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909 Congress Avenue,  
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Mrs. Edward F. Harris, Pres.,  
Galveston Equal Suffrage Assn.,  
Galveston, Texas.

My Dear Mrs. Harris:

Your good letter to hand this morning. Had intended writing you, anyhow, on a subject that will come in a later paragraph. First must express our deep sympathy for you, and rejoice at the same time that you are coming through so nicely. Wonderfully good of you, under the circumstances, to see about Mrs. Reading; we are hoping and praying that she comes soon. Mrs. Helen Moore was with us greater part of last week, and a telegram this morning says she may be back soon; however, when she finds her husband is to return home, feels she must get back too. *she is surely fine.*

Mrs. Cunningham has been sick in bed with the Grippe since last Friday evening; on the mend, in a way, but she always has the bronchial trouble that so often is the aftermath, and as it rained in the night, in addition to a fresh norther, and is still mean, grey, and damp, I told her I would take the poker (the only weapon I happened to see in the room) to her if she did not keep in. This is strictly confidential in regard to her illness, as both her sister and Mr. C. would be worried and she prefers that it not be known. Felt it wise to tell you, however, and this might add persuasion to our request for Mrs. Reading, whom you have permission to tell.

The thing Mrs. C. wanted me to write you about especially this morning is in regard to Mr. R. L. Pillow, Jr., upon whom we had been counting. They find him rather luke warm, and we want him "pelted" with letters from as many people as you can influence, especially men. This is strictly confidential. Please do not mention to Mrs. Simpkins, as, for some reason, he seems to be thoroughly put out with that lady.

Understand, dear Mrs. Harris, that we do not wish you to exert yourself in any way; thought perhaps Mrs. Reading, or someone you can trust absolutely, would do this for you. We are working day and night here, and finances are none too encouraging. "Beastly" weather for a while.

With regards, sincerely,

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