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Edward Steichen, Director

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Dear Nell:

Many thanks for your heartwarming words about "Once," as they call the thing at Macmillan's, probably implying "but never again." I am most grateful to you for your encouragement, and shall treasure your comments, of which the little book and I are all undeserving.

And - speaking of books - I had the rare and overwhelming privilege of seeing the dummy of Gene Smith's still unpublished and altogether magnificent work. He holds you in high esteem, and I think that he would be overjoyed to go over his glorious ground with you. He has asked me to tell you that the print you ordered will be on its way to you before long.

Do come in soon again. Your presence here is ever a very special wonderment.

As always,

*Grace*

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