you.

All my love (still!),

your own

Bernie