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June 26, 1963

Dearut Aee and Babas,

Exactly one week ago today I received the Habit! What a privilege. They say that you get used to all these clothes after a while. I still feel like I'm carrying around my own private pup-tent!

Bless your hearts for sending this beautiful stationery. I so desperately needed it that here you are getting a piece of it right back.

Life begins to get lively around here tomorrow when the sisters come up for retreat and summer school.

The week before Investring, we moved into the new Novitiate Building and the

only word for it is <sup>(2)</sup> plush!  
Single rooms with a sink in  
each room, matching drapes  
and bedspreads and colored  
walls - pink, yellow, blue or  
green. Doesn't sound too  
conventional does it? Well,  
that's the modern, "with it"  
Dominicanis for you!!

So, I'm embarking on that  
all important Novice year.  
Please, pray that I live up  
to the meaning of the habit  
I just received, this year  
and for the rest of my life.

My love to you both, I  
hope you have a wonderful  
summer and from what I  
hear from home, you'll be seeing  
the Leahys again!

Love,  
(Muffi) Sister Maria Dei

Miss Mary Novitate  
Newburgh, New York



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Miss Iva Cotton  
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Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Ltr from a nun student

Wednesday  
Aug. 20th

My dear Betty:

Last week when I learned I was going to meet you in Asheville and there was a possibility of you driving from Louisville to Asheville alone I wrote Julie Ryan (you remember the red headed Irish girl who stayed with me for a little while before she went to Oak Ridge. She is lots of fun and I wrote her for her phone number thinking she might join you in Knoxville and come over to Asheville for Saturday.

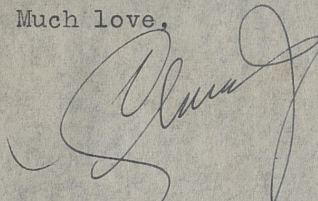
Am enclosing her letter which gives all the detailed information and I wish you would drop her a line if there is any chance of you getting together. Thought the three of us might spend Saturday in Asheville or thereabouts. If you aren't going that way drop her a note and maybe she will come to Asheville anyway or let me know your plans and I will write her - that's all right with you isn't it? Don't want to do anything to upset your plans but I am sure you would enjoy her company should you get together in Knoxville. *or Oak Ridge*

*for a day  
take the  
back*

My bus doesn't get in to Asheville until 8:30 Saturday morning instead of 7:30 - they change the latter part of this month. If you aren't at the station I will meet you at the Vanderbilt Hotel - in the lobby - they say that is right across from the Catholic Church and I will be one place or the other.

Must dash. Will write you at the Stevens if I have any news otherwise will be looking for you the 13th in Asheville.

Much love,



Thursday, August 14th

My dear Clara:

Received your letter "early" this morning, and I'm hastening to answer so you can relay the information. First, it is sure great that you are coming up and I hope we are going to be able to see one another. The way things are now I am as far as I ever was toward getting out of here. However, I know there is something in the mill, and I'm just letting it ride. I do not believe that anything will develop before the time you are coming. I will be more than pleased to spend the week-end at Asheville. Have you done anything about reservations there. I have stayed at the Vanderbuilt and it was very nice.

I should think that Betty would be coming this way from Louisville, in fact, I don't know any other way she would come. However, whatever her plans are, I'll be glad to make mine accordingly, and if she isn't coming and wants to meet me anywhere, I can arrange that. My telephone number at the office is Extension 4777, the number you call first is Oak Ridge 5861. That is my own phone and frequently I am away from the office, so she should ask if I am in the building if I should not be in the office, so they will look me up. The number of the phone where I live (Bayonne Hall, Room 113, is Oak Ridge 5-9106. I should know about when she is going to call, and I'll try to stay near the telephone. If I haven't made myself clear, just tell me and I'll do my best.

If you would like to come here and meet Betty and ride over to Asheville, I think that would be nice too; then you would get a chance to see the great Atomic City of the World. I believe we had letters cross in the mail because I suggested that you might like to come up here. You let me know. The train would come into Knoxville, and I would meet you there. Whatever you would like to do is find with me.

It sure was nice that you all got together at Fort Pierce. When you do anything like that unexpected you have lots of fun, true there isn't any anticipation fun, but I like to do it once in awhile. My fingers are just sliding all over these keys. I'm racing so as to go to the Post Office. I'm tired today too; last evening I went out to a dinner, and it had "all the fixings". Afterwards we played Bridge, and it was one of those evenings that everyone is feeling silly. I think we were all tired and one little drink just set us off, you know how that happens. I didn't get home until real late, and stopped at the Post Office, and found you

So glad to get your letter this AM.

Also the enclosed letter from <sup>Missy</sup> ~~Missy~~ ~~and~~ ~~Paul~~

Mum is a nice suggestion for all of us  
to get together. I had not planned  
to come by way of Knoxville but  
I can turn off at <sup>Carbin, Ky + go</sup> ~~Carbin~~ ~~to~~

go to Knoxville <sup>instead of going to</sup>  
175 miles from ~~here~~ <sup>Knox</sup> to Ashville & in  
265 from Jonesville to Knoxville so

I wouldn't get in there before  
early afternoon - she can tell me  
where to meet her in Knoxville -

I can come the any time but I had  
planned to leave <sup>Am</sup> Fri Sept 12 + drive to  
Jonesville + stop over night to see Ann <sup>Kopfman</sup>

she is married + has a new baby. Will leave  
Jonesville early Sat AM ~~Sept~~ 13 + be

in Knoxville by early PM. ~~It will take 2~~  
~~days to drive from there, its 650 miles~~

Knoxville, Tenn

So glad to get your letter this AM. Also the  
enclosed one from Miss Ryan - sure a  
nice suggestion for us all to be together  
in Ashville. Wish I could find Oakes  
Ridge on the map but I don't  
+ I ~~don't~~ <sup>don't</sup> ~~not~~ <sup>not</sup> be near Knoxville -  
However, it is sure an <sup>good</sup> <sup>idea</sup> <sup>to meet</sup> <sup>Miss</sup> <sup>Ryan</sup>  
wish we could see the Home  
city I can leave ~~the~~ ~~country~~  
~~but~~ I had planned to ~~go~~ ~~from~~ ~~Am~~ <sup>leave the Fri</sup> <sup>1st</sup>  
~~the~~ <sup>stop in</sup> ~~to~~ ~~visit~~ ~~retain~~ ~~for~~ ~~a~~ ~~few~~ ~~hours~~ ~~on~~ ~~to~~ ~~Townsville~~  
+ ~~stay~~ ~~there~~ ~~to~~ ~~see~~ ~~Ann~~ ~~Joy~~ ~~Coan~~  
she is married lives there + has  
a new baby - ~~leave~~ ~~Townsville~~  
~~on~~ ~~the~~ ~~1st~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~month~~ ~~to~~ ~~go~~ ~~by~~ ~~way~~ ~~of~~ ~~Board~~  
London, Middleboro, Modestown  
Greenville stop there + see  
The Beckners + Alters - + then come  
on down to Ashville. It is 650  
miles from ~~the~~ ~~to~~ ~~Ashville~~ is it



could have been a terrible  
see while you when I get into it.

letter. Somehow there has been a lot of social activity lately.  
You know you won't do anything and then a bunch of invitations  
come all together.

change my plans + then me 3

You know, Clara, it is a very pretty ride from here  
to Asheville, so think about that angle, won't you? I could  
arrange reservations at the Guest House, or whatever you want,  
boy, oh boy, won't that be fun to see you after this long time.  
Do you think I should wear a red carnation?

Well, if I'm going to get this on its way, I'd better  
dash, so here goes.

Love,

Julie

go over to Oak Ridge  
good days - you would like to  
to my father in mind  
to the Oak Hotel + I will go out  
you for a day there do see how  
to keep all the most they will give  
convention is on a 2 week  
why in fact for in before the  
46 P.O. Box 2  
Oak Ridge Tenn  
+ get them to write  
the reservation on the Ste. Vandenberg  
of the order from the I will make  
plot as there is a case of shares  
time you would be at any day  
one thing is in hand to pay what  
will take time to pay you

Miami Beach 1760 James Ave

Dear Bergoyne:

Why dont I ever hear from you  
are you so busy?

I just want to tell you that  
I am going to leave for Germany  
in 2 weeks, mother has been  
ill and I had all plans made  
to go and take care of her and  
stay with her, have my Steamer  
Ticket and all, and now I got  
a cable that she died, at sure  
is an awful thing to me  
my darling mother has been  
waiting so much for me but  
I couldnt get a Steamer Ticket  
and now since I have one  
and expect to leave last week,  
this awful news, now I am going  
to leave later but I have to go  
it will be better for me.

Do you still have those films  
please send them to me or  
bring them yourself. There is  
nothing to do, only 4 Patients  
at the hospital.

I have had a 3 weeks case at  
Coral Gables, my Patient died  
a week from today.

Hope to hear soon from you

Lots of love

Maria.

Give my regards to Dr. and Mrs. H.

Thursday the 24th

Dear Betty:-

Well, here I am back again in the old grind--pecking away at the typewriter with a vengeance, and I do mean vengeance. Never saw quite so much work as accumulated while I was away on my vacation, but for once it isn't worrying me too much--if it gets finished, OK, and if it doesn't it is still OK. Isn't that a fine attitude for one to take?

I had a grand time while in Florida, the only thing I was sorry about, was the fact that I couldn't make the trip over to the East Coast. I did however, when I first arrived in St. Pete, inquire about transportation, and had I taken the train it would have taken me about two days to get to Hollywood, and the bus would have taken almost as long--the only thing left was the plane, but I couldn't make connections. I didn't want to spend too much money as my trip really cost plenty, and with all the expenses back here at home, I felt I should not be too hasty about taking all the side trips I wanted to take, so just stayed in and around St. Pete and Clearwater. However, if everything goes all right, I might be back there again this winter, and if I do, believe you me, I intend spending some time on the East Coast, and that is both a threat and a promise. Scared? How about giving me a job for the winter or longer? Ha. I wouldn't mind getting a job down there, an interesting one, then I believe I would stay there indefinitely. I don't want much, do I?

Mother is still in the hospital, but is much, much better I am thankful to say. She is allowed to sit up for about five minutes each day, and although she is very weak, she seems to be able to stand the five minutes all right. The Doctor promises to let her stay up for a longer period of time beginning next week. She looks grand, sleeps good, doesn't eat much as she is on a cardiac diet, and her heart is about back to normal. So I have hopes. And, if she gets well enuff, my brother wants me to take her to Florida (Clearwater), so here's hoping.

Well old timer, when do you leave on your trip? Pretty soon, eh? Wish you could make connections to come to Terre Haute, would love to see you. Come if you can. And let me hear from you soon.

Must close as my Boss is due back almost any time, and I wouldn't like to have him see me writing personal letters on company time. Ha. Write real, real soon and tell me all the news, gossip 'n'everything.

Love,

Ruth

Monday -

Dear Betty -

Again we missed  
one another. Of all people in  
Florida you were the one we  
wanted to spend some time with -  
for after all we have never  
forgotten your many kindnesses  
to us two years ago -

We had such a good time  
at the Convention - due to your  
grand committee and their  
excellent planning -

Are you going to the South -  
Eastern Convention? - if so look me  
up at the Noel Hotel or be at  
the school where I will be  
with Tommie Bright -  
Affectionately  
Marie Gould.

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7 Ave  
8:30 + 9:00

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we tried to contact  
you for Xmas  
+ failed -

Tues 4 PM.  
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for Mrs  
Val -

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N.H.D.

Dear Betty Bourgoyne.

Just because we know  
you and like you - and  
wish you all the good life has  
to give - unceasing success  
and joy in this new venture.  
Helen, Brier and Maudie  
Newman give you this little  
remembrance. Keep your chin  
up! - There's nothing but God  
ahead!

Love.

The Three Potts.

Tuesday noon

My Dear Betty:

How are you and are you still busy as  
ever? I guess you think I am a long  
time writing but just waiting to find  
out what we were going to do. we  
are moving to Miami Thursday, Mr. T.  
and Clay went down yesterday and  
rented an apt. so we will go down  
Thursday-

If you can get away try come up  
tomorrow after noon. I guess we will go  
down on train as we have to check trunks  
through-

I sure hope this will be my last move while  
in Florida. we will only be here about  
few months longer. then I don't know  
where we will go.

How is every thing in Lauderdale? and  
are they still so rushed at Hospital?

~~Give~~ Give best regards to Perry.

If you don't get away tomorrow will  
write you after find out address and let



you know where we live so you can  
come down to see us. Mr. Kemp said  
he got lovely apt fourrooms and bath  
every thing new no one has lived in  
it so I hope we will like it. Am  
going try get some office work so can  
be home at nights.

Clay and Gladys will be with us. so  
it wont be so lonesome as it has  
been.

Betty try come up if you can sure  
like to see you.

Am in hurry so please excuse this  
will try do better next time.

still have cough and dont feel abit  
good. Had pulse from 110 to 120 since  
Monday.

Am going look for you  
tomorrow

Travely yours

Peg