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Dear Harry:-

Bobby and I were glad to hear from you this morning and also to have the brief word or two with you since lunch. Dr. Belue told Bobby of the proposal of the doctors there to drain the fluid from your left lung and I imagine it would be the right thing to do, but let me stress the fact that you should have an examination of the heart BEFORE undergoing even the simplest operation. In your weakened condition the mere puncturing of the skin would be mildly exciting and you want to know how your heart is before this is done, in order that you may know whether it has any effect, either good or ill on that organ. You cannot judge of this

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unless the examination is made first. And of course you want to have a SPECIALIST to do the work. I hope you will not fail to have Dr. Harrison. Martha thinks very highly of Dr. Bryan, but he is a general practitioner like Dr. Belue. Already more attention has been paid your lungs than your heart, so give the latter a chance now. They might find that you have none and all our worry has been wasted.

We are getting on all right and there is no particular news. Many ask about you and are surprised to hear that you have gone. Try not to worry about the expense there. I don't think hospitalization can come too soon if it will reduce the cost of being sick and dying. Let us know if we can do anything for you.

"As ever"---

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