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Joseph F. Merritt,
Dundalk, Maryland.

Dear Joe

I am writing to you again about this gas rationing business. We out here cannot get any definite information as to what is really going on, and if gasoline will be available for a trip such as I annually make.

If I can get my affairs arranged here, I would like to start in about ten days and finish my trip early this fall instead of waiting until later in the season, particularly as the rationing program seems to be tightening all the time.

I would appreciate it very much if you could check into the matter and let me know what position I would be in if I managed to get in your territory, whether or not the rationing boards there would allow me enough gasoline to make one trip per season to call on my customers and make the usual contacts.

I do hope everything is going along well with you and that both you and Helen and your children are in the best of health. Grandmother appreciates the fact that you remembered her in your letters and she is getting along very well considering the condition that she was in six weeks ago. Magdalena and our children are all well. If I make this trip I intend to take Paulie with me and send him home in time for school.

I would appreciate any and all information that you can give me on this matter, and would also appreciate it if you would send same by air mail, as I am naturally very much concerned in outlining a plan for taking care of my usual business.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

PE/mk