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wonder whether in the wisest
way. He cannot keep out of
politics - tho' he does not care
for the reward himself.
Charles keeps close this office
and works hard. They are
both great comforts to us. When
are you coming East? We want
to see you in our new home.
Will you not sometime bring wife
& children to see us? Janet sends
great love & thanks for your remembrance

Affectionately,
Julia Merrill Moore
Indiana 1895

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946 N. Pa. St.

Feb. 2nd 1895

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Our dear friend,

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We feel all made over
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