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Dear Mrs. Dorr,

I am sorry to have been so slothful in writing, but Greta and I really haven't - or hadn't - gone much farther in thrashing out our plans until recently. As she may have written you, Polaroid (Dr. Land) is letting the book slip away for all sorts of vague and ill-founded reasons, the basis for which seems to be financial. Gret is more resigned than bitter though she's not given up hope entirely of having Beacon Hill done some day.

We have been rather aimlessly, and pleasantly, noodling about (don't ask a definition, please) during this nonsensical engagement period and shall be most relieved when May 23 has come and gone and we can begin building a life. Together. We have talked much and with great excitement of your offer of the cheese house for our honeymoon but want you to know that if at any time it becomes inconvenient ^{to} for us to use it, you tell us. We thus far would plan to spend the weekend of May 23rd in New York and come up to Washington on Monday following or so, for about a week, if that is convenient. We had had some trepidation about doing our own housekeeping so soon, but decided that since we'd be waited on for much of the summer and that we actually enjoyed our own housekeeping, we would suffer no real traumas by cooking an occasional meal. (This may all sound as if we are "looking a gift horse in the mouth" but there is no question that we covet a place at Villa Serena - the question has merely been one of time and sequence.) We have obviously planned nothing elaborate, so, once again, please feel free to suggest changes in our plans of any kind. We are in your debt whether we visit in May or not.

I hope that Scribner's has written Mr. Dorr about his use of A CHRISTMAS SERMON. If he would like, I can make arrangements to have it printed before I leave for Spain, but I imagine that he has better channels through the company.

And, finally, I hope that the Mexican trip was all it was meant to be. I know that I will wish that I could have been peeking over your shoulder. And my very best to you both....

Sincerely,

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