Varengeville, France
August 1st 1914

My precious Brother,

We left Paris about two weeks ago and came to this little village by the sea on the dear Baby's account. She had whooping cough and although she had a very mild case it left her pale and the doctor said we had better bring her to the coast so that she would get entirely rid of the cough before the fall. It suited us exactly as we found it much cheaper than staying in Paris and Annie's teacher had advised her to rest as she was looking so

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him and tried - He came expecting to stay three weeks - Although we heard rumors of war about a week ago no one seemed to believe it would really come - Yesterday things became very serious and we thought we better go back at once to Paris as our baggage is there, so that if necessary we could go home at short notice - being guided by the advice of the Ambassador - Before we had finished packing our one trunk we were told that there were no trains running between Dieppe and Paris for passengers - The next news we had was that the

French paper money would not be accepted - As we had nothing else we were very much upset -

I began this in Varenguville and we are now in Paris - They tell us that the last mail to America goes out tonight really in twenty minutes - We got out of Varenguville by good luck - on the last train - We were in despair as the hotel was to be closed and we did not know what to do - We could not telegraph to any friends as all lines were held by and for the government - Today they say that no one can leave Paris for three weeks - The whole thing seems so foolish because it's doubtful whether they have provisions enough to last so long - One would think they would be glad to send a many people away as they could -

I just wanted to let you know that we are safe so far and we will possibly have to cable you later - We cannot get any money from America unless through the cable office - You cannot imagine the state of affairs here. I never imagined anything like it - The people are all panic stricken - With a heart full of love for you all, Your devoted sister Annie

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