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Dear Miss Havey:

The big envelope full of alluring sketches was well studied at sea when I finally awakened. That last week in America was fearsome: six one-night stands in seven days, and in that heat and humidity! The morning packing and the evenings/unpacking were no pleasure! I have thought well over your agenda and now recapitulate discussions:

1. a) Estimate on Terrior accepted, but No.5 on your sketch should await an autumn decision as I should like Mr. Patterson to decide where he wishes the hemlocks replanted and I would not care to go into this type of replanting independently.
  
- b) Steinbraker's estimate for stone cutting on the Finalities tablet seems high but we must get that item finished, and after all I perhaps cannot judge the present rates for stone cutters. I am writing Steinbraker that the Finalities tablet will be taken up with him direct by you. If you think we cannot get a better estimate then order the inscription cut. As for the stone, I quite definitely *reject* ~~regret~~ that granite. Steinbraker assures me that selected limestone for the tablet would last indefinitely. Certainly I would like it better than anything else, except possibly Caen stone, so please see that proper selection is made.

