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Dolph had a very great and happy surprise the other day in being invited to be the only civilian in a small group of Naval officers who are going to encircle the world by air, leaving January 14. They go to Bermuda, Azores, London, Paris, Algiers, other points on the Mediterranean, Saudi Arabia, Istanbul, Pakistan, India, Singapore, Manila, Japan, and South Sea Islands, the entire trip taking six weeks. I shall be glad when the trip is over, and yet, I am not fearful of results.

The weather has been good, although storms have invaded the state at some points.

I hope that both you and Don will come through the winter in good shape. Give my best regards to Ruth and family.

Lovingly, your brother,