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Dearest Ninny:

I am taking a few minutes of office time so that I can tell you about something which I am sure you will enjoy hearing. I have just received word that the Foreign Service Officers'

Training School will be held this year beginning September 5, and I am to be recalled to Washington by that time. I am making tentative plans to sail August 22 on the Washington, and will arrive in New York August 31. this should give me a few days at home before the school begins, and a chance to see you and dear Aunt Vonie before you return to Florida.

As you know, this early a recall was

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not expected. It only goes to show that you can't make plans in the Foreign Service. One never knows from one day to the next what will happen. I imaging these plans could be changed if war broke out, but I am hoping that that will not happen.

As soon as Janie arrives, I will get in touch with her and see if she can make arrangements to stay over here for three weeks more and return with me on the Washington. I hope she will be able to carry this out, but there may be difficulties in getting a refund from the Italian Line, on which she is planning to return. One of the rooms in the apartment where I live will probably be vacant, so I will be able to take care of her very nicely.

I am leaving July 1st on my vacation, and hope that everything will work out well. My friends in England write that they are thinking of hiring a car, which would only cost \$15 apiece for two weeks. Then I shall return to Germany to meet Janie, and we will decide then what to do.

I can't take time to write any more, as I want this letter to catch a fast boat. I hope you and Aunt Vonie will have a very pleasant summer in Newark. I often wish I were at the Old Muny Pool again, basking in the sunlight. I'm pretty pale now. Never get out in the sun.

You will, of course, pass the news along to Daddy and the rest of the family.

With all my love,

William

