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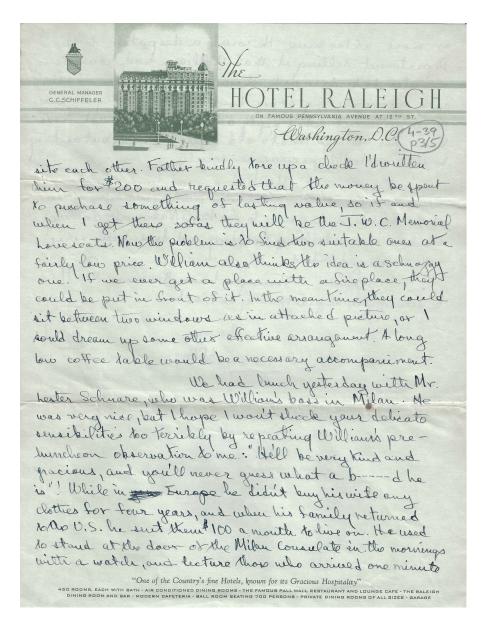
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To try to answer Jimmy's question about the vacuum cleaner & toaster: the Caracas current is 110 AC, 50 cycles, & Jimmy told me once, as I remember at least, that American appliances would work on that. However, I can't remember whether or not you are able to find a vacuum cleaner. I certainly do hope so!! If you already have, tell us how much it cost. How about an iron? If we've already been over this ground before, excuse me for asking again, but I've forgotten.

I've bought a light powder blue cotton shag rug for the dining room – extremely pretty but in all probability impractical. For a 9 x 12, it was only \$92. Rugs are hard to come by these days – especially decent ones without patterns – and William and I loved the looks of this one. I bought curtain material in light & dark blue & tan modified plaid, which I think will drape well and look "chic" with the conservative modern furniture. To be sure the colors harmonized with the color of my new rug, I lugged a small size rug of the same stuff down to the drapery department of Woodward & Lothrop, to the amazement of all who saw me.

The other day I had a brainwave of enormous proportions, to wit: I think instead of a conventional sofa I'll buy two matching love seats to place oppo-

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site each other. Father kindly tore up a check I'd written him for \$200 and requested that the money be spent to purchase something of lasting value, so if and when I get these sofas they will be the J. W. C Memorial Love seats. Now the problem is to find two suitable ones at a fairly low price. William also thinks the idea is a schnazzy one. If we ever get a place with a fire place, they could be put in front of it. In the meantime, they could sit between two windows as in attached picture, or I could dream up some other effective arrangement. A long low coffee table would be a necessary accompaniment.

We had lunch yesterday with Mr. Lester Schnare, who was William's boss in Milan. He was very nice, but I hope I won't shock your delicate sensibilities too terribly by repeating William's pre-luncheon observation to me: "He'll be very kind and gracious, and you'll never guess what a b-----d he is"! While in Europe he didn't buy his wife any clothes for four years, and when his family returned to the U.S. he sent them \$100 a month to live on. He used to stand at the door of the Milan Consulate in the mornings with a watch, and lecture whose who arrived one minute

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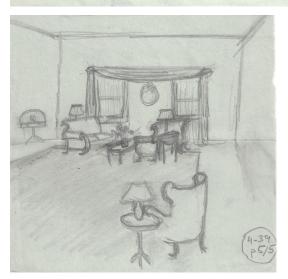
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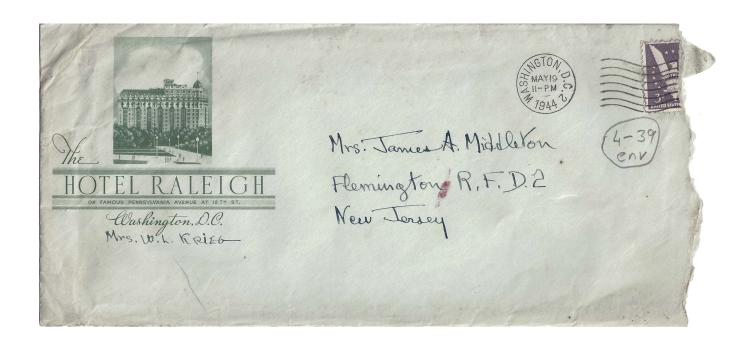
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There you have the news. We'll be seeing you in practically no time!

Love,

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