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My darling,

I can't tell you how hurt I am by the stupidity of those people in accusing Gene of such a thing. The immediate effect was to make me so angry I could hardly keep from crying. To think that you all have been subjected to such humiliation. And I feel so helpless not being there to bear ~~the~~ the brunt of this experience.

I have written Holmes a letter, but I waited until I could think calmly about the subject. I will probably never forgive him and Mrs. Holmes for the hurt they have caused you all, and I know I'll never forget it. I'm sorry, but I cannot. I will be willing to let the matter drop, however, if he complies with my requests to the letter. I am sending you a copy of the letter I wrote him and I would like for you to keep me informed of any developments. I hope he does have the fairness to do the right thing. Then I will put the matter from my mind. If he does not I vow I will retaliate in some manner just as soon as this damned war makes it possible for me to get home.

Perhaps it would be just as well for Gene not to read this letter nor the one I wrote Holmes. I will write him a letter and then probably it would be best to help him forget the experience. Perhaps, if the incident is quietened down as soon as possible, the memory will fade as he grows up. I do know that he has been hurt and that you have been hurt. For that reason I could never forgive those stupid people.

I'm sorry but I cannot write more tonight. My thoughts are too mixed up. I wish with all my heart I could be with you and I want you to know I am proud of my family, my wife, my son, and my daughters. God bless you all.

I'll write tomorrow when I'm feeling better. You know you have my love.

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