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Miss Laura Gilpin
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Dear Laura:

I can't tell you how shocked and disturbed I was to have news of Eric Douglas. From your description it would seem that the cancer is running by leaps and bounds and may be fatal. I do hope that the report on the kidney operation is auspicious but the indications would seem suspicious. It is a tragic thought to try to visualize Eric as a complete invalid. He has been such a strong specimen all his life that it is somehow unbelievable that he would be other than healthy and sound. While you did not say I assume that he is in Denver so I shall write him there immediately.

Also very disturbed to know that Betsy has had a return of shingles. Seems that people have their shares of ills and woes in this world. While I am sorry for you that you were unable to make the trip to Washington I do hope that when you come back in October you will come down to Williamsburg for a visit. It is three hours from Washington by car and if I thought I could entice you back with me I would drive up for your talk. How about it?

No foreseeable opportunity to get to your part of the country, though I never know. Please give our very best to everyone in Santa Fe.

Sincerely,

Mitchell A. Wilder