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My dear Friend,

I would have written to you earlier, but I am terribly busy. I read through your article, which I think is very interesting and you can leave it as it is. You need only add to it that I have just finished the portrait of the Archbishop of Canterbury, a full length picture in his official robes, with the historical Gothic chair, in which his predecessor, Archbishop Tate, crowned Queen Victoria, and in which the present Archbishop crowned King Edward VII and King George.

It is the largest picture of the Archbishop that has been done, up to now, and I am very proud of having had the opportunity of painting this portrait for Church House, Westminster, and it is a very great satisfaction to me to be a link in this long historical chain of portraits, dating back from the 14th century. I think it is the most wonderful collection that exists in this country, and amongst them is one of the finest by Holbein, which hangs at Lambeth Palace.

As I am obliged to leave for Bagnoles de l'Orne with my wife, to take the 'cure', I cannot be present on July 8th, when the picture will be unveiled by the Archbishop of York. On the 2nd July we are having a reception here, to show the portrait, to which we are expecting a great many friends. We are leaving the following day, and we return here by the end of July, as we are expecting Doctor Stratton, the President of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, to stay with us. Colonel Henry is Assistant Professor there, and he will be coming over also about that time.

Regarding the photographs that I am going to send you - I am going to ask you to wait a short time longer, as I wish to add to them the portrait of the Archbishop of Canterbury. I hope for certain to be able to send you the parcel on July 1st.

I shall also send you the Supplementary Number of the New York Times, in which you will find my picture of Secretary Mellon, together with an article about it, which may be of some help to you.

Now I have a proposition to make to you - we shall probably be spending some time at Lake Garda, possibly about a fortnight, with the boys, somewhere where they can bathe, or it might be that we stay near Genoa - we have not yet quite decided about this. In any case Paulie, Patrick and John will be with us, and from there we shall also visit some of the northern Italian towns, and amongst them, Florence.

We expect to leave here about August 20th - now how would it be if you came to us as our guest for a week's visit, as naturally it must not involve you in any expense. You could then be with us quietly and we could have a good chat. Write to me soon and let me know what you think about this.

Yesterday we had tea with some friends of ours, Lord and Lady Phillimore. As you know, he is in a very high legal position in this country, and sits as President of the House of Lords, amongst the legal peers. On the 5th July they are both leaving for Vienna, and they will be staying at the Hotel Bristol. You will probably have heard that there is to be a very great International Meeting of all the Judges there and Lord Phillimore will represent Great Britain. I mentioned you to him, and he would be very happy indeed, if you would kindly call on them, as he would much like to meet you and spend some time in your company. I told him that all the leading people and members of the Diplomatic Corps, are well
well know to you, and it would give him great pleasure to make your acquaintance. He leaves England either on the 5th or 7th July, so I hope you will be able to meet.