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Dear Aunt Grace,

I have just finished writing to Russell Wickey and Mrs. Kathryn Drought who were the only kinfolks I think that should be advised of Father's death outside of the immediate family. If you think of others, please let me know.

I think it was wise for you to not attempt to make the trip to Lawrence for the services. You and Don are very dear to us and I wouldn't want you to do anything which might be injurious to your health.

The funeral service was a beautiful tribute to Father. I am told the number of floral pieces was the largest the community has ever seen, and the Baptist Church was packed to capacity which is an unusual situation in these times particularly for a man eighty years old who has lost many of his personal friends through death in recent years. The service lasted half an hour with organ music and one solo, scripture reading, a prayer, and a sermon by Rev. Fetter, which was a little long but which I am sure was the sort of thing that Father would have approved.

The four men from the office are planning to leave here about Friday noon of this week, May 23, expecting to arrive at the cottage sometime after midnight. If the key can be put above the kitchen door they should be able to make out very nicely.

Ernie Pontius, who was there last year, will be in charge of the group and I have asked him to tell you everything that you might want to know about Father's last illness and what has transpired since then. Ernie was one of his favorites, and Ernie contributed much pleasure to Father's life in recent years. He is a genuine fellow and I hope you will feel free