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Dear Mrs McVicar :

I have purposely delayed answering your letter of June 22 until I had heard from Miss Pfefferkorn that she expects to be available for conference early in October. So far, I have had no reply from Mrs Brack but hope that she also may be at home and free about this date. My holiday pla s are still too indefinite to set a more exact date but it looks as though I shall be in New York late in September and shall come on to Baltimore from there, provided that this arrangement is mutually convenient for all concerned.

I very much appreciate your kind invitation but it might be better for me to stay at a hotel a bit nearer the Hospital so that my time may be used to the best advantage during what will necessarily be a short visit. For reasons that I am sure you will understand, it would be better for me not to live in the Nurses Residence.

I can well imagine how eagerly you must be looking forward to your brother's arrival. He will be able to give you both a wonderful "inside" picture of the part that Britain is taking in the development of the Far East. My cousin and his wife are now visiting Rome and Sweden and will, of course, spend some time I England. They will be back in Canada by the time I go East and I hope to spend part of my holiday in Quebec with them and to get some first-hand impressions of what they have observed. They feel strongly, just as I do (and I hope your brother does) that while the British Empire may be finished, the British Commonwealth is jusy coming to birth. Incidentally, Prime Minister Menzies of Australia is giving some excellent leadership in this connection. I wish we had someone li like him in Canada although it may be a good thing that we have a French-Canadian who understands both languages and both points of view. Monsieur St Laurent has done a good job, so far.

Thank you so much for the clippings which I read with keen interest.

With kind regards,

y urs sincerely

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