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My dear Professor Williams:-

When your letter of August the 21st arrived I had not yet returned from the trip to Honolulu. It was a very interesting experience and I am glad I went, though when first suggested to me the prospect of spending a summer in a hot place like Honolulu was not very alluring. As a matter of fact we suffered no discomforts from the heat. There blows a continuous Northeast trade wind which serves to keep the temperature bearable, running, as it did when we were there, from 72 - 82. The water was just as warm as the atmosphere and after the Conference was over we went swimming every day.

We went from here to Vancouver, then to San Francisco, taking the boat from there. Across Canada the party from the Old Country were with us and at San Francisco we were joined by the majority of the American delegation. The trip from 'Frisco to Honolulu is only six days. We arrived on the 12th of July and left on the 12th of August. Honolulu is a delightful place but now very Americanized in all its educational and political institutions. The majority of the inhabitants of the Island are Japanese, but there are many Chinese, Phillipinos, Koreans and Portugese, as well as the native Hawaiians and the whites. There is much intermarrying, with results approved by some, but most unfavourably regarded by others. There were 53 divorces granted last July and I wondered if there was any connection between the abnormally high