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Sweet Rufus -

This morning I'm showing around a letter from my wife at the Riverside. Last night I had Eva's letter apologizing for lack of mail from you. You must have had quite a hilarious time there. And your goings on in Reno sound mighty interesting. So glad to hear that Pete seems on the mend, but real distressed about Frank Peterson. How sad. I'll bet Helen has what it takes!

I'm writing this in the hearing room. So far this morning (about an hour) things have been somewhat dull. Now they promise to liven up. Justin Moore is about to take on Mr. Vey & Jenn. V.P. and it should be good - a matching of two keen wits. Even a higher point will be when Justin and Gardiner tie up. They'll probably get me on to talk policy before this is over.

Last night we had a dozen of our market Co. legal and operating people at The Metropolitan Club for dinner and a discussion of our new rate filing. We'll do the same thing at lunch in Atlanta on Friday. Bob Harlow is standing-by to take us down and back.

Right here the hearing warmed up so I broke. We've had lunch in the cafeteria which feeds the multitudes here about of all races and colors. Not too bad either and cheap.

We have quite a gang here - Clyde, Jim, Jacks (Virginia too but none of us ever see her) Alvin, Howard Scranton, Ray Crane and a half dozen more. We are

really mobilized.

From Evan's letter I take it you will in Elko till May 7 and then back to ALC - for how long? I still can't make an intelligent guess as to how long you will be here. This cross examination is taking longer than we first guessed. Then you will put on our direct case and then recess. However I may not need to be here all the time.

I called Izzy last night to tell her I couldn't go to the circus with her tonight. Rae leaves today for Europe and they had two tickets to the garden. Now she has someone else.

Please keep letters coming here to the Shoreham. I'm so interested in all you are doing with so many old friends. Don't miss a point. I know you are giving each and every one my love. You're in a place I ~~just~~ sure would like to be with you.

Again my best to all the Smiths - The Palace Hotel and other haunts -

Love much

J.T. ⊗ ⊗ ⊗ ⊗