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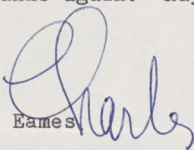
Dear Laura:

This is the statement. Mrs. Evan Frances will call you as soon as she gets her copy, which will be Thursday afternoon or, at the latest, Friday. I told her you would not be able to shoot until Sunday. I am sure that will be allright.

Many thanks again. Ray sends warmest greetings.

♡ YES!  
RAY.

Charles Eames  
CE/sb



Encl.



## THE STATEMENT

IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO FIND ANY ONE THING TO SAY TO A HOUSEWIFE ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE HOME THAT WILL NOT AT SOME STAGE DISINTEGRATE INTO IVY IN THE TEA KETTLE OR LAMPS MADE OF SPINNING WHEELS.

I COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE BEST ONE CAN DO IS WISH FOR THE HOUSEWIFE EITHER GREAT LOVE OR PROFOUND DISCIPLINE, OR AN EQUIVALENT COMBINATION OF BOTH.

IN TERMS OF ENVIRONMENT, NEITHER LOVE NOR DISCIPLINE ARE EASY TO COME BY THESE DAYS. "THINGS" ARE, AS A RULE, TOO PLENTIFUL, AND QUALITY TOO CASUAL, TO ENCOURAGE LOVE; THEY ARE TOO VARIED AND UNRESTRAINED TO PROMOTE DISCIPLINE.

POVERTY HAS BEEN AN EFFECTIVE ENCOURAGEMENT TO DISCIPLINE AND TO THE CHERISHING OF THINGS, BUT IT IS NOT THE ONLY WAY. PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT AND CONCERN OVER INHERENT QUALITY IS ANOTHER WAY.

BUT WHATEVER THE WAY, AT ALL TIMES LOVE AND DISCIPLINE HAVE LED TO A BEAUTIFUL ENVIRONMENT AND A GOOD LIFE.



## THE EXAMPLE

WE MIGHT HAVE USED AS AN EXAMPLE AN OLD HOUSE FROM THE EAST COAST OR THE SOUTH, BUT THIS COULD EASILY SUGGEST STYLE, WHICH I CERTAINLY HAVE NOT IN MIND.

WE MIGHT HAVE USED A JAPANESE, CHINESE OR EAST INDIAN EXAMPLE, BUT THIS MIGHT SUGGEST THE EXOTIC, WHICH WOULD BE FAR FROM THE POINT.

THE EXAMPLE WE ARE USING IS FROM THE SOUTHWEST. IT IS, OF COURSE, NOT INTENDED AS A MODEL TO COPY. IT ONLY SERVES TO DEMONSTRATE A QUALITY THAT CAN COME FROM A NATURAL DISCIPLINE COMBINED WITH A RESPECT AND AFFECTION FOR "THINGS".