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## Harry's Reply to Ike's Letter

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(Music - Orchestra with ORGAN playing "Home Sweet Home")
(Back-ground)

"Independence, Mo. Feby. 21, 1953.

Dear Ike: Bess and I had just finished the breakfast dishes when your letter arrived and right now, she's playing some of our old favorite records that she's been saving for the past ten years.

Frankly, I've been half expecting just such a letter from you, because I'll never forget the first month that Bess and I were in the Whitehouse. So, I'll try to answer your questions in the order that you asked them.

First - in regard to the bottle of pills you found in the desk-drawer. Those are head-ache tablets Ike. Take my advice and keep a good supply of them handy for the next four years. You'll need 'em.

Next - about the Pentagon Building. I'm afraid I cant be of much help to you on that puzzle and I doubt if anyone else can. Several years ago, I appointed a committee of three engineers to make a survey of the building and install road sings. They started their survey on August 10th, 1949, and havent been heard of since.

In regard to the clothes-hangers. You probably wont need as many as I did, because, you may recall, I went in quite heavy for sport shirts. However, Mamie is absolutely right about the striped trousers and I would suggest you get them right away, because Churchill is liable to show up again, any day now.

I couldn't help but smile at your question about getting away for a game of golf. By this time you probably understand what I meant some time ago when I said that the President of The United States has about as much privacy as a Scotchman's knees. My only suggestion is to do the same thing I used to - leave your secretary in the outer office to tell all the callers you're in conference and cant be disturbed, then sneak out the back door wearing a false mustasche which you'll find in the medicine cabinet. You will also find a brief-case with the words "Collector Of Internal Remenue" printed on it in large letters. Be sure to carry this in plain sight and you'll be left strictly alone.

Now, about the two napkins that were skark missing in the laundry-Bess says to tell Mamie to just get a couple of paper ones for the time being, because the chances are, the next time the laundry comes back, she may have five or six that belong to the French Embassy.

Well Ike, that seems to answer your questions, so I'll close now with kindest regards from Bess and me to you and Mamie.

Cordially yours

Harry.

P. S. By mistake, I brought home an umbrella that doesnt belong to me, and I'm sending it back by mail, as Bess says its going to be quite some time before I'm in Washington again.

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