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Dear Mr. Grosvenor:

You have taken a load off my mind by your sympathetic letter in answer to mine telling you of Mrs. Kennan's plight. And how generous you and Mrs. Grosvenor and Dr. LaGorce are. This sum added to the smaller one that I have been able to collect will take care of taxes and mortgage interest for this year and will give her something for immediate necessities.

As you will understand it is bitter for her to ask and accept help but it seems to me that she should feel that the value she and George Kennan have been to us all makes this a matter of paying a debt - a debt of a rich friendship. That is what I am trying to tell her.

I am depositing the checks to my own account as Treasurer of the Kennan fund and sending one under my name. This Dr. Pritchett seemed to think was the wiser way.

You ask if there are any Kennan books or papers to be disposed of. I have already written Mrs. Kennan asking her to let me know what she still possesses. As a stockholder of the Harriman bank it is possible, though I do not know this, her property will be attached. Yes, I do understand that the Harriman of the bank was not related to E. A. Harriman. Dr. Pritchett is writing to Mrs. Rumsey, Mr. E. A. Harriman's daughter, presenting Mrs. Kennan's case.

Thanking you again for your cordial and generous letter, believe me

Faithfully yours

Mr. Gilbert Grosvenor
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