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Mr. and Mrs. John W. Rhoden,
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Dear John,

Confusing messages from Washington indicate that you got back there before our wrap-up Despatch reached them about the excellence of your visit. I'm awfully sorry that we were slow in getting our Despatch off - the problem was getting some comments from the press translated from Arabic or French. As it was, we couldn't ever have translated the whole bulk of the articles. However, we sent a good batch to Washington, and asked them to forward the clippings to you when Washington had finished with them.

Poor Hoda is in hospital because of an emergency appendectomy, but seems to be coming along all right. Probably the operation had a worse effect on her Mother, whose rheumatism had returned. Mr. Naghi (if you remember the courtly old president of l'Atelier) died of a stroke about a week after you left and l'Atelier is having a commemorative session of speechifying this week. Louise and I have about decided to buy one of Sagini's copper repoussé things exhibited at the Museum of Modern Art if we can save up the money. Sagini, incidentally, refused to design a book jacket for us because the book was, he felt, so weak as propaganda against Red China. I would like to know why he really turned us down.

Thanks again for all the good work you did here - and I wish you both all the best in whatever projects are now facing you.

Sincerely,

S.P. Belcher, Jr.
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