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Dear David O.,

I have no way of knowing whether my belated letter of August 9th duly reached you at Cap d'Antibes. But I should hate you to think that I never sent it and hence enclose a carbon copy which, I hope, Christopher Mann will forward.

I am still in a very poor way. Actually there seems to be no encouragement let alone any promise the doctors can give me. Which is why I have started wondering if I should not send a few x-rays to Dr. Howard Rusk and ask for his advice. The trouble is that - immediately following the hip operation - a "Sudeck-atrophy" bewitched both the knee and the foot. This unholy "Sudeck" not only causes continuous pain but also keeps me from leaving bed. I am not permitted to put any weight on the operated leg which in turn highly endangers the result of the hip operation. If I were to send the x-rays to New York, I should, of course, enclose a detailed report on the situation. But then I wouldn't dare approach Dr. Rusk unless I were warmly recommended to him by yourself. And as you have been so kind as to offer assistance, I make bold to ask for just that.

Aren't you ever coming to our fair and not so very neutral country ? Please give my love to Jennifer . All the best to both of you and the very kindest regards from

yours as ever affectionately,

