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Miss Barbara Cahill,
HOUSE BEAUTIFUL MAGAZINE
572 Madison Ave.,
New York 22, N.Y.

Dear Miss Cahill:-

For a long time, I have been trying to get a letter off to you, but some how pressures get worse instead of better and I never get everything done. First, I do not think I have thanked you for your very handsome Christmas Card which I was very pleased to get.

A few weeks ago, I spent a weekend with Georgia O'Keeffe. While I was with her, I asked her if her very unusual and very beautiful house had ever been photographed, and she said ~~that~~ not. I found she was quite sympathetic to the idea of my going it and I at once thought of you and HOUSE BEAUTIFUL. The time would be right to do the house in a few weeks, just as the spring green is coming out. To me the great charm and beauty of the place is an austere quality she has gotten into it, and above all the marvelous spacing and proportion of everything. I feel reasonably sure that she would be willing to be photographed in her setting, and I am wondering if you would be interested in a series on her place and herself. I am very pleased, personally, that she considers me on such a job and I would love to see if I can capture the very special quality that I always feel up there. You may not know of her location. It is in, or rather on the edge of a little Spanish American village some 40 miles from here. She has no telephone, lives alone and has the most wonderful studio with a view that is out of this world. I can describe the place at greater length if you are interested. I do think a most unusual and interesting article could be done.

My best wishes to you and Miss Wentworth and I do hope that this idea may prove a fruitful one.

Sincerely yours,