

11342 Church Street
Chicago 43, Illinois
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Doris darling,

Listen very carefully to me, Sweetheart; this is a very important letter. As you know, the crew members of the Queen Elizabeth are on strike. Already the ship has been delayed over a week. By the time the strike is over and by the time the Queen Elizabeth has come to the States and returned, there will not be time enough for you to get to the States before the 28th of December. Darling, if we wait for the Queen Elizabeth, you will never arrive in time.

I talked this over with Dad tonight after arriving home from school. He called the immigration authorities yesterday and they said you MUST be here on or before the 28th. Then he called the American Air Lines and found that you would be able to get passage by air almost immediately. It will cost us about \$440.00. That is a lot of money and more than I have by far. But Dad said he would lend us that much. I shall work for Christmas and earn part of what we owe. Then if you work a few months, I am sure we can pay Dad back alright.

Now, Darling, here is what you are to do. First call the air-lines and find out when you can get passage. Try to get passage as soon as possible; don't wait for a day. Maybe something else will happen later so that you will be prevented from going. Get passage aboard the American Air-Lines as soon as possible. Don't wait. Then call the Norwegian Lines and get your money back. First be sure that you have air passage though. Take the money and make a payment on the air-lines. Then send me a telegram, telling me

how much more you owe the air-lines. Then I shall send you the additional money immediately. Do you understand what I want you to do?

First see when you can get passage aboard a air-liner. Then get your money from the Norwegian lines. Make a payment on your ticket at the air-lines. Telegraph me for the additional money. Get aboard the plane and come to your waiting hubbie.

Darling, make arrangements to take a plane all the way to Chicago. Don't just stop in New York. Be sure to let me know when you will arrive in New York and when you will leave New York, and when your plane will arrive in Chicago. When you get to New York, send a telegram, telling me for certain of your time of arrival in Chicago.

Take whatever luggage is necessary on the plane (and what they will permit you to take). Ship the rest by boat to the following address:

Mr. Bernard J. Holmquist
11342 S. Church Street
Chicago, 43, Illinois

Darling, I shall close with this. Remember, I love you and want you for my own. Write me as soon as you know what you will do.

Your loving hubbie,

Bernie XXOX