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My Dear John:

I should have dropped you a note promptly upon my reaching Washington but no sooner had I arrived at the office than I had to plunge into a number of things of pressing importance.

First of all I want to thank you most sincerely for the many courtesies which were shown me by you and many other of your associates. I had a most interesting and instructive visit, the full benefits of which I hope to reap only after some weeks of contemplation and meditation upon the copious notes which I took and the arrival of which I am anticipating with pleasure not unmixed with some apprehension. They may be utterly uncomprehensible in a few places because I wrote under great pressure. The next time I undertake such a tour I am going to come equipped with a portable recording mechanism to insure that not a word is lost. In addition of course, I should bring along portable still picture and motion picture equipments. Superimposed upon the foregoing there would have to be, of course, special equipment for recording, by telepathic intercept mechanisms, the thoughts of those who viewed my entrance into their sacred precincts with the alarm no doubt warranted by the reports which emanated from those who had been previously interviewed by me and subjected to third degree interrogations.

I cannot at the moment undertake to mention by name specifically each of the many persons who gave me so much of their time, but I must not fail to ask you to convey my sincere thanks, especially to Travis, DeGrey, Vincent, Welchman, and Jones. Just as soon as opportunity affords, I hope to write them each a brief note of thanks together with several others whose names will develop as soon as my notes arrive. Please be sure to thank Lycett especially and tell him that I expect to write to him very soon.

I had a very pleasant and uneventful trip back. We were delayed only a few hours at each of four stopping places. I was very happy to have a reunion with Marr-Johnson and Sandford. We had a meeting yesterday in connection with the part that Canada may play in the "J" operations, and no doubt you will

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be apprised of the results very soon.

I had Marr-Johnson out to the house the night before last and he spent much of the evening discussing India and its troubles with my daughter. I am sure that when she gets to London a special box will have to be set for her in Hyde Park.

Please present my compliments to Mrs. Tiltman, and tell her how sorry I was not to be able to return to BP as I had expected before taking my final leave because I did want to thank her personally for her kindnesses.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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