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Dear Maria

As the day is Sunday I will write you a few lines to keep you posted as to my Condition and in so doing will pass a very pleasant hour and be doing my duty to you. I recd your letter last night dated July 1st and it seems you have gone the rounds and are back again to ^{the} place where I last saw you I hope you have had a pleasant visit and I know it must have been pleasant for those who you have visited so that is if I can judge from my own feelings for I am sure a call from you would be very acceptable but as you cannot come here I will probably be there in the course of 3 or 4 weeks I cannot say when the exact time