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By the way as of this date I have \$25.00 in the checking account so please don't cut off the check from you yet. I have to buy Louise and Gail new coats pay for the new tank and also the pump. I'm sure I just don't have much to spare. According to the letter you sent me we will be enroute at least 14 days. So we will have to count on at least \$2.00 per person or \$8 a day for subsistence or \$112 for the trip. Plus I don't know whether we can sell the car or not. I will go down to the Penalt place as soon as I get my alert orders and find out just what I can get for the car. I will need it up until

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I am sending you the one bond that was sent up here. He may have to cash this one plus a couple more. As soon as Daddie and Mom get back to Pgh. I will have them and at least 4 more. In Jan. I will have a little better idea on what the bills will be because then the bill will come in for the land and the other things. If you can

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