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Dear Mr. Paul:

I have only just returned to New York from a rather long Christmas holiday - a holiday complicated by serious illness in my family - and I come back to find greeting me glimpses of your thoughtfulness.

First, this grand electric coffee percolator, quite the handsomest thing of its kind I have ever seen. You may be sure I shall use it with pride and I am quite sure, knowing the quality of your products, with satisfaction. But, dear Mr. Paul, you must not send me presents, you will have the Government after you or after me. I hope they do not get wind of it and order me to send it back as they did the cigars of the shipping company and the compact of that unhappy secretary. You must not get it into your head that when I speak a good word for the Westinghouse I do it for anything but a desire to spread what I believe to be good news. If you furnish me information which I believe to be reliable you do me the greatest of favors.

But do not think that I do not appreciate your kind thoughts and that I shall not be every now and then drinking your health when I percolate my coffee in my Westinghouse pot.

I want to thank you heartily for the copy of Dr. Skinner's paper on "Lighting the World's Columbian Exposition." I have read it hurriedly, but enough to see that it is quite the best thing on the subject that I have been able to find, and I have made a pretty thorough examination of printed sources. There is more than one paragraph in it that I shall want to use in my book, but of course I shall give full credit to Dr. Skinner.

Thank you so much for your kindness in
arranging that I see this.

May I keep the paper among my notes or do
you want me to return it?

A Happy New Year to you and all the
Westinghouse people.

Very sincerely yours

Mr. Lesley C. Paul
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