

Airca, Cal.
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Dear Nannie

Just a note to answer your letter of last week. I am disappointed that you & Stan are not coming out here. I do wish you would still consider it as there's no telling if I will or not hold on to this spot indefinitely.

But if you're bound for New Orleans I first advice is not to consider lodgings outside of the Vieux Carre, (French Quarter) if you do not want to miss the unique atmosphere of the place. There is a first class hotel in the Quarter if that's what you must have: the New Monteleone. There are also little places of one sort or another all more or less picturesque. I suggest you go at once to see Mrs Gorman at the End of the Trail Shop near St Louis. She has rooms to let and can tell you of every place of interest and everything you should do and see and no time would be lost. She is a friend of Natalie Scott's and can tell you her whereabouts.

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if you get the chance. Some services are advertised
in church lists in local newspapers, but better
ask at the Federal Anti Project office (Lysle
Saxon) or the negro newspaper (Louisiana News
I think it is) not at the AAA office.

Try to see church of the Red Hawk (Mother
Dora) and ^{temple of} Prophet Joseph Fortune. etc etc

E. and I are now driving a \$1500
car as the other is not yet repaired.

Thanks for the maps - very good.

Hastily

Tom