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Ottawa, April 10, 1934.

Dear Mr. Maher:

You will no doubt remember myself and family being at Tadoussac in the summer of 1923. My oldest son Ted at that time discussed with you the chance of his being taken on in your party for a month or so in the summer principally to enable him to improve his French. He did not write you in time enough last year but has written me expressing the hope that he could get on this year. I do not want to impose upon you in any way at all and, indeed, his desire, as well as my own, is that he help in your work in every way and his hope is there will be work he can do, no matter what kind it is, that will make him useful. If, however, there is not work that he can do to earn his way, then I certainly would want to pay you for his keep. He would be ready to go and would like to go as soon as possible after the of July this year. Just because he feared that there would not be work that he could do to earn his keep he asked me to write you instead of him so as to make it plain he did not want to be a burden and an expense and that I would pay him cash if he was.

I might add that my second boy, who is now

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