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Stu,

I received your letter today and, if nothing else it was a hell of an inspiration. Reading one of your letters, to me, is more or less like reading a well written book on philosophy. You have given me a detached view on many things. Let me give you one. You are going to make one hell of a good writer. Take that for what it's worth, maybe I am just a teenager with a high school education but I think I have enough sense to differentiate between a well written piece of work and a hunk of trash.

As much as I hate to admit it to myself, you could not possibly have made a truer summation of my present situation. I do realize, though, the difference between real love and sexual attraction. I think I also recognize the advantages and disadvantages of a marriage and have viewed it from every angle possible. As one must if he possesses any moral responsibility whatsoever. There is one thing that is of uppermost importance in a marriage, and therefore of great concern to me. That is security. Security, that little eight letter word that encompasses all classes of people. They all seem to have it to some degree. I guess this is where I begin to realize the real value of a ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ higher education. A fifteen cent diploma that alters the course of your life like a bridge alters the course of a shabby little river turning it into a bountiful reservoir. Sometimes I don't think I'll amount to a Tinkers Dam without one and sometimes I look at it another way and see Beverly's father as President of Royal Oil Company with a twelfth grade education. I guess I would tend to see myself in the latter position rather than that of a pauper. Alas, Stu, I think I'm beginning to develop a sense of responsibility too far in advance of my age. The result confusion.

Well, as all good things (and bad) must, this letter has come to it's final end. I'm going to pick up those pictures next week. I'll either send you some pictures or the negatives or some of each. (to be continued)

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