

England  
October 11, 1943

Dear Mom;

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On that Christmas present I wouldn't worry too much about it. Anything you send will be appreciated  
Love to Louie.