

April 4, 1949

Dear Mrs Brack,

I am ashamed of my long delay in writing to thank you for the fragrant farewell and for that wonderful steak. My friends give an appreciative sniff when I walk by in an aura of "Zibeline". All joking apart, those little capsules are the cat's whiskers. As soon as I got home I had to begin a rather grisly series of dental treatments and the end is not yet. However, it is a comfort to be in my own little apartment where I can cook up soft little nesses to soothe my aching jaws. It has been good to see old friends and I have been nearly killed with kindness. Went to the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo the other night and renewed my youth like the eagles. If all goes well (dentist permitting) I hope to spend Easter with my cousins in Quebec. They have just got back from England where he attended the Lambeth Conference so there ought to be some good talk of men and affairs. I hope Winston Churchill made a good impression on his American friends. He did try to exercise due restraint and in some respects this particular speech seemed to me to have certain overtones which had a deep spiritual significance.

I have not even looked at the JHH material since I came home but I have explored one or two possible avenues at McGill University which may yield some new light. For your private information I am enclosing a letter which I received after my return from ADW. The wording is somewhat cryptic but I hope that she may yet be persuaded that it will be best to confine the present project to the 1867 - 1907 period. The time has not yet come for the rest. I have a feeling that she will listen to you if you can get her to talk the situation over with you. I am sending a copy of her letter to Mrs McVicar by this mail and hope that there will be no crossed wires. I expect to be in Montreal until the middle of May and shall look forward to hearing from you.