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My dear Mr. Hepburn:

Having vainly tried to
get you on the telephone, I take this means
of expressing without an instant's delay my
profound gratification at the generous bene-
faction of which Mr. Coudert has just now
advised me. Your wish to remain anonymous
will, of course, be entirely respected; but
I want you to know at once how ardently we
have desired a Maison Francaise and how hard
we will try to make the best possible use of
it. I know that our friends in France,
including M. Hanoteaux, to whom I have just
cabled the good news, will be keenly inter-
ested and delighted. The way is now open to

bring about a genuine revival of interest in French history, French literature, French civilization, and French culture, and I trust that we may all be spared for many years to work together for these fine arts. I am sure that you will find your reward and satisfaction in the contribution which this house will make to the betterment of international relations in general and to the binding together of the two great Republics in particular.

With warm regard and heartiest thanks, I am,

Sincerely yours,