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Dear Mother Bell:

This I hope is waiting
for you upon your
return.

I'm not going to say
a great deal as sometimes
it's rather difficult to
express one's innermost
thoughts.

On the night of our
engagement party, I
missed my Dad's presence
very much as you know.

However more than that
I wanted someone else to be

2 with us.

you spoke his name
p'bley, bless and then
I felt his goodness in spirit
was amongst us.

In his gentle way he
blessed the occasion.

I hope you won't cry when
you read this because
I wouldn't want to have
you do that.

Rather be comforted with
the thought that his goodness
and kindness and wisdom
throughout his life are
more of a monument than
any headstone could ever be

³ Whatever else I may or
may not be and none of
us are perfect, I am sincere.

To live in Santa Fe is
a very desirable future;
to acquire you as my
mother is a privilege which
can only be shared with
one more person, the girl
that will be Irving's wife;
and to complete a
reality of happiness I have
Gerald.

I couldn't ask for much
more, and I don't know
how I deserve what I have
God willing. I will be worthy
of my fate.

Looking forward to your
coming visit with keen
anticipation.

With lots of love and
best wishes for your health
your soon-to-be daughter
Leah.