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Dear Dannie:

Instead of this being a real letter I am writing you just a brief word. I had intended to write you at length but as we shall be seeing each other before long a letter would not serve much purpose, and I look forward so much to seeing you. I had hoped that you might be able to come here for a week or so before we went north as you indicated you might over the telephone, but I can quite understand your not making a short stay here when the trip is such a long one and especially as you are planning to leave for Europe in June.

Marion and I are going north a little earlier than usual this year and we are leaving by air on Monday morning, May 21, for Washington. We will be in Washington from the evening of May 21 until Friday evening at the Carlton Hotel, if I can get reservations there which I think I can. Otherwise, I will be at the Mayflower. In any event, I will get in touch with you by telephone after our arrival in Washington. Marion has a sister, Louise, living in Alexandria now.

From Washington we will go to Wilmington to spend a few days with her sister Helene and then we will go to New York. We should arrive in New York on June 3, 4 or 5, I am not exactly certain which day. I shall try to get reservations at the Carlyle Hotel. We will be in New York from early June until the evening of the 19th of June, except perhaps for a few days that Marion may be going up to Boston to see her family there. In view of the short time that we will be north this year I doubt very much whether I shall go with her to Boston. On the evening of June 19 we go by train to Ottawa where we will be four days, then we go from Ottawa to Toronto, where we will be for four or five days. Then we plan to spend a few days in Quebec and Montreal. We expect to leave from Montreal for Washington by train either on July 2 or July 3 and then go from Washington to Mexico

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City by air.

This means that we will have a shorter time than usual in New York but we hope that we can have a weekend with you in Greenwich. I will get in touch with you from Washington by telephone to find out what time is convenient for you and Hettie for Marion and me to come out for a day or two to Greenwich. We shall miss our usual nice stay with you which we have looked forward to so much in the past. The reason our stay in New York is so much shorter this time is that we are going to spend a longer time in Canada. I will tell you about that when I see you.

Marion and I are both well and are looking forward to this trip and to seeing you all. I hope that Hettie is feeling her normal self and that all the family are well. I hope that Adenauer's plans are not changed and that he will be able to make this visit with you.

I cannot tell you how much I enjoyed your long letter and I really should have answered it long since. I am afraid you are a better man than I because I have become exceedingly lazy. Not only have I not done any writing for months and months but I am even neglecting the correspondence in which I am most interested. I think it is the reaction of so many and so long years in which I was obliged to do things under pressure, and now that I don't have to do them at a given hour or minute I am inclined to take a siesta or to read a good book.

There is much to talk about and I look forward to seeing you. Marion joins in love and good wishes to you and Hettie and Edna and to all the family. With all the best,

Cordially and faithfully yours,

George S. Messersmith

