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Dear Eleanor —

Margaret Suckley has written me that you gave her the little water colors of Franklin by Mme Shoumatoff to send me. Thank you so very much — you must know that it will be treasured always —

I have wanted to write you for a long time to tell you that I had seen Franklin and of his great kindness about my husband when he was desperately ill in Washington, & of how helpful he was to his boys — and that I hoped so

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very much that I might see you again –

I cant tell you how deeply I feel for you and how constantly I think of your sorrow – You – whom I have always felt to be the most blessed & privileged of women – must now feel immeasurable grief and pain and they must be almost unbearable –

She whole universe finds it difficult to readjust itself to a world without Franklin – and to you and to his family – the confusion must be appalling –

I send you – as I find it impossible not to – my love and my deep deep sympathy

As always Affectionately

Lucy Rutherfurd.