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January 11, 1933.

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Mrs. Gertrude B. Warner,
University of Oregon,
Eugene, Oregon.

My dear Gertrude:

I have your letter of January 6th but in this letter I will write only about Jean and her affairs.

Particularly since our conference with you at the Congress Hotel around Thanksgiving time, the whole matter has caused Mame and all of us a great deal of concern and worry. We want to plan some method that will best solve her problem and coincide with your views about really helping Jean which, of course, is our only interest in the whole proposition. As you know we are greatly impressed with your views as expressed that day and what you have written since.

Since receipt of your letter of December 27th we have not been able to learn of any professor or department at either Northwestern or Chicago University from whom we could obtain helpful information. However, Jack had a long talk with a close friend of his - a young doctor who took care of Ellen and has been their doctor since the baby came. He is Assistant to Chief of Staff of the Children's Memorial Hospital and has had a wide experience. This doctor is of the opinion that the trouble that you mention is much more prevalent than we suspected and might well be the cause of trouble in this instance. The chief difficulty is the best method of obtaining proof. Jack also knows very well an officer of the Chicago police, who was chief of the detective department under a former administration and a man of high standing. Jim, Jack and I had a long conference with this man last week. He stated Chicago has many such people in it and New York many more but the trouble is in getting evidence. I have forgotten whether I wrote you about what Jim's friend in New York found out. He interviewed the police department and a couple of private agencies. The police department could not undertake such a matter, the other could but they all expressed their opinion that to attempt without cooperation and consent of the injured party was a waste of time and money. The officer in Chicago is firmly of the opinion, based on years of experience, that the employment of agencies in such matters was very unsatisfactory. The tendency is to string the investigation along beyond all reason, run up exorbitant expense accounts in addition to their high daily fees and oftentimes led to blackmail of both parties and double crossing all around.



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January 11, 1935

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We are doing our best along the line of your suggestion to show Jean that she is and always will be welcome at home. I wrote you that the three of them spent Christmas in North Carolina, at his old home. While there he made a new business connection which began January 1st. He wrote me about it and at the same time asked for a cash advance of \$335.00 to cover an old account. I refused it, but pointed out how he could clean that up by personal economy and soon pay up all his old obligations with the view of ultimately contributing to his own family support. Jean's baby developed ear trouble, had both ears punctured and left last week for New York to have the treatment of the baby's own doctor, and they are all in New York now. I have made it plain to Jean that none of your money is for Avriett on any part of his business expense. I am sure there will be no trouble on this account. We all agree with you and your ideas about really helping Jean and the tone of Jean's letters is that she thinks you are helping in the way you want to help and appreciates it.

We feel as though it will be very difficult by correspondence to get over to Jean our point of view of her situation. It occurs to us that since the baby is not well that we might get her to come home for a visit and then we can discuss the whole matter personally and perhaps she will then tell us many things she would not write. You can appreciate that when Jean was here before and talked matters over with me we were not aware of many things we now know, and thus did not question her about them. Otherwise some one of us could go on to New York but we think the first plan would be better. What do you think of it? Bear in mind, we always run into the factor, according to all the officers and operatives with whom we have consulted, that what we plan to do is not likely to be effective without Jean's approval and actual cooperation.

As you see, the situation presents real difficulties but we can not forget the terrible situation Jean is up against, the fine sportsmanlike front she has been and is putting up (even if from a mistaken point of view) and our efforts to straighten it out and get it right are not going to lag but I do want you to know what we have been striving to do without bothering you with all the details, for your interest and help is an inspiration and mainstay of the effort.

With very kind regards, I am

Yours very truly,

Perkins B. Bass

PBB/RI



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