

Tuesday
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Jean
Reber

Dear Grate -

Your recent letter
and your gift to us has
made both Schuy and myself
a little breathless. You are
certainly most generous and
thoughtful and it is
difficult to tell you how
very much we thank you.

You were nice enough in
the beginning when you
sent your first check so
that we might carry off
some of the things we needed -
and we both feel that we
want to repay your loan

and have planned to do so within the next few months. But now you completely stagger us with your latest check! — and we hardly know what to say. It is such a lot of money, Grote — we both realize that.

Will you let us do this? Will you let us wait until you can get to Washington, and then let us talk to you about the rug? I think you are quite right about getting it in either New York or

Philadelphia — for Washington has very little to offer. And we'd both like to get your ideas on the kind to get — for I must confess that I have had very little experience in sampling rugs — and I might say the same for Schuy. I just don't think he knows rugs as he knows vacuum tubes — and we shall need some real advice. We'd love to have you here to help us choose one, and I think that's one of the nicest things about your letter — because

you do sound as though
you might be willing to
help us find one.

We are both looking
forward to your visit —
not because you shall
come "bearing rugs" —
but just because we both
want to see you. We both
want to hear what you've
done with — that — er — ah —
you know what — in your
side yard. (Why don't you
name it so I can refer to
it as something other than
"Grote's machine"?). And, please
plan to come for overnight, and
several days, if possible.

You have been so
amplified good to us, Grote —
The Ensigne thank you sincerely.
With much love, Jean