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Personal

Dear Friend:

I was very glad to have a letter from Stephen saying that he and his wife were planning to return to this country and, that after a stay of some weeks, would be returning to Switzerland where he intends to continue his studies. Stephen said that after a trip to the South he and his wife would be glad to make us a little visit in Washington on their way North and before sailing. This letter reached me at Cape Cod where I was taking a holiday and I immediately got in touch with Mr. Auchincloss to tell Stephen on arrival that we would not be in Washington until August 15 but hoped that he and his wife would come to see us at any time after that date. On my return to my desk this morning, I find a note from Mr. Auchincloss saying that Stephen and his wife are both ill with flu and that he is not planning to resume his studies here but is planning to do so in Zurich.

I am sorry that we may not have the pleasure of seeing them this fall but if they do come over I hope you will be sure to tell him that we will be delighted to see both of them in Washington. If he will write me at any time concerning the naturalization of his wife, I will be very glad to give him the detailed information necessary, but I fear that very little can be done without a trip to this country. Application for naturalization must be made in person before the proper court in this country by the individual concerned.

Whenever Stephen plans to come to this country with his wife and will let me know, I will be glad to be as

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helpful as I can in the matter. Of course, our naturalization laws are very strict and a period of three years must pass between the making of the declaration of intention and the final naturalization, and the law presupposes that the applicant in the meantime is residing in this country. There are circumstances, of course, under which this residence can be temporarily broken by trips abroad.

The trip up to Cape Cod did my wife and me a great deal of good and we were able to escape the Washington heat for a few weeks. I am writing this brief word immediately upon my return to my desk this morning and I must look forward to a rather hectic time as now some of my colleagues here will have to take the opportunity to have a change as well.

I am not even going to try to write about the general situation today but I hope to be writing you very shortly. My wife and I are still hoping that you and Mrs. Heineman will be coming over this fall. I appreciated more than I can say your thoughtful telegram concerning my Mother. She was almost 89 and it was quite obvious that she could not recover from this last illness. Under the circumstances death came as a release from pain and suffering. I shall miss her a great deal as she meant more to me than I can say.

There is so much that I would like to write about that I cannot even begin today. I do hope that the young folks have fully recovered from the flu by this time.

With all good wishes to you all in which my wife joins,

Faithfully yours,