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Ottawa, May 3, 1919

Dear Mr. Smyth:

It has been a disappointment to me not to have had an earlier opportunity to express to Mrs. Smyth and yourself my very sincere appreciation of your generous hospitality on the occasion of my visit to Jenkins in company with officers of the Consolidation Coal Company.

I wish it were possible for me to tell you both how much I enjoyed the day spent in your beautiful home, and the conversations we shared together. I do not know that I ever experienced a greater feeling of rest and genuine delight than I did in the attractiveness of your home and the wealth of natural beauty by which it is surrounded. Both you and Mrs. Smyth were so exceedingly kind and cordial that it is with great difficulty that I can convey any appreciation of the pleasure the visit afforded.

I shall always remember, as one of the most inspiring of evenings I have known, the talk we all had together the night before coming away.

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