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Dear Sumner:

I was with Mother yesterday and she is feeling much stronger. It is too early yet, however, for the doctor to examine her eye to determine the success of the operation. He will probably take a peek Friday of this week, and we are hopeful that the operation was successful. There is very little to add except to say that Mother has an excellent nurse for the first shift, which is the most important, but we have been unable to get a nurse for the afternoon and early evening. So when I am not there, Aunt Ann comes over and spends the time with her. Thus she is seldom alone. As a matter of fact Mother is self sufficient and really can very well get along without any person, if need be. I mean by that that she is mentally able to live with herself and does not need the constant presence of others to prevent boredom. She is never bored. That is another one of her marvelous traits.

I have not yet been able to get you a reservation for Sunday afternoon. I have just one more hope and if I succeed you will know when you get here. Helen and I leave early Friday afternoon and we will be with Mother until Sunday evening. We will look for you at the hospital and don't expect any one at the airport, under the circumstances.

As always, affectionately,

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