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Mrs. Lillian H. Olzendam,
Woodstock, Vermont.

My dear Mrs. Olzendam:-

I do think your mission has brought excellent results and augurs well for a special session. Keep the ball rolling and I am sure you will arrive.

We have had a report from Mrs. Pelley and she too seems to have been doing excellently well. She writes now about going to a few places by train but seems to think that the money might be more usefully spent in sending you around. I do not know how the matter stands except our relations to Mrs. Pelley. I hope your peregrinations are not to stop but that you will go ahead with the matter and deliver the legislature. I feel sure you can. It would be an interesting thing to pull off the special session without the Governor if meanwhile he is still obdurate. I would not give out any hints of this kind. Sometimes Governors change their attitude. This Governor may surprise you. The feeling inside of the Republican Party is growing more and more determined to push ratification and that influence may get even the Governor of Vermont after a time. If you can get the legislature behind you there is no knowing what may happen next. He is not very polite to women, I believe, so I think it an excellent idea that you have the men have the first interview with him and probably they had better finish the job. All you care surely is to get the ratification through.

Let me hear from time to time how things go.

Yours cordially,

Carrie Chapman Catt

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