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Dear Arthur:-

Greetings! We get a good deal of news indirectly from you from Mrs. Childe. We have tried a number of times to induce her to come to our house, either to tea or to a meal, but her answer is always the same that she cannot leave Eddy, or that for one reason or another she should not come out. We will keep on trying however, I think she stays a little too closely at home. I saw her the other day when she was having a cold, but she seemed very well and very cheerful. She is carried along by your ability as a letter writer.

I am writing to you now particularly about your desire in regard to continuing over there or returning here. My understanding from the beginning was that Harding was to be trained so that we could send him over to take your place, and that we would be able to get you back here at the end of the first year. Harding now feels that it is essential for him to continue eighteen months longer until he will have finished his training. He would then like to go over and replace you, and stay until the end of the War. By eighteen months, he means a year from next June. This statement of his has taken me rather by surprise. He doubtless has his own problems that he has to solve for himself. However, I

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realize that I must find out from you what your desires are. It is also of course quite possible that the D.C.M.S. may veto any changes or alterations. The next thing I would like to know however, is what your attitude is toward the whole idea. It makes a difference also as to whether or not you could come back to the Children's Hospital as well as to the Institute, and whether it would not be easier for you to regain your Children's Hospital appointment at the end of the War instead of coming back now. I am very anxious to have you for a year with an idea of then returning. I feel that you could do a good deal of teaching which is necessary, as well as for other reasons.

Of course we all realize that all these things have to defer to decisions of military importance, and there are some things that no one knows but Hitler! There are many other things that God only knows. Do write me a letter, and I think it would also be a good idea if you also wrote to Peirce. He takes a great deal of interest in your activities.

Good luck to you, and best wishes
from us all,

Yours sincerely,

WGP/MM