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Dear Mr. Garside,

You have already received a deluge of letters from me expressing my views on our different problems. However, I have thought things over very carefully these last few days, and the letter from Bob has made me come to a firm decision.

I am no longer worried about the "Digest" because Bob does not "care a rap what they print" as he expresses it. As long as I cannot get a passport now for plain Marjorie Wilson and daughter Elizabeth I am going to cable Bob. I don't want to ask for one under false pretenses, and as Bob said it was a lot of "soft-soap" about being urgently needed at the hospital. I honestly do not think that the China picture will be so changed in one month that the State Dept. will re-consider. We have been going on indefinitely for over a year and it has not been easy. I've been trying to play the game and keep my chin up. If we do not come to a decision now and abide by it we may be caught and go on again indefinitely.

Charles Ferguson in Shanghai says that Bob looks well but has the "appearance of utter exhaustion!" We are both unhappy and Bob just lives and dreams for the time when we can be together again.

Bob was alone during the period of occupation and the months following. There are three surgeons at the hospital now, two Chinese and Dr. Brady. We could go back later, depending of course on events.

I'm not trying to be dramatic or let my emotions get the better of me. I'm thinking of Bob, the baby and myself. I see no other way out.

I'll be happy to hear from you before I cable Bob.

Sincerely,