

Postmarked July 31, 1951
San Diego

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(I don't understand the next line, or I can't interpret it – PCB 5/31/2025)

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Take care of yourselves. I'll let you know as soon as I hear from the Bureau about my release.

Love,
Jimmy

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Mrs. James W. Boardman
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