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"My dear Pug"



Thanks so very much for your letter of October 2nd. As you can imagine, I undertook this new duty with some reluctance. However, I am going to find it interesting if difficult and the prospect of being back in the old firm and of working closely again with Kenneth Strong and other dear friends in London is a compensation.

The old tummy did indeed declare war about six months ago and I have had most of it taken out, apparently with perfectly satisfactory results. However, it took two long and arduous operations and I am still not entirely back to normal weight and strength. I am afraid it will take another six months. However, the surgeons declare that they have done a perfect job (and I think they must judging from the size of the scars which are sufficiently large to have accounted for the removal of a kitchen sink of the average dimensions) and I must say that I have had no discomfort of any kind since they got through.

Give our affectionate good wishes to Lady Ismay and do remember me to Peter Portal and the other dear people with whom I used to work.

I had lunch last week with Ike, which we both expected to last about an hour. However, we got to reminiscing about the good old days and killed the better part of the afternoon.

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