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DEAR LAURA:

YOUR GOOD LETTER TO ME CAME A FEW DAYS AGO, AND I AM GRATEFUL FOR ALL YOUR KIND WORDS AND THOUGHTS AT THIS TRAGIC TIME. KENNETH WAS ALWAYS WONDERFUL, AND IT IS HARD TO BEGIN OVER, BUT WE HAVE THE MOST HAPPY MEMORIES, AND THAT MUST SUSTAIN US.

SOME DAY I DO WANT BETTIE TO HAVE THAT TRIP WITH YOU IF POSSIBLE, MEANWHILE I CERTAINLY HOPE THAT YOU WILL COME TO SEE US HERE WHEN YOU COME EAST. KENNETH WAS ALWAYS SO FOND OF YOU, AND THE DISTANCE AND THE YEARS NEVER MADE ANY DIFFERENCE. WE HAVE BOTH ADMIRERD YOUR COURAGE AND PERSISTENCE SO SINCERELY, AND IN A LETTER TO THE BOYS AND ME KENNETH LEFT A REQUEST THAT A SUM BE GIVEN TO YOU. THIS WILL CERTAINLY BE FORTHCOMING, AND I AM HOPING TO ARRANGE WITH DOROTHY AND DONALD EACH TO SET UP A SIMILAR SUM SO THAT YOU WILL HAVE A NICE NEST EGG PUT AWAY.

I HOPE YOUR BOOK IS COMING ALONG WELL.
I AM SO INTERESTED IN IT.

WITH MUCH LOVE, AND REMEMBER THAT THE BOYS AND I WILL ALWAYS KEEP A WELCOME WARM FOR YOU HERE.

AFFECTIONATELY,

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