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Dear Mr. King:

Mr. Rockefeller was called to the telephone about 4.50 this afternoon with the statement that you were at the 'phone. When he reached the telephone you had evidently cut off, probably because, as we assume, you were trying to make the 5.00 p.m. train out of Boston. If that is the case you will arrive too late to be able to call Mr. Rockefeller on the telephone at his house.

The matter about which he wanted to talk with you is this: Mr. Frank P. Walsh called up from Washington today and said that he had learned that Mr. Rockefeller was to be in Washington and that he wanted to see him. When I told him Mr. Rockefeller had abandoned his trip South Mr. Walsh asked if he would come down to Washington tomorrow. I again explained that Mr. Rockefeller was ill and under the doctor's care and could not come. Mr. Walsh then asked if he could see Mr. Rockefeller in New York tomorrow, to which I replied that I was expecting to see Mr. Rockefeller in the late afternoon and would advise him. Mr. Rockefeller then directed me to make the following reply by telegraph to Mr. Walsh:

"Have delivered your message to Mr. Rockefeller, who is confined to his house with a severe attack of laryngitis and bronchitis. His doctor insists on his being absolutely quiet for several days at least. Mr. Rockefeller will be glad to see you as soon as he is able and will so advise you. If time is an element and you so desire he will arrange with his associate, Mr. Murphy, to see you tomorrow at his office."

After your talk with Mr. Wheelwright tomorrow will you kindly call Mr.