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November 14, 1939.

Dear Raymond:

Your note of November 9 reached me yesterday and I wanted very much to write to you before the day was out but could not get to it. I am delighted to know that you are getting on and I am sure the longer you take a complete rest the more fit you will feel. I think in fact this is the most important thing for you for the present and, as I think I told you, we want you to take all the leave you may need. After such an exhausting period of duty you should have a real rest and you will not get it after you get to Washington. There will be all sorts of things you will want to do and you will be in the midst of things, so I think it would really be better for you to delay coming here a little longer. There is another aspect of the matter. We would like very much to have you stay with us for a time at least after your arrival. You may feel freer later on if you stay at a club or hotel, but I need not tell you that it will give my wife and me much pleasure to have you with us at least during the first part of your stay here. We have plenty of room at the house so you need have no concern in that respect. I am obliged, however, to leave here on the evening of November 22 for Boston as I give an address there the next day at the annual meeting of the New England Council of Governors. My wife is going with me, as she is taking this opportunity to see her mother who lives near Boston. She will probably be staying on for some days, but so far as I can see it will not be possible for me to take any leave then but I will have to be returning the night of November 23 -- that is, I will be back here again on the twenty-fourth. My wife will probably not be back until early the next week. We would be glad to have you come at any time. If you really feel fully rested and fit, you might

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come on here on Saturday, the 25th, or Sunday, the 26th, and come right to the house -- 1539 - 29th Street, N.W. If you do not feel like coming then, any time after that would suit us. The one thought I have is that if I were you I would not hurry about coming here. It is so important that you get a complete rest. I look forward very much to seeing you and to talking over many things with you.

My wife joins in very good wishes to you and your sister.

Cordially yours,

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