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Charles Town,
West Virginia

Dear Mr. Carter: --

I was so overwhelmed yesterday that I fear I did not make myself quite clear in telling you how convinced I am that Mrs. Johnston never for one moment thought that her pictures would be sold. A sale of anything belonging to her was most foreign to all her ideas. She told Miss Speer and me, the last winter she was here that she had arranged in her will that nothing was to be sold. She never contemplated for an instant the fact that her collection would be rejected, or I am confident she would have said to us something about it. I know that your desire, as well as mine, is to carry out her wishes, and one of her most cherished wishes was that her pictures should ultimately belong to the Nation and be placed in Washington.

Believe me,
Very sincerely yours,
(Signed) May S. Kennedy

