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Dear Julie:

I could never think of you as being faithless in anything. I quite understood why you did not write--and there was no hurry.

The plain truth is that I don8t know whether I should be worhh bothering with--either in Washington or in France. For though, after eight weeks--and avoiding a moBB serious operation, My leg is getting fit again, twenty years at poetry has left me disgustingly unfit for any endurance tests. I just have to do what I can, then quit. Which accounts for my not having gotten into the thick of it in France long ago--for of course it is not fair, even if you pay your own way, to encumber the wheels.

If Fresidant Wilson needed any one in the diplomatic service, and could be made to believe a poet capable of such a post, I think Alice a d I could both be of service. But hang it, who thinks of a poet as anything but a poet!

Don't have the matter on your mind, however, dear Julie. For I need not tell you that I was not considering my own selfish interests in wishing to offer for any service. Moerover there is enough to do here, if there is no especial need of me elsewhere.

To avoid New York traffic and to save expense, we shall

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go by Boston, so I fear we shall not see you--unless you will take a while off and come up to our Maine rocks. How we wish you would--and how you would enjoy it!

A double amount of love from us, as always.



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