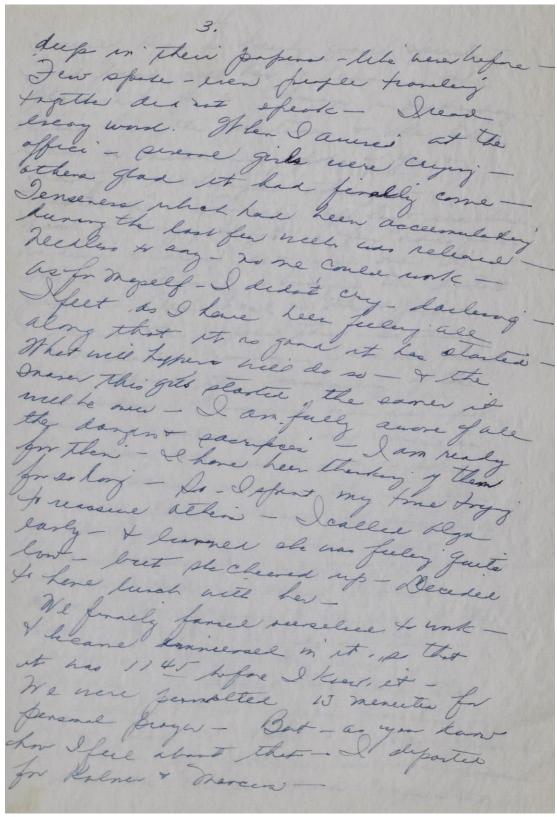


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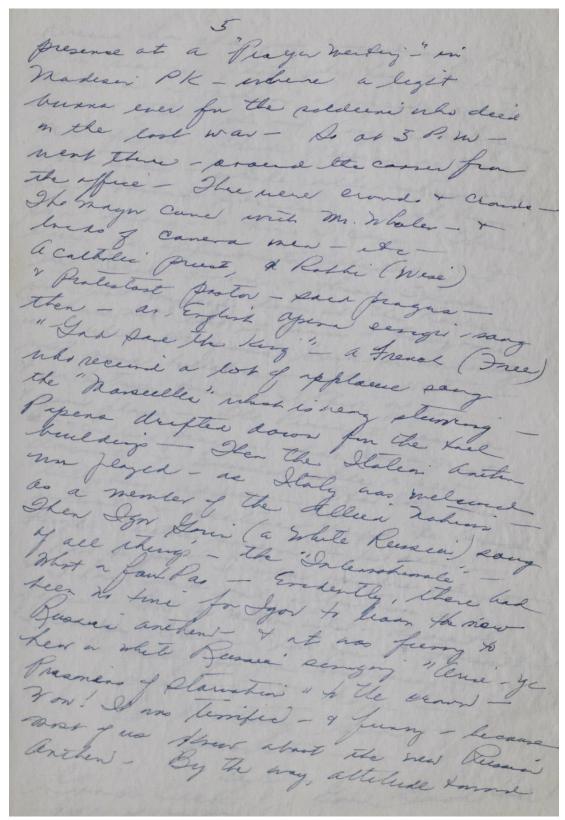
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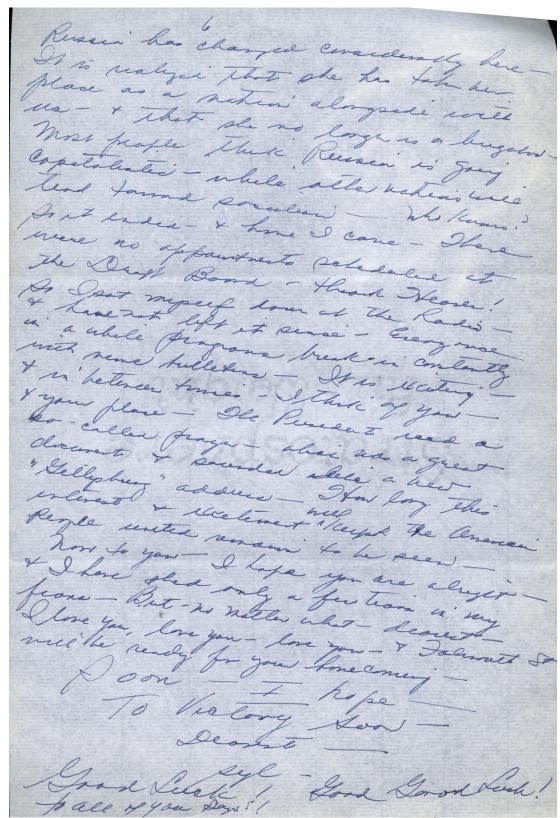
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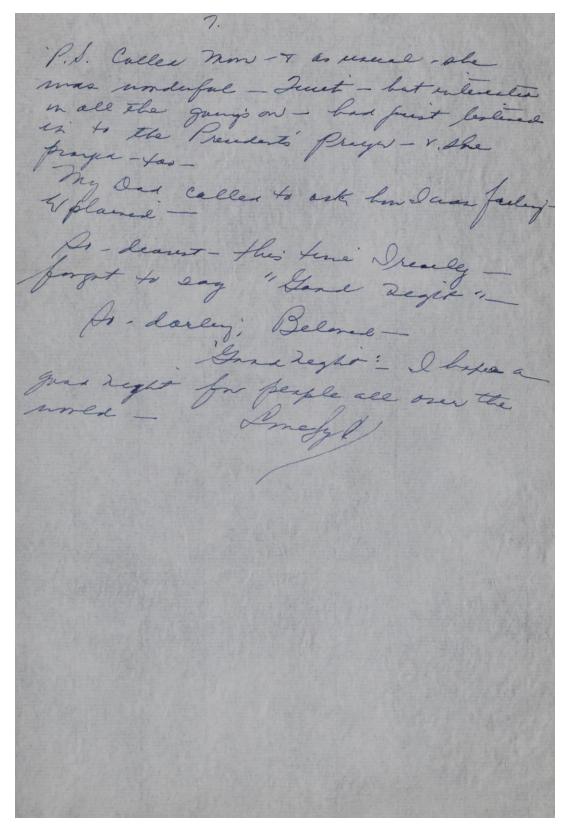
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## **Transcript**

## Tues- June 6, 1944

Hello – My dearest, —

Well – D-Day! It has come – God! So long awaited – so feared – so rejoiced – such release – such new tenseness – such excitement – such quiet – Well – darling – all of these feelings & emotions were expressed & felt by American people today – as you can well understand. People – & that includes me were torn between feelings of gladness that "the beginning of the end" has come – and with the fear of great sacrifices –

So much for the general feeling – dearest – except that I want to tell you that the whole thing is being handled in the usual exciting American manner – until blow by blow description – comments – by radio – long discussions on meager information in the newspapers – a day of prayer by mayor, workers – & President –

Now for the exciting event as it was reflected in my own day – Awoke at the usual[struck ly time – & my usual quiet fashion because David is still sleeping (can't turn on the radio) – dressed & left the house – In the bus – I notice a[struck] movement – a restlessness – a [illegible] amongst the people – but scarcely paid any attention to it – as I was occupied with my own thoughts. Arrived at Sheepshead Bay & couldn't get a paper in the usual place because of the crowd around the paper vendors – So I dashed over to another store – & grabbed the first Herald Tribune available – the headlines of which were not sensational (it was not the "Extra" – But as I was about to dash away – noted Pm – It was sensational – The front page just had the following words splashed across the page – "Invasion Extra" – I brought a copy – As I got into the train - & thank Heaven! got a seat - looked at the rear page [strikeout] covering latest Bulletins - & there was Gen. Eisenhower's speech – [commanding] the real invasion – I became Excited & read the paper through – It was so exciting – People were deep in their papers – like never before - Few spoke - even people traveling together did not speak - I read every word. When I arrived at the office – several girls were crying – others glad it had finally came – Tenseness which had been accumulating during the last few weeks was released – Needless to say – no one could work – As for myself – I didn't cry – darling – I felt as I have been feeling all along that it is good it has started – What will happen will do so – & the sooner this gets started the sooner it will be over – I am fully aware of all the dangers & sacrifices – I am ready for them – I have been thinking of them for so long – So I spent my time trying to reassure others – I called Olga early – & learned she was feeling quite low – but she cheered up – Decided to have lunch with her –

We finally forced ourselves to work - & became immersed in it, so that it was  $11^{45}$  before I knew it - we were permitted 15 minutes for personal prayer - But - as you know how I feel about that - I departed for Palmer & Marcers -

Found Olga on fairly good spirits – Had lunch with her & learned she planned to go to Chicago on Saturday – Gave her the pictures & she liked them so much – spoke of you & Marty & exchanged thoughts & memories – Finally left her & walked back – trying to get a few words for radios blaring out all over the streets – Finally – having the latest paper – Came back to the office – & read the papers then – as there was no [radios] handy – there was much talk about the immensity of the undertaking (Remember when we spoke about an umbrella of airplanes in that long ago – seated in a blue chair –) about while this is a first – [or] a real thing about the

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whereabouts of the Luftwaffe – about what Russia would do – about when [illegible] would strike & about Rome – about this beginning of the end of the war – how long it would take – Perhaps – 1945 – the beginning – Perhaps – I didn't have time then to picture you – your [position] – your place in this – & I am glad – Late in the afternoon we were informed that the "Little Homer" requested presence at a "Prayer meeting—" in Madison PK – where a light burns ever for the soldiers who died in the last war – So at 5 P. M – went there – around the corner from the office – There were crowds & crowds – The mayor came with Mr. Whaler – & loads of camera men – [&] – A catholic priest, & Rabbi (Wise) & Protestant pastor – said prayers – then - an English opera singer sang "God Save The King" - a French (free) who received a lot of applause sang the "Marseilles" which is very stirring – Papers drifted down from the tall buildings – Then the Italian anthem was played – as Italy was welcomed as a member of the Allied nations – Then Igor [Goun] (a White Russian) sang of all things – the "Internationale" – what a faux Pas – Evidently, there had been no time for Igor to learn the new Russian anthem – & it was funny to hear a white Russian signing "And ye Prisoners of starvation" to the crowd – Wow! I was terrified – & funny – because most of us knew about the new Russian Anthem – By the way, attitude toward Russia has changed considerably here – It is realized that she has taken her place as a nation alongside with us - & that she no longer is a bugaboo - Most people think Russia is going [capitulated] – while allied nations will tend toward [illegible] – Who knows? So it ended – & home I came – There were no appointments scheduled at the Dept Board – thank Heaven! So I sat myself down at the Radio – & have not left it since – Every once in a while programs break-in constantly with news bulletins – It is exciting – & in between tunes – I think of you -& your place - The President read a so-called prayer - what was a great document & sounded like a new "Gettysburg" address – How long this interest & excitement [inserted: will] keep the American People united remains to be seen –

Now to you – I hope you are alright – & I have shed only a few tears in my fears – But no matter what – dearest – I love you, love you – love you – & [illegible] will be ready for your homecoming –

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Good Luck! to all of you boys!

P.S Called Mom - & as usual she was wonderful - Just - but interested in all the goings on -had just listened in to the Presidents' prayer - & she prayed - too -

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