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Dear Dr. Johnson,

Have been eager to reply to your last inspiring letter, but pond travel interfered. Never-the-less I am finding the change at least an interesting one from the point of language.—the change from England to France. Destructiveness, wonton cruelty are much in evidence. Each family has its own stark cruel sad story to relate. Yet, with that there is a large degree of bravery and courage. Politeness and even hospitality are abundant. I am happy to know that my former co-worker Dean Melvin Watson will be on your faculty this years. My fondest greetings to Mrs. Johnson, Dr. and Mrs. Nelson, and the Rev. Mr. Watson. I am well, and in no danger.

Sincerely,

Harry Gil-Smythe