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Rt. Hon. The Viscount Bennett,
Juniper Hill,
Mickleham,
Surrey, England.

My dear R. B.:

My first wish is to enquire as to your health. It was a great relief to know that the eye trouble had been overcome. I and many others who keep asking me would be happy to receive an encouraging letter from you as to your general health.

Today I want to write on another matter, but want to assure you to begin with that you are not to feel under the slightest obligation just because the letter comes from me. The fact is you are under no obligation whatever and a straight negative answer will be thoroughly understood by me, because the writing of this letter is at the suggestion of myself and no one else.

You probably have heard of Barbara Ann Scott. In fact, if I remember rightly you are her godfather. She is the daughter of the late Colonel Clyde R. Scott and Mrs. Scott. I stayed, or practically lived, with them while I was in the Senate—or a good deal of the time. This young girl is really quite remarkable. She has character and personality to a degree. You probably know anyway that she has won the Canadian Championship in Figure Skating for the last four years, and for the last two years she has won the North American Championship, defeating exceedingly dangerous U. S. aspirants.

She has to defend the Canadian Championship each year and after this is over she is going to Stockholm, Sweden, to compete for the World's Championship. These Championships include, of course, male as well as female. When one recalls that she only recently turned eighteen years of age, you will see what a tremendous achievement she has to her credit.

I understand the Figure Skating Association is granting her the usual \$1,000 on expenses to Stockholm. This, at today's prices, will only be a beginning. I am advancing \$1,000

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