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Dear Sumner:

Just why I have not written to you for the last few days I do not know. It is not that I did not enjoy being with you the past week-end, for truly it was a delight to see you, to talk with you and to listen to your wise cracks. In some respects you are not growing older and I hope that will ever continue to be thus. Despite some ribbing now and then, I would miss your puns and your asides, smelly as some of them may be. I do not even object to the fun you make of me for my observations about Sears-Roebuck or pendulum swinging. You even have your sister joining forces with you. But it is all good natured fun and I really relish it.

It is not that I did not want to write to you, because I do enjoy talking to you by way of the letter. When you were overseas I took both delight and pains in expressing my observations on current topics; but now that you are at home and that you seem to be as near as the telephone, there is a feeling that this exchange of ideas is not necessary, for tomorrow perhaps you will be home and we will be talking things out, whether we agree or do not in our point of view. .

So I think it is just laziness. Definitely I have every intention to take it easy ~~until the Fall~~ because I feel that is the only sensible way for me to act if I am to remain in good health after these five years, some of which have definitely taken their toll on energy and mind.

So I just want to say to you that everything here is going along calmly and that the only thing that matters right now is the return of Mother's sight to normal. I talk to her every evening and I am hoping this week-end to bring her home. I am hoping Dr. Sachs will tell her that she can wear glasses within four weeks. I know at home she will be happy and cheerful and that indomitable courage of hers will pull her through to normal sight.

Helen-Barbara is going great guns and she deserves all the kind things that can be said about her and her work. The only other thing that remains is that call of yours when the operator will say, "will you accept the charge, Mr. Bernstein is calling you from Maryland?"

Affectionately,