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OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY

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My dear Miss Tarbell

Thank you so much for your kind note of November sixth. I am delighted to know that our poor friend has had such generous response from Gilbert Grosvenor and his wife.

I think it is necessary to find out whether Mrs. Kennan is still a stockholder of the Harriman Bank, and I do not know how to find out except by writing to her. After inquiring whether she still owns her stock in that bank, I could then get the necessary legal advice as to what liabilities that would impose upon her. It would be necessary to do this before any effort were made to sell the Kennan books and papers, although if Mrs. Kennan is a stockholder, I should suppose that all her property in Medina has been attached. Perhaps you could find out from her whether she still is a stockholder in the Harriman Bank. I could then ascertain how much liability that imposes upon her.

Assuming that she is free, I think the next step would be to send some qualified person to Medina to look over the papers and her other collections to make some estimate of what they might bring if offered for sale. I am going to make some inquiries today to see if I can find out whether she owns any stock in the Harriman Bank, and if I get any information I will let you know

it immediately. We must all try in some way to rescue from her property the means to furnish a modest place to live in. It is a very pitiable case. I am, however, astonished that George Kennan should have put his money into any bank stock rather than into some safe investment.

Do not hesitate to call upon me for anything you think I can do in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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