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Dear Mrs. Kennans:

You will forgive me for having been so slow in getting at results. Believe me it is not because I had forgotten, but rather because I have been waiting to see Dr. Pritchett and that was not managed until yesterday. The enclosed check comes from him through me and we are hoping that we may be able to add to it soon.

The important thing as both Dr. Pritchett and I see it is that a definite plan be worked out which would help you to realize on the Medina property and on your possessions without too great a sacrifice. If that could be done you might be able to do what you suggest - go into a small house or an apartment in Medina where the income from the settlement of your estate would at least partly support you and then your friends would, I am sure, be only too happy to see that the necessary balance was provided, at least we would do our best to see that that was done.

Talking the matter over with Dr. Pritchett yesterday we both agreed that the house should be saved if possible. As I understand it the mortgage is \$2600.00. Would it be possible to prevent foreclosure if you paid interest and taxes. If you did that could you stay on until a proper sale was arranged?

The second practical suggestion that Dr. Pritchett made was that you have a catalogue of your art objects made preparatory to placing them somewhere for sale. Dr. Pritchett thinks that he could arrange for a Tiffany representative to go to Medina if you thought it wise.

Another suggestion which seems to me valuable was that you try to sell to some institution George's books, papers and correspondence in regard to Russia and possibly in a second group those relating to Harriman.

I think you told me once that you had made some disposition by will of certain portions of George's papers. Would it not be wiser to cancel these donations and try to sell the whole thing in a block,

I wish you would tell me just how you think this program strikes you - how practical is it? What would the house be worth in good times? Is there any hope in recovering the money you had in the Medina bank? I suppose the Harriman stock is worthless.

I will do my best to help and it is a real pain to me that I cannot myself straighten out your affairs.

Faithfully and affectionately yours

Mrs. George Kennan
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