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My dear Mr Marsh

In an excessive hurry to  
get letters off to the State Dept.  
I have only time to say that we  
send to Paris a good deal a box of  
books for distribution to Cairo, Con-  
stantinople & as shown by the en-  
closed letters. I will write soon  
more at length.

Just finished the biggest  
kind of an operation in the way of  
foreign exchange. 576 pounds in  
46 boxes weighing 9880 lbs. cubic feet  
263. All done in an incredible  
short space of time. Warmest love to  
Mrs. M.

Yours truly  
W. Baird

Wm. P. Marsh

Your letters just arrived