Oct 9 — Rec'd 10/16

Dear Willie:

My last letter went to Dakar and though my intention to write
has been the best – well – please forgive me. This 8 hour teaching day is
no joke plus a house, not to mention a few social activities and two
farms – apple season, gardens and bulbs —

We decided to send you a cable for your birthday and you know how happy we would be if you were only here. I have a couple of good bottles of Rhine wine

which I have wrapped in "swaddling clothes" & put in the cellar and believe me that we will surely celebrate when you hit our shores again.

Your assignment to Lagos came as a surprise (to you too I imagine) and while it sounds frightfully primitive and savoring of the jungle and "Hottentots", still, it is undoubtedly quite civilized and the experience will be most interesting and valuable. I can scarcely await a letter with your reactions. You are undoubtedly speaking Portuguese by this time – after your sojourn in that place.

As you can well imagine my teaching is not simple routine with French and German

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but it means a daily preparation in Spanish which never takes less than an hour and usually that much more. There are 50 Spanish students beginning that language and they are really enthusiastic so I try to keep them that way. There are 65 senior French and 20 senior Germans with only 8 beginning German students. Eight classes a day is a very good teaching load for anyone. I am tutoring Spanish with Dr. Amner at Dennison & will get College Credit for it by special arrangement with the faculty of Denison.

Last week end the McPhersons from Dayton spent the most of Saturday and Sunday with us. Myra is <u>very</u> charming but when they left Sunday at six we shut the door and went to bed.

We had dinner and spent the

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night Saturday at Hanover – full moon & thermometer at 85° on Oct 4. We went to Coshocton Sunday morning & had dinner in town about two in the afternoon. This Sunday there is a supper party at the Dr. Barkers summer place at Harbor Hills. Then – we have 3 groups we have to entertain before it becomes too cold at Hanover. Our living room is 20 x 40 feet & lends itself to informality & a crowd.

Mrs. Ned Wright is still in the <u>Hospital</u>. They operated on the hip, cleaned the bone & are hoping that the infection will clear up. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary yesterday – we sent them a large bouquet of yellow baby mums. They are an ideal couple and have had a wonderful life <u>together</u> – money not being considered.

Everyone here is in excellent health. Pa was here for 3 weeks but has returned to Michigan. Melody is in Washington & we are here "holding the fort". — All good luck and love from us both

Sarah

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I shall try to do better with my correspondence but here is hoping you understand. There is a clipping from last night's paper about John.