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Mrs. Don Freeman
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Dear Grace:

Gertie recalls the statement that you made sometime last year, or the year before, that if you had some money, you thought of giving it to St. Joseph Hospital. Personally, I think that would be a worthy impulse, but a foolish thing to do. I have never heard of Catholics contributing any funds outside of Catholic control, and I believe that there are other places that you can use your money to much better advantage.

Pardon me for giving you this unsolicited advice, but you are still my baby sister and I am your senior. I hope that Don and you will make efforts to clear yourselves of all indebtedness rather than to try to branch out further. At your time of life and the more or less precarious condition of Don's health, I think it would be a whole lot better to move safely and conservatively rather than to plan for a bigger income later on. I have followed this principle in my own affairs for a good many years. Outside investments might have made me money, and on the other hand, they might have crippled my business and left me in bad shape.

With love to you and Don, I am as ever,

Your loving brother,

WCS: jm