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be from quite a different angle ^{and} ~~Furthermore~~, I should
have to be completely free from all other obligations --
especially from JPN. May I write about all this, perhaps
at greater length, a little later on?

Your letter made me homesick for the Laurentians. The
colours are muted here although in Stanley Park the crimson
thread of the vine maples stands out in vivid contrast to
the sombre background of the Douglas firs. The autumn has
been sunny and warm and my Christmas roses have prematurely
burst into bloom instead of waiting for their appointed
season.

Hoping that all goes well with the settling-in process
and with all good wishes