will come to agreement on the timber and so forth.

I am sure you do everything just the right way, if only I could have thanked you for your box as beautifully as you thanked us I would be content.

And now I must thank you for the package that is coming. I am so excited to see it. You are the one who should have I have done so much. I have to keep repeating that you. I can never keep up with

I believe it will be around February fifteenth that I will be coming. I am not just sure but will let you know soon

January 27, 1946

Well most darling,

Your dear letter came this morning. I long so to help and comfort you but know not how. Why should one be so helpless when one wants most not to be? I will not be helpless. I love you, I adore you, I respect you and look up to you as the most womanly of good women. I cherish our

friendship as a sacred thing. It makes my heart sing within me to know you are still holding to your dream. Keep doing so it surely will come true, it surely will. Maybe Father would be more interested in the "little big" house below us on account of the river possibilities. Sam says it is so like your inside. There is something so sweet and simple about it, it of course has none of the grandeur of your mansion. I wish you could see it. Nothing of course could make me happier than to have you there. To think of it is too delightful to even let oneself dwell on. I will make sketches of it for you as soon as I can.

Do not worry about Father having to insure Sam the loan of two thousand. It can be worked another way. I hate to even speak of such things. I don't know why it always embarrasses me - it is more business, I would rather think of my geraniums. But Red House will be ours I am almost sure as long as we and Mr Gerrish

I plan to take the night train down and then maybe I could come right from the train to you? I have promised Eunice I would spend the night with her. But we could have some morning together!

We believe Mum will get her passage on February 12th. She is so excited at the prospect. She was pleased to hear about Tiddy-boo. How sweet of you to care for him so lovingly.

My "Nell box" is getting ready but it is not yet complete. I will get you so in wonder about it that the reality will maybe be disappointing. I hope not.

I will write soon again and let you know how Sam makes out on Monday. Of course we may be kept waiting in doubt some more weeks, I hope not. I'm just not thinking of it until I have to.

Oh Nell, the beauty of it here. The clean, bright, sparkling snow— the blue sky, the white clouds and the far away mountains seen and unseen. Oh I could but bring it to you in some magic mirror shell, you would be so refreshed.

I will see you soon, very soon!

We love you, oh, so much. Your home will surely become more than a dream, it must it shall, in some way it will happen even though it does seem hopeless right now. I will really get you a sketch or two of the little big house.

I love you so much,

L.