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My dear Philip

I was glad to have your letter, with the Van Gogh note. It is strange how people will assume that a man who is notoriously abnormal must be a genius and how they will rank as a master a third rate artist merely because he happens to be insane. If Van Gogh had been an ordinary sane person no one would have paid the least attention to his work — I have never seen anything of his that had any real qualities.

I have written to Holme about the children book idea and I expect I shall hear from him during

the next few days. I told him that I had gathered from my talk with you that you would prefer the subject to be treated in a book rather than an article and that you would be ready to paint some studies specially for a book — we shall see what he has to say about it.

I hope you and Lucy will have a real good time abroad and come back rested and refreshed. The weather looks as if it might keep fine for your journey.

I am so glad I had a chance to see you before your departure and wish I could have paid a longer visit; as it was, I got home in comfortable time for the dinner engagement I had.

Our love to you both

always yours, A.L.V.