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Dear Nannie -

Your letter to Merle arrived some days after the one to me. It was good to hear that your sightseeing days were so enjoyable.

Now that you are back in Wilmington you must be in a whirlwind, arranging so many details. I have been in a stew as I always am before making a drastic decision but the sooner it is over with the easier it will be for you and a relief to me.

Unless you and Stan see very definite reasons against it I want everything at 604 that belongs to me to be packed ready for shipping. Even tho I do not know yet where the destination is, cannot the job be turned over to a house to house mover? and in case I am delayed in sending an address, have the things left in my room ready to be shipped out when I give the order? If the boxes will be too large to be packed in the room, therefore necessitating it done in a warehouse, could you get an estimate for temporary storage? Ok, if the shipping is done by van from Coast to Coast with only partial packing which would not be sufficient for storage I should like to know.

I am in a quandry about getting off for Calif. as the demand for portraits increases with each one that I do, but as time presses (with the approach of Jan 1st) I will just have to

decline the orders and get started. My friend in Menlo Park does not commit himself by mail on my proposal to store my things in his house. He proposes talking it over, which of course would be necessary for me too before acting.

Any way I am going to try to get off by the end of next week. If you feel that the packing of my things can be left till the last minute that will be better for me but I should think more difficult for you since you are going to pile all your own things in that room. It would be easier to have my things out of the way first.

Everything includes the trunk in the basement and if you want to throw in the Madonna of the Chair (Raphael copy) in the attic, since you and Stan do not seem inclined to hang it, and other things in that category, please do so. The reason for my insistence on everything is that I imagine that it would be more economical to pack all in one fell swoop than to send things in dribbles. There will be plenty of unintentional dribbles anyway.

As said before I am sick of my procrastination, ~~transcrastination~~.

What about the safe deposit vault? After all I may decide to buy a house for you on the spur of the moment.

We had a 2300
long weekend from Seattle and Bainbridge. It was a grand success.
But now to get going!
Write soon!!!
Yours,