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The Honorable Joseph P. Kennedy  
American Ambassador  
London, England

Dear Joe:

It was good to hear from you again. I am awaiting with interest your musical tragedy on the foreign situation.

By the way, can't we get Winthrop Aldrich on the record? How about trying to persuade him to say publicly what he is saying privately. It is too bad to have such a victory shrouded in silence, especially when he bumped us hard last fall with that mean speech which Charlie Gay wrote for him.

Things are going along very well here. We are in the process of getting out the Whitney report, the first part of which has already been published. The second part is a honey. It will be out in a few days. It contains the program which we have worked out with the stock exchange. That program is really a swell one. It shows what can be done when the real guys in the street put their shoulders to the wheel with us 10¢ an hour birds down here in Washington.

Also, the utility boys are knocking out some home runs. The Groesbeck statement you probably saw. It is no longer a question if they will submit to the old death sentence. The race is on to get in here and have it over with. And that isn't all, Joe. But I have to save something for the next letter.

Please give my best regards to Eddie Moore and your family.

Yours faithfully,

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