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Dearest daughter,

I am so sorry that you and Esther are both engaged on Friday. It would have been lovely to have had you with us for the Adv. Council + State Ch. men meeting. But of course I understand your inability to come.

I have just dictated letters to Miss Burnham and to Mrs Crice

[written horizontally at top of page: welcome - however you'll tell me all about it on Sat. If you have enjoyments be sure + keep them. You know how momentous movements are when enjoyed in work like the present. Very loving Mother. Have just got Mrs Edw. B. [McCain?] wife of Washington Post writer + closest to Harding - Post is horrid to us so I wanted her. Am so pleased]

To tell them that we are looking forward to having them with us on Friday.

Please read enclosed from Edith and deliver her message to Esther and Robert. I have just written to her to tell her that I will send 300 - before Feb. 7th - the date when according to Mr Smith's report - the money must be given to the bank. Shippen advised my doing this - the money goes to increase one's shares - is not just dumped in.

Thanks much for v. cards. I was delighted to see them

when I opened your letter. I've been signing

Alice Paul

to hundreds of letters, she and I both working at this at all our odd moments, and I expect, hope, my writing will improve in consequence. I can really do it so that you wouldn't know the difference. Had no idea I possessed a latent talent for forgery before.

I'm going up on Saturday this week wh.

I find I can't get off. But as things are now I expect to go, and can spend 3 or 4 days enjoying you all and my lovely apartment.

I've just written to Leila Cope regretting a Prison Reform League meeting at the College Club tomorrow night.

We are having a perfectly hectic time (only don't tell, except Esther + Robert) getting permission to use the Capitol - even for the statue ceremony - the V.P. is over due - and we shall prob. have to get an Act of Congress authorizing it - wh., with the date almost upon us, is a fearsome prospect - so much lobbying to be done - and with a dying and over burdened (they think they are, I don't) congress is a big task.

C.B.L. news would be most