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Southwest Station
Washington 24, D.C.

Dear Dick :

On Thursday I went to Springfield to look the place over. There are several small hotels near the station but I think that they are too small for our purpose. The best hotels are on Chestnut Street and two of them deserve mention.

The Sheraton is the most expensive in town, from \$5.50 up. It is about seven blocks from the station and has 215 rooms. Its lobby is very small and not too convenient for meetings. It has one lounge with entertainment and another with T.V. neither of which would be very suitable.

Hotel Kimball with 350 rooms, from \$3.50 up, is about five blocks from the station. It is a good hotel and seems to be the most convenient of all. The lobby is on the ground floor and in it there is a newsstand and two air-ticket counters. When I visited it, a number of people were sitting around and others were coming and going.

Between the two hotels, at the corner of Chestnut and Hillman Streets, is the Y.M.C.A. which has 280 rooms of which 180 are permanently occupied. Guests who are not members are welcome at \$2. per day which entitles the person to free use of all the facilities in the building. The lobby is large enough and would be convenient for meetings.

I would suggest that Dr. D. be advised to stay at the Y.M.C.A. and that the first meeting take place in the lobby there. If you stay at the Kimball, you can arrange further meetings in either place.

I have just had an answer to my letter to Dr. D. He says that he is free Saturday afternoons and Sundays and that if I let him know the exact date of my visit he will wait at home for me.

Mary's vacation begins on March 20. However, since I may be very busy after March 15, I think it advisable to plan flying from Boston to Montreal on Friday afternoon, March 12, and returning from Toronto on Sunday, March 14. This does not give us much time but it will be sufficient for our purpose.

Will you please let me know whether to proceed with the arrangements.

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