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Dear Mrs. de lazeff
I don't think
you have anything at
all to worry over!
After seeing Sir Charles Russell
on Thursday I feel so much
happier - because he is so
sensible. He said he did
not wish to ^{forward} marshal an
array of titles and
prominent people who had

sat for portraits, but simply
wished to show that the idea
of settling in England had
long been contemplated by
you both. I was able to
recall have heard you both
speak of it in Vienna in 1907
in quite an informal way -
on various other occasions.
Also he wished to know if
I ever remembered having heard
your husband express ^{admiration}
for the English gentleman - his
character & ideals etc. - & I
remembered something he once
said to me about the man I
am now married to (when we
were not quite engaged!!)

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& I only hope it may all
be useful. As I told
Sir C. - naturally everything
your husband had ever
said remained fixed in my
mind because I admired
him so tremendously - and,
at eighteen, that he should
have considered it worth
while talking to me at all
was a great event in my
life: Also although at
that time I may not have

appreciated his Art one
millionth part of what it
deserved - I was certainly
a good judge of character &
admired your husband's
unswerving adherence to the
highest in everything, & his
scrupulous sense of honour
so much so that it was -
& still is - the purest hero-
worship.

I should have written sooner
only Thursday was impossible
as I did not get back to the
flat after the interview till
nearly five - when (I suppose
owing to the heat, & the

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nervousness of waiting for
him to appear - he was detained
nearly an hour) I had rather
a bad fainting fit. Then
yesterday I got home too
late for post.

Of course I wasn't nervous
after he did appear - but
the time before was exactly
like the old days before
a concert or before a
lesson with Leschetizky!!

I feel sure all will be
quite alright - once you
get up to the fence you
will sail over it. The time
before is much the worst.
Very best regards to both
from us both

Always yours sincerely

Alan Hall

May 24th. 1919.