Peter darling,

This is sort of a hard thing to write but I do think, in all fairness to myself and to you, that I must write it.

Your mind always works so fast - really much too fast for me - especially early in the morning - but I've been thinking all day long and trying to solve problems that don't seem to solve - I do know one thing tho' and that is that I never was meant to be a secretary - I should hate to be a bad one and I know I'll never be anything else.

I have tried to analize myself coldly to see whether I don't want to be a secretary or if I really am just not talented that way - and I honestly know that tho' I'd make a fairly

good cook, or Chauffeur - or house-
keeper - or ladies maid - or
dancing Partner - or nurse - or
big sister to grandchildren or
as just a plain daughter - I'd
be a rotten secretary - All these
things are right up my alley
and I'm probably dumb to think
I can put my attributes
down on paper and compare
them with my not so good
qualities - but I do not ever
want to disappoint you - and
I know I would - I would
really do anything in the
world for you - and I do want
you to know that - even if
it's being a secretary -

I do think you and I would
probably both be better off if
you just took a truly efficient
secretary along this summer
and I should make other plans

here - I do want to pay my own way - and I know I never shall be able to repay all your & your wife three girls either materially or with love, understanding or just being you - and a darn wonderful father to us all.

Pater darling - I just get the jitters thinking of a summer of trying to be helpful and ending up making a nuisance of myself - It would be hard on you because you're always so darn sweet when people make mistakes - but I'd rather not give myself the chance to make them. I know you'd rather I'd be honest - and this is what I feel -

I know I'm an awful disappointment to you and I hate it - because I love you very much and want to please you - Do forgive

this silly letter - Pater dear
and try to know that it is
very sincere - and that I'm
trying to tell you things that
are very hard to say - do
understand - because I do want
you to -

Always

Betty