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Dear Julia:

C I am enclosing copy of a letter that I have just written to Etoile but I thought I had better address it to the downtown office as she would not like the idea of my enclosing a carbon to you and she may, or may not, let you read the letter I have written her.

O Your letter forwarded from Grayce arrived and I am very anxious that you get someone to look after Etoile. Try to get the best one that you can who is available, but don't wait for someone who is perfect. Most of the perfect people have jobs already or have passed on to their reward. I have a double interest in the matter. I want Etoile to have good care and particularly I want to relieve you from the very heavy responsibility that you have been bearing. I want it so that if you want to go up to the Hills with Charlie that you can go.

P I am still inclined to the belief that McMalley's suggestion will sooner or later prove to be necessary.

Y I know your house is pretty. You always had the knack of doing things well and I can still hear the little, almost inaudible whistle that you would continue to make while tying my tie, or trying to doll me up in some other way. It was the kind of whistle in which you heard the sound of the wind thru the puckered lips and that was about all. Whenever I see a girl with pretty red hair and a clear white complexion, I think of you. Of course when the sun got on you just right a few freckles would appear on your nose and between the eyes, but what are a few freckles between friends.

I am sorry that I can't in some way relieve you of a large share of your responsibility but I feel very helpless in handling the matter which we have before us.

Lots of love,