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Mrs. Robert Woods Bliss, Casa Dorinda, Hot Springs Road, Santa Barbara, California.

You Angel Dear -

To have taken time to write me so charming and heartening a letter. It was not an easy day last Monday, but everyone was so affectionate and friendly that it warmed our hearts even though it closed our throats.

It now looks as though I should be able to get to Santa Barbara again before leaving, and I hope to get to my haunt at the Encanto by Tuesday the 8th, and to stay either until Friday or Saturday, as may seem best, so that I can look forward with joy to seeing you again, and perhaps the dear Coolidges, who may be happily lodged in the Verbois cottage we rather coveted at San Ysidro.

Of course, you shall have photostats of the Directors House elevations and plan. We are so pleased and honored that you think it can be of use. It has been a happy house to live in and I hope our successors will like the sunny rooms and spaciousness of it as well as we have.

Before I allow myself to wander too much, I must tell you that the Secretary of the Valley Club of Montecito has written a most friendly and welcoming letter, and in answering him as to proposer and seconder, I am taking the liberty of telling him that dear Robert will propose Max for non-resident privilege holder membership, and I will write to General Lassiter to ask him whether he would be willing to second Max. I hate to bother Robert with anything more than his resident amoeba, but I really don't think he need do more than telephone to the Club, as they seem so delightfully friendly and informal, so I think he can spare himself a letter.

We feel we owe the prospect of a happy winter in one of the Club cottages entirely to your wisdom and quick wit. It is just too bad that that wretched amoeba is so affectionate.

What a tiresome performance it is to have to look after one's machinery.

The offer for Casa D. is most exciting. One hopes it is from those whom you would prefer to the loud plaided pair who seemed to you a bit suspicious.

Your always devoted,

A record letter for the club is on tip toe with welcome - all tranks to you!