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Dear Alone,

Forgive my long silence. I did not answer your letter of September 20th because I was told by Mr. Harrison that it would be a matter of a few days before the project was passed by the legal department of the Foundation, and I was waiting to hear from him. Since then I have been quite ill and the slightest thing became a difficulty. But now I am fine again.

You have ~~XXXXXX~~ undoubtedly by now received Mr. Harrison's last letter advising you that the matter was all quite official now, and that all you had to do to obtain your passage by boat is to consult with Dr. Janney of the Rockefeller Foundation in Santiago. I felt badly that you had to miss the boat that was to sail on October 4th -- but these official delays cannot be helped. And we can be happy that the whole project has moved along much smoother than I had ever dared to hope.

I can hardly believe that soon I shall be seeing you. In my own mind, this is Gabriela's project. In my own heart, I feel it is she who is helping us to bring this thing to pass. Above all I am sure how happy she would be.

Regarding your lodging here, I have a suggestion for you. There is a small hotel on 40th Street (Hotel Geton Hall) which is very inexpensive and where I think you would be happier than in the YMCA. The rooms have a small kitchenette, maid service, and the cost would be between 25 and 30 dollars per week. It is near 3rd Avenue, and I live just off 3rd Avenue on 20th Street. This makes bus communication between us very easy. Mr. and Mrs. Paige, very dear friends who lived with Gabriela and myself in Italy and in Roslyn, are living there now. It is a very central spot -- near the library, theatres, etc. I thought I ~~xxxx~~ would reserve a room for you as soon as you tell me the date of your arrival. Then, if you prefer the YMCA, or if you prefer to look for a small apartment, we can arrange that later. Another advantage of this hotel is that it is very close to a good, inexpensive restaurant. Eating is quite a problem in this city.

Re. clothing. It will be cold here, but don't forget that our heating is excellent. Indoors you will probably be too hot since you are not accustomed to steam heat. Bring warm things. I have inquired about the price of men's clothing. A top quality suit ready-made (i.e. not made to order) costs about \$100. They say you can get a relatively good suit for \$75. A good coat is about the same -- \$100. for one of excellent quality.

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