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J. S.

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I think that you have a slightly wrong impression of my conduct and its relation to my finance, and I can't refrain from attempting a correction. True enough, I did go out to a few parties but never lost my dignity or manners. Anybody commenting on the parties is likely to and usually do color things up a little in order to make an interesting tale, and I am afraid that such is true of the things you have in mind. Nevertheless I realize I am to blame for having been there in the first place. I am at a disadvantage in as much as I can't make defences against specific charges; however, suffice it to say, if you take everything said for granted without modification, you will do me an injustice.

I am glad, however, that the situation did not have any worse consequences and that X has returned. You have my assurance that I am not and will not become further involved by writing or starting anything all over again when school is out. In fact, I doubt seriously that I'd care to return home so long as they are there. Of course much change of circumstances is possible before June.

As for finances: I made 30 a month at the hotel, ~~or~~ one a day. If from this one you subtract 17¢ for carfare - We'll say seven a week,

then:

<u>7.00</u>	for carfare
- 1.05	"
.30	" laundry
.25	" cigarettes
.25	" show
.60	" taxi fares

Could it have saved much in the 4 months I worked? Bought some things too

2.45 from 7 leaves 4.55 out of

which other such incidentals as hair cuts, toilet articles, quite a bit for stationery and business correspondence, extra meals etc, plus cleaning & pressing of clothes

Therefore, my finances were pretty well taken up from day to day. When I got ready to come up here, I bought a top coat, pair of shoes, four shirts, several suits of underware, ties, socks, handkerchiefs etc and then had a few dollars left after having all my clothes cleaned and pressed. All told, I never spent more than one dollar a week for recreation and shows. If I went out, the other party had to bear his own; if and when there were costs and when there was another

party.

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up here, there is no second party. Have neither the time, money, nor interest for any. Therefore you may take my word for it that I am keeping cost down as far as I am able. Mrs Foulkes launders my shirts, but I wash my underware, handkerchiefs and shirts myself and have been to only two shows - but they were exceptional ones. Even with that, I must have ten about the 1st of every month in order to make ends meet.

If I told mother how little sleep I got, she'd be alarmed, but as long as I can eat regularly it's O.K. L.L.B.