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Dear Friend,

Back from our Vlieland holiday
I just received your letters of June 1st
and that of last Thursday. There are
no words to tell you how deeply these
letters moved me. And there are surely
no English words at my disposal. I
knew from the articles which Miss
Hopkins sent me, that Mr. Van Norkland
is a noble man and a leading scientist.
From the fact that he was a collaborator
of Edison I concluded that he must
have reached a high age. In the letter
in which you announced me your project
to come to Europe, you wrote me that
his state of health was not very
good. I admired the more his courageous
decision to defy the fatigues of a
long voyage across the ocean: "
a gigantic step" as you call it.

That Frank's poem, in my poor trans-

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health may improve and that we
may meet you both in excellent
condition. That will be quite
a treat to us.

Your true friend
Hermann

P. S. I am very surprised to hear
that Dr Guinan was not there
when you went to see him in Haar-
lem. Why did he not tell me
when he promised to do his utmost
to give you satisfaction? I write
him to have an explanation of
his strange behaviour.

lation, helped you to face the possibility
of a tragic end when your be-
loved husband grew ill, is the greatest
consolation which came to me since
my son's death. It is not just the deepest
power of poetry that it places us
beyond life and death? But in
everyday life we are only poor men.
So I will rejoice with you that
everything seems all right again.

Now I will patiently await your
further good tidings, especially as
regards the date of your arrival in
our humble home. I put on paper
some questions in connexion with the
article I will try to have published
by Dutch and French photographic
papers. If you agree with it, I would
record this interview on tape. But
all this and much more can be ar-
ranged when you will be here. What
counts for me is to see and hear you.
All the rest is of minor importance.

But first of all I will hope with
all my heart that Mr van Nostrand's