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Nela darling:

Half of les Etats-Unis is telephoning to Paris today. I tried for hours to get through to you, but now I give up and send my greetings to you by mail. We here were relieved by Arthur's death. His long and glorious life lasted perhaps a little too long. But you shared the glories, even though you did not have the satisfaction of spending his last days with him. It's just as well. We think you were spared...not deprived.

Mildred told me of her telephone conversation with you and I shared her delight that your attitude and your frame of mind are so calm and intelligent. Marc and I know of your unhappiness with the situation that prevailed but we weren't sure of how the final event would affect you. You're quite wonderful, darling - and we feel that, with your loving children's help, you'll be able to handle the estate matters with equanimity.

Whatever you do when affairs are settled, we want you to know that "mi casa es su casa." We have a lovely, quiet life by our ocean, and we would love to share it with you for as long as you would want. Mildred thinks you'll be in New York, but that a visit to the West Coast is doubtful; but in spite of that, we want you to know how much we would love to have you with us if you do decide to come West.

We are both more or less well. You and I share the arthritis in the hands. I have a bad knee, besides. But nothing stops me. I went off to Southeast Asia for a month alone. Then Marc and I were in Israel in the summer. We've just now come back from a short holiday cruise to the Mexican Riviera, and are looking forward to Egypt and Israel in April. Marc is busy with his duties as one of five Trustees of a 300 million dollar Foundation; I do my undistinguished writing; and we enjoy our family and each other - and who could ask for anything more?

It's good to know of the enthusiasm for your book. That will give you a lot of gratification, I know; and I'll buy enough copies to make it a best-seller in San Diego!!!

We send you our love and hope we can be together one of these days.

Devotedly,
Marcella