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Dearest Alice:

Just a hurried note welcoming you to our city! Also, revising a little our Thursday engagement.

I found yesterday that there was no hope of putting you up at the Arts Club Thursday afternoon as I had planned - they are over-run. I complained to Martha Finley about this and she sprang to rescue. She lives just across the Park at #1 Lexington, you know. She said emphatically - she is a very emphatic person you know - "Mr. & Mrs. Rice must come here at one o'clock and we'll have a simple lunch and then you and them can go upstairs and have your visit alone and they can rest as much as they want in the afternoon - dress at leisure. Their friend can call for them at #1 Lexington and pick you up at 120 East 19th Street on the way to the Pen & Brush."

I am afraid you are going to be disappointed about the guest - Abbe Dimmet sailed for France for Saturday. Major Hamilton Gibbs and Mrs. Gibbss are replacing him. It is all very informal and I think we will have a good time.

You ask for your flood letter. Of course I kept it - it is agreat historical document! You'll find it enclosed. The marks show what I had copied to send to Mrs. Simmons and to Viola R. I hope you will let me have it back when you are through with it.

I feel sure that you and Cale will be much more comfortable at Mrs. Finleys than at the Arts Club and quite as independent. Mrs. F. has a dinner engagement herself for that evening and probably something for the afternoon. She is delighted at the idea of your coming.

Love to you

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