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Dear Nell,

Thank you for your sweet letter of September 4th. I would have answered it sooner had I not been out of the office for a couple of days on business in Washington.

I'm dreadfully sorry to hear about your husband John. I know how it is to be with someone you love who is ill in a foreign country. I'm only thankful that he is better and now recovering. I just hope it has not taken too much out of you.

About the book, I'm eagerly awaiting a look at the first proofs. Since they are unable to do the lettering satisfactorily in any other process but offset, this sounds to me as though the whole book might be printed in offset. Is this the case? If it is, I must say that the Dutch can certainly handle offset beautifully, and they have a two color offset process which adds greatly to the depth and subtlety of the original photography.

I can see now that it would not only be foolish to expect, but impossible to accomplish, were we to count on a publication date this fall. This does have definite advantages. It gives us the chance to meet again and discuss very carefully the crucial matter of the print order, upon which some sort of a list price must be determined, and a realistic one too.

I have one question: Do you think you will be able to promote the book at all to any European publishing houses? I know that you spoke of having friends and admirers in Europe who might be useful in this capacity.

As soon as you do have any definite plans about getting back, please do let me know. Meanwhile I hope and trust all goes well with you. Please give my particular best to John and my earnest wishes that he recover soon and completely. As ever,

Sincerely,

B.

Burton Cumming