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Hants.

My dear friend,

Forgive me for not having replied to your most welcome letter but I am trying to do as little work as possible as I get very easily tired and I have to deal with so many letters that cannot wait. I am getting on but it is a slow process and I cannot walk far, but this peaceful life here in the country is doing me a lot of good and is steadying my shattered nerves.

About the 18th we leave here and we have taken a small house at Brighton, right on the sea, where we and the household will be until the end of this month. I know that the sea air will make a quicker recovery for me. I have experienced this in the past - whenever I was tired or run down a week-end at the sea restored me again.

I have some very important work awaiting me but I will only know towards the end of the month by the Doctors' advice if I will be able to begin painting on our return at the beginning of November. You will well imagine how much I am looking forward to getting to my palette again as I can hardly remember a time when my palette has been laid aside so long.

I had today a most charming letter from M. Cambon in which the Ambassador expresses his sympathy in my illness and in which he expresses the hope that on my return in

November Monsieur Corbin will be able to hand over personally to me the Insignia and the Brevet- and to this as you know I look forward very much.

I have been advised to spend about two months towards Christmas time on the Riviera and either going or on our way back we may come through Paris, as we would much like to see you and your dear family - maybe you could run down and see us while we are on the Riviera.

In the meantime, Henry and John have arrived in New York - no doubt both will benefit very much from it. Otherwise my whole family is well and we see them from time to time in the country.

I hope that the October number of "Apollo" has arrived safely in which they pay me the rare compliment of printing the whole of my lecture, with splendid reproductions which I used on the screen. It will interest you to know that I have received a very elaborate and enthusiastic letter from M. Bouvier in which he tells me how well you received him at Vallière and how helpful you were to him. He seems to be a very intelligent and charming personality.

No more to-day my dear friend. Lucy joins me in our warmest greetings to Helene and yourself and your family. Let me hear from you by return - address the letter to Fitzjohn's

7th October, 1936.

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Avenue as all letters, no matter where we are, will be forwarded from there.

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