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Dear Ralph:

Your most kind and gracious letter with the news paper clipping, came to warm my heart and raise my spirits, yesterday. The beautiful flowers, a joint present from you and your street Aunt Blanche, have won the admiration of every one who has seen them. Walter came to see me last night and I gave him the clipping for preservation in the family archives. Since I came here ten days ago, I have lost weight, strength and appetite, day by day. Yesterday I was given a barium meal and my stomach X-rayed from every possible angle. Results negative. I am sorry that I shall not be able to answer your letter in the detail that it deserves.

Walter R. told me that he would write and ask you and your precious Aunt Blanche to come and spend a Saturday or Sunday with us. Tomorrow I am scheduled for a test meal, to be drawn off and analyzed. After that, I see no need for any further data in the study of my case. With over a dozen blood specimens studied, more than twenty X-ray plates used, to say nothing of \$50⁰⁰ dollars daily for the room I am sure that my bill already exceeds one thousand dollars. I must choose a less expensive place in which to die.

I am sure that you will soon hear from W.P.
I can never thank you and your dear Aunt Blanche
for your interest in my welfare and warm friend-
ship and gracious hospitality.

Most cordially
Llewellyn