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Hôtel Costeille
Aix - France.

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Dear Sir.

I must apologise
for not having answered your
kind telegram of sympathy
sooner, but as I have had
a great deal to do this is
my first opportunity of doing
so -

My Father had so many
friends in America and Canada
that I know how true their
sympathy is - his death
was so sudden and
unexpected that it was a
terrible shock to us all -
in fact he was to have started
at the beginning of January
for a trip to India and Ceylon

Coming home by America -

My Mother was much touched
at your kind telegram for
which I beg to thank you
in her name as well as
in my own.

I am

Y^rs faithfully

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