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Dear Friends:

Two weeks ago today we brought Mrs. Simons home in a chartered airplane, making the trip from the airfield in Minnesota to the airfield in Lawrence in two and three quarters hours--the distance by air of 520 miles. Mrs. Simons was very weak but was kept under the influence of sleeping tablets and came through nicely. She was met at the airport by a local ambulance and was taken to Lawrence Memorial Hospital, where she is being given every care. If prayers can save and God is willing, she should get well. Medicine is doing all that it can for her. She is comfortable in mind and body, and I spend a great deal of my time with her. She enjoys letters from her friends, but she has not been permitted to have many visitors, aside from members of the family. It is a great disappointment to her not to be able to attend the wedding of Eileen Maloney on September 8, which will be the first wedding of any of our grandchildren. Her many friends here have kept her room filled with flowers. Both she and myself have valued our friendship with you.

Our daughters have been very kind in trying to have someone at the home with me during the past two weeks, and Dorothea, Mrs. Johnson, will be here until the end of this week. We are expecting a mother and daughter to make their home with us this winter. The daughter is an A student and a senior in school of Journalism. We are expecting them about the first of the month.

Dolph and his family spent a large part of the summer at their cabin at Gull Lake. Dolph, Sr., was not there for a great while, being at work in Lawrence to harden himself for University football this fall. John, the 15 year old boy who will be 16 next month, qualified as a guide for fishermen and was greatly in demand practically all of the time he was there. To be exact, after starting to guide he could not meet all of the demands that were made upon him.