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Mrs. Calla Gregg,
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Montrose, California.

Dear Callie:

You may have been surprised in receiving a carbon copy of a letter from Mrs. Loren Gowdy to me without any other communication. I was intending to write you a letter to go with it, but it got by. Loren Gowdy, as the letter probably indicates, was the son of Ed Gowdy, who was the son of William C. Gowdy, our Uncle. You will notice that Charlotte, the second cousin, is living in California. She was a beautiful child. I saw her only when she was probably six or seven years old. She had perfectly golden-blond hair with large brown eyes and was most attractive. That must have been about thirty-one years ago.

There isn't anything especially new with us. We have been very busy and have had to meet all of the many questions that confront us, both in living an ordinary life and in conducting a business.

Dolph and wife and two sons will be with us Christmas, as will also be our daughter Janet, her husband and her two children, Mary Beth and Michael Collins. Blanche, Mrs. Maloney, will not be able to come, altho we had the pleasure of seeing her and her family a few weeks ago. Our son-in-law, Mr. Maloney, has been having a siege of a very serious blood trouble, caused by a virus in the blood. It is called Pemphigus. He almost entirely overcame his trouble and is now suffering a milder relapse, but he is very hopeful of perfect recovery. Their oldest boy, O. W. Jr., was in the army for about three years and spent last year at the University, completing his education, altho he did not graduate. He has had some five years in engineering. Their