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Dear William:

Every year you are the recipient of a note from this exciting place & this year will be no exception. Needless to say, you are surprised that the Grand is being held this year – we were – but they have a fine crowd though everyone feels it is a mistake. There are to be only three days – Wed, Thurs & Fri. – the end of the usual 10-day session. The weather has not been kind either & it is hotter than the proverbial place here.

Dayton is a "madhouse" as you can imagine with all of the increased activity there. I may go in tomorrow & take a train for Newark because home is a much better place to rest than here.

At home everything is progressing beautifully. Little Samba is still the "apple of our eyes" & is a precious bit of black fur with tan trimming, also a deep bass voice. We don't need a burglar alarm with her in the house. Ned Lutz who gave Samba to us wants us to go back to Knoxville with him - & wouldn't we like to. – They have a beautiful set up down there & I hope we can visit them again someday.

Melody finishes summer school this week & starts the fall term

Sept.1. – My school begins Sept. 7 - & if I ever dreaded anything it is that
thought. We have 3 Cubans here at the "Shoot" & are having dinner
with them this evening – can practice my very ineffective Spanish. Last
year there were 5 here. Four Canadians are to be at dinner too – It is a
wildly exciting life!!? Laurence is very busy – Bob Hughes who used to
help him here has been promoted to a Colonel – which Bob well
deserved. He is in the Pacific area.

We hope you and Philinda are in the best of health & happiness & we join in love & Greetings. Sarah –

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