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My dear Veitch:-

Your letter of the 13th of September came to me as a very great surprise. I had been told during the War that you had died shortly after War broke out. I do not know how such a rumour originated but I am certain that I got my information from Bob Clark. We often spoke of you and had expected to hear from you after our arrival in England, but for the last few years of the War and since we have both been under the impression above suggested.

I am indeed very sorry to learn of the death of your son Gordon. You are called upon to bear a very great sorrow in having lost him while still so young and just on the threshold of his career. I remember him very well in Victoria and know what a promising lad he was. I also know how sincerely attached both you and Mrs. Veitch were to him. I hope that his sister soon recovers.

I am very sorry that I am not in a position to loan you the \$500. asked for. I returned from the War, like a good many others, having lost everything I had. You know of the Corona property in Victoria and of the amount that Bob Clark and I had put in that - something over \$20,000. The taxes had accumulated during the War and we have since been called upon to pay them. Neither one of us had any money to do this, nor could we continue payments on the principal. The owners of the land refused to