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Dear Mildred:

Adventures to the adventurous! I only wish that I might be tucked in beside you, extra luggage. I await your return, and the interesting report I know you will bring us.

I am so glad to learn from Alexis that you and I may yet work together in a common cause, for France. I think that I shall be able to satisfy you on all points touching our existing work in France, and one we have in prospect. The La Granges' and Dr. Anglade will acquaint you with any and all details with regard to the work at the Preventorium Lafayette; in Marthe de Fels hands I have left the negotiations of what may turn out to be the most important plan for a permanent bond between our two countries. It has boundless possibilities I think you will agree; cultural, as well as those of sentiment; it has also the virtue of being close to Paris. Our plan is to acquire Lagrange; first on lease, & with option to buy. Lolotte Lasteyrie should remain there during his lifetime, of course, as the happy host. Afterwards ~~it will~~ become a shrine, a meetingplace we hope, of those who wish that we shall ~~never grow~~ apart. Discuss it please from all angles with Marthe, financial, cultural - all aspects in fact. I shall add nothing further to this letter, for the rest you and Marthe can talk it out.

Read and pass on the enclosure, please to Marthe. It gives one a charming picture of Lagrange, the human side, I think, which seems to have impressed the young Virginia visitor.

Much affection from us both, and the bon retour we wish you.

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