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Dear Dolph,

It has long been our intention, Gertrude's and mine, to pass the Cedars on to Dolph Simons, your dad, because none of our other children would be located here that could use it, and simply to give it to them to make a sale wouldn't be quite as nice as keeping it in the family. Furthermore, the acreage that goes with the home is going to be worth considerable money. In speaking recently of the home going to the family, Marie said it would be nice for you and Pam, so that is something you may have as a prospect.

The way the house is arranged, I occupy the downstairs apartment and simply use the living room as a reading room evenings and Sundays, and the dining room quite frequently, but it does give you something to look forward to, although you and Pam might feel a little bit lost in so large a house. However, the furnishings go with the house so that would not be a problem.

It has seemed to me that the war in which we are now engaged in the east could not possibly have been considered by the founders of our nation. It was the Democrats of the south who brought about the Civil War. It was largely because the south wanted to take over Texas for the extension of slavery that we fought the Mexican War, and our last wars have been shoved upon us, or we have been shoved into them, by Democratic presidents. At no time was it in defense of ourselves or of our holdings, with the possible exception of the attack made by the Japs on Hawaii.

The future safety and prosperity of our country undoubtedly lies in the ousting of the Democratic party.