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Hon. Robert Woods Bliss 1537 28th Street Washington, D. C.

Rebert dear:

It was a joy to see you both as when weeks pass and I see neither of you there is a sense of emptiness in the days as they go by as you both are very much a part of our lives wherever they may be.

It was a good day's work at Dumbarton and made me feel the journey thoroughly worthwhile and as you were kind enough to arrange a comfortable bin for me to sleep in on the return journey I am grateful to you for this major part of the success of the scheme and enclose my check for the amount that was written on the little ticket envelope.

You will like to know that I found Max progressing quietly and I feel he is better than he was a fortnight ago and a month ago, so that while he has days of downness and disappointment I think the doctors see an improvement which is to me quite marked in comparison with his condition when he got back here from Boston five or six weeks ago. The most hopeful sign of all is that he is beginning to want to do a few things, write a few professional notes and read one or two books of his own choice on subjects in which he is interested. It is of course going to be a long slow uphill job but we seem to be making progress and that is more than half the battle.

Another screed is going to Mildred but I wanted you to know that the Rabelaisian joke created much amusement in Max!s mind, so thank you for the many chuckles we had, and thank you also for just being your nice two selves.

Yours ever and always with deep affection,

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