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March 23, 1973

Mrs. Edward M. Ray
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Dear Jo:

I made it back home in fine shape, although I acquired a bad cold, as you may have noticed, while there. The flight from Muskegon to Chicago was cancelled because of engine trouble and they rerouted me to Grand Rapids, and from there to Chicago and on home. I got home two hours later than originally scheduled. I am back in the groove today, with my fish-eating bear sitting on my desk in the office. I am truly proud of him.

Ed was a wonderful man, as we who were closest to him know much better than others. We will never completely recover from his loss. I think the selection of Joe Wilson to preach the sermon was a stroke of inspiration. I never heard a more effective service.

Jettie was pleased to get the various items I brought home and asks to be remembered warmly to you. I never did say to you that we have long since forgotten our disappointment in Scott's being left out of this round of the Robin. I shall hereafter follow Ed's advice and mail the Robin to Scott from here. It can then resume its regular rounds. I think the principal difficulty in that respect derived from Jettie's and my admiration of our nieces and nephews, particularly Sylvia and Emily, who have become mainstays in the Robin. Not all nieces and nephews would fit in the Robin, but some do. We had thought that Scott was such a one, and we hoped that he would get into the spirit of the thing--a hope that we still entertain.

Take good care of yourself and do include us sometime in your plans for travel.

Love,