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Dear Lena Kennan:

Here I am back in New York, arrived rather late last evening after a busy time in Rochester and Schenectady, going all day and too tired at night to write you back a line and enclose what should have been sent before - this small check for the grand ornament which I carried away.

Of course to me it means you and George Kennan and the fact he carried it off from Siberia, as I understand, when he was gathering the material for his Magnum Opus makes it all the more precious to me.

I do not know what I can do with the jade ornament but I am going to try wherever I have a chance and I hope I will be able to dispose of it advantageously. And you can count on me to remember the rugs, but as you said it is better not to hurry about these things now. So long as Mrs. Carnegie lives you do not need to worry about them. That gives time to dispose of them to advantage. All this I am writing to Mrs. Pritchett and also I am going to tell her that I am convinced you should make every effort to stay right where you are. A charming home like yours means everything to you. It is so fitting to George Kennan's memory that you should be there. I should be distressed if things took a turn which threw you out. I had such a pleasant and interesting day with you, enjoyed the house and its contents and the atmosphere you have created there. It was a great satisfaction to see you in the place and I was so glad to go to the cemetery and see where George Kennan lies.

Now try to wipe out your anxiety and enjoy what you have there. Feel assured that your friends are going to do their best to help protect you in your home.

Affectionately yours

Mrs. George Kennan
Medina, New York