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Darling daughter,

I wish that we could talk over our plans. I'll try to write what I am thinking. Bob want us here, wants me now, and wants you when Helen returns and hopes you will stay "two or three weeks at least"! I told him you + I had been planning a Swiss walk + that you very much need a holiday, but he thinks the holiday part will be all right for you here, and says he does so want you + Helen to be together. In Boston he said one day, speaking of you

+ Helen, "Helen just naturally loves Louise." He is of course very desirous of having you here with him, I mean on his own account as well as on Helen's. But here am I wanting my daughter so much, and here are the weeks going by and we are still far apart. Its all right if I stay on here until about the 20th as I had thought. Of course I'd expected you to be arriving tomorrow morn. + that I would go to Providence on Thursday + return Friday + that you + I would leave on Sat. or Mon., whichever day Helen returns. As I had thought Mrs. [Eaur?] would stay 3 or 4 weeks, or as long as

Helen needed companionship. Now B. tells me that Mrs. E. is anxious to get home to Mr E. (naturally) + that while she has not exactly said that she wilted daily, he does not think she will stay here when she comes back with Helen, for more than a day. Then he wants you to appear and stay for weeks. And I see myself meeting with Y.W.C.A. + the summer going by and seeing you about Thanksgiving time. I think my plan that you should come tomorrow much the best, and wish you would just do it anyway.

I mean if you think it a good one. Of course I'd love you to be with Helen too when she comes home, but only for a few days, not for 2 or 3 weeks. Unless you wished it. I am anxious for your sane that you should have a real holiday with plenty of exercise. That is essential. Of course I may be taking an unnecessarily gloomy view of the matter. If you can be here until, say, May 1st, I'll run down to Camp Meade + take a little course of Y.W.C.A. work before May 1st, and then be ready to meet you + could still, if it seems best, regularly begin the work at the time this [comes].