

141 East 37th Street,
New York, March 7, 1922.

Dear Colonel Locke:

The mailing of the package from the Westend Station has not helped any as the package did not arrive until 12.50 --- this is three hours later than the usual time of 9.50 A.M.

We have made inquiries at the postoffice and tried to learn at this end the cause of the delay. As you no doubt know last December Marine guards were placed on all trains carrying registered mail and on all wagons collecting and delivering registered mail from and to branch offices of the postoffice. The latter I assume is done in Washington as well as in New York. This procedure means of course that the intervals between collection and delivery of registered mail are long. Although we cannot get any definite information, as all registered mail schedules are kept secret, we gather from this end that if we mail a package at the branch office in our neighborhood at 5 P. M. it is not collected and delivered to the main office until between 7 and 8 P.M. Whatever the wagon schedule in Washington may have been ten days ago it seems to me unlikely that it has changed. My only way of accounting for the delay is that the train formerly carrying our registered mail from Washington to New York has been discontinued.

As we have no status it is impossible for us to get any definite information about schedules for registered mail but I assume that the intelligence

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department in Washington could easily obtain this information.

It is respectfully suggested that when Major Moorman comes back he be asked to ascertain the exact schedules of trains carrying registered mail both to and from Washington and the wagon schedules in Washington so that we can at both ends adopt some intelligent procedure in the mailing of packages.

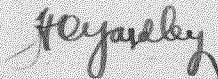
It is commonly thought that registered mail is subject to varying delays but we are assured from this end that this is not true. I mean by this that a package mailed from a given point at a given time will arrive at its destination at the same time day in day out provided the registered mail schedules have not been changed.

It will probably take Major Moorman some time to learn about the schedules. In the meantime it might be worth while to try putting a special delivery stamp on the registered package, as we are informed at this end that such packages receive special attention.

If the packages are not arriving in Washington early enough to suit you I hope that you will so inform us, as we could probably get them to you several hours earlier by mailing them at the main office.

What do you think of the idea of noting on the receipts enclosed in the packages the time of arrival?

Very sincerely yours,



HOY-jcm