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My Dear Nettie,

We were all so happy to hear that I have you now to attack. The Full Climate at N.Y. is always very trying, especially not. that with all changes of climates elevate. — I have sent a few furs in one parcel two named with N. are for you and one each to Frances & Sue. They are respectively named S & F. I also enclose a small passage of M. "Goss", more as a curiosity for you to see what it is all about. — It's a grown Love; the furs are my Christmas & N. Year Gifts and while they are not much, yet they can be whitled. They will all come crushed but will straighten out in a day or so. Please ask for Parcel at Office. In order it is not misladd as Mother's Enclosure "passage" for Lance & Yourself I am sending my "best Wishes" to Yourself Lance & Children, & by the beginning of year '36.

Always Yours Ever

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"Urusvati"

Naggar, Kulu, Punjab, Brit. India

Feb. 13th 1935.

My dear Nettie,

I have received your letter and am glad you like the furs I sent you. It is difficult at present to get any good skins at Kulu, owing to a great scarcity of animals. For example musk-deer has diminished 90% in the last few years. Everything is changing and the Valley too has experienced its share of it. The same is true of art objects, as practically none can be had. Of the four tankhas which Esther asked me to get for you, I was able to get only two while the other two better ones I took from our collection here. Esther will tell you how everything changes here. The many collectors who came have cleared the neighbourhood of everything worth while. I want to again thank you for your help in the experiment with the insense plant. I hope something good may eventually come out of it. The experiments are by no means easy and require a great deal of research. The cultivation of these roots is a very difficult undertaking owing to the constant watching it needs during the first half of its life. With the many activities you have I could never ask you to go to so much trouble. Especially since I have lately become better acquainted with the difficulties attached to plantation work in the U.S. However if it is not too much trouble, I would appreciate if a portion of the seeds sent to you through Esther, could be

sown out in a field in the spring in order to see how it may come out. Towards the end of the summer I would ask you to kindly send me some roots through Urusvati for analysis and comparison in order that I may determine the influence of lower altitudes.

I hope the children are well and that you are taking good care of yourself and Louis. Health is so very important in these strainuous times. We are often thinking of you all and sending our best thoughts. If there is anything we can do for you here, please do not hesitate to let us know. Nothing will give us more pleasure than to do whatever we can. Mr. Shibayev asks me to transmit his best greetings.

With all best wishes and thoughts as ever