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[Mr. Hoover]

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Los Angeles, August 7th

My dear Johnnie

Your letter of the 2nd of August comes to me this morning and makes me sad. You have been overworking quite wickedly and now without any rest for recuperation you are starting off on this arduous journey. I do hope all may go well with you, but you don't take any care of yourself and it troubles those who love you.

I am writing you from bed where I have been for a week and where I am likely to be kept some days longer. Maman came down here yesterday and joins with the

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local doctor in keeping me in
confinement. I am obedient but
I am so unused to being ill
that it goes hard. I have not
been ill in bed for a day
since Maria was a little girl. I
have no fever now and seem to be
improving day by day, but it is
slow.

As soon as I am allowed, I shall
go north with Maria, and I
hope, (for two or three weeks) to
the Lake Tahoe region. Then she
wants to begin work again in
the "Children's Hospital" of San
Francisco. She will not live in
the hospital, so I am to
make some kind of a home
for her there. The engagement
lasts till the first of December.

I think I have told you this
before, but want to make sure you
know of our plans as far as
we know of them ourselves. After
that date we hardly know
what we shall do, but Maria
seems to long more for a home of
some permanence than she does
for foreign travel which I thought
she might choose after the
long laborious routine she has
kept to for six years.
My love to you and my
profoundest hopes for your welfare
and safety. 05091