

Washington DC

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Dear Mother

Don't be disturbed  
by conflicting reports about  
my condition. It is true  
I am still weak, and  
on my back, but I am  
gaining every day, and  
need only time and patience  
to bring me through.

Give <sup>my</sup> love to all, thro  
relatives & friends &  
especially to sisters Abby  
and Mary. Your loving  
son  
James A Garfield

Ms Eliza Garfield  
Hiram Ohio