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My dear "Cousin Gertrude: -

Of course, you may have the papers I sent, if you would like them I have the originals.- There is a book. Cousin Charlotte (The Admiral's wife) used to frequently speak of - written by, one she called, & I quote "Your Cousin, Dora Allen - dear child" - unquote - I understand it is quite a good history of the Evans' clan - and can be found in the D.A.R.'s library - if you can get at it. - I have never joined the D.A.R. tho' eligible on several sides of the family - In the old days - there was too much fighting among the ladies to suit me and now I am too old to bother - My husband was a S.A.R. and my son is a member now - We are indulging in a typical "Nor'Easter - Reminds me of early September on Nantucket Island where for many years we spent such happy vacation, in a little whaling village called Diasconset and where to our great amusement we were designated as "Off Islanders" by the natives. Its wonderful to have such memories. Its a great consolation to old age and loneliness. The rain continues to pour - but this is the third day and usually the limit to a "Nor'Easter - tho in these uncertain times - even the weather is "queer". Your Commander Shaw sent me a nice little note, acknowledging the "papers". I am glad there was some small amount of "aid" in them - glad your cough is better and hope you've not added to it during this rainy spell. It will no doubt turn cold, after it decides to quit raining. I hear the wind raising. Goodness knows when I'll get this into the mail box. I am not "ducky" enough to paddle that far in this down pour. My general's wife, has returned from Mexico, so I am hoping, some day, before too long to pay you a ~~six~~ call.

Her husband drives to the Pentagon everyday and she frequently goes to Washington. I'll get there as soon as I can. Take care of yourself and I now close with the parting shot - My boy Evans, always leaves me, as he drives back to Connecticut "Bye Mom - Don't do anything, I wouldn't do - If I had the chance."

Love,

Miriam (Kefauver)

What with all those numerous "M"s" on your list, I congrat you on finally called me "Miriam" Thats me.