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Dear Papa,

The Iceland book came yesterday and it is very handsome. I hadn't known Jonathan had provided a text and I'm looking forward to reading it.

As Jonathan I expect has told you, we'd like to come out to Santa Fe for Thanksgiving; we being E.P., Bella, Sam, Boxie & I. We'll stay at a hotel and so as not to be too much underfoot, but we thought you might enjoy seeing Sam in any event. He's quite large for his age and looks more like a little boy than a baby though he's only one and a half.

I'm very sorry to hear about Aline's mishap but glad she is apparently recovering. She actually seemed a lot less frail when I last saw her a year ago than she had several years ago and seemed quite spry when she and I were driving around Santa Fe doing errands.

I can't remember whether I wrote to tell you this, but the exhibit was a great success during its appearance in St. Louis. So many people turned up for Harney Sandweiss's lecture on the opening evening that the hall could not accommodate them and the gallery was packed. There were a couple of nice pieces in the Post-Dispatch which I'll send you if you haven't already seen them.

I imagine Stehie has told you, I've undertaken the lease of the house at the island. Bella is delighted because, I believe, she can feel more at home there than she did when it was the house of people she hardly knew. She's a wonderful daughter-in-law, Pa; one who makes a conscientious effort to fit into what I imagine could be a rather daunting situation.

It will be good to see you. I promise we'll make an effort not to be too noisy or obtrusive,

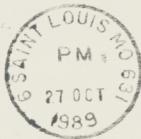
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