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Dearest Margaret:

Things are moving along rapidly and it looks as though a ministry of health is a distinct possibility. Yesterday Dr. Heiser, Dr Cumpston, and I saw the Prime Minister and were asked to come back Wednesday with a plan. Last evening we sent seven hundred worth of cable to the Rockefeller Foundation asking authorization for Dr Heiser to make a definite arrangement to cooperate with the Commonwealth if a ministry is created. So you see things are looking up! It looks as though we would have at least another year here, but probably in a broader ~~so~~ field. Cumpston says he asked Dr. H. whether he (C.) could depend on having me here for two years more & Dr. H. replied ~~for~~ ~~for~~ that (over)

it was probable.

Last evening we attended a reception by a medical women's congress and met a number of people who know you, e.g. Dr. Greig, Dr. Scantlebury, Dr. Mary Booth, etc.

We have not been seriously inconvenienced by the car strike. Trams are stopped all day on Sunday and after 7 P.M. on other days. Suburban trains run only once an hour.

I had to lend Dr. Heron a white tie to complete his dress outfit for the reception, and as I had no overcoat, we walked down to the town hall ~~without~~ with our white bosoms displayed to the world.

Letter-writing has been seriously interfered with as I am seldom alone and have an endless series of conferences etc. I must stop this letter and have breakfast, or we shall make a bad start to day. I hope Peggy is happy and has finished furnishing her dollhouses. Lots of love to you all. I ~~We~~ probably cannot reach Boston till Saturday

Lovingly.