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My dear Mother.

It looks for yours
just received. Both you &
Eva wrote on Sunday saying
of course I knew Rankine
had come home. How could
I know till I was told?
I might be proposed staying a
day or two in Halifax. If
Arthur can spare time to come
up here he should come by 8 o'clk
train one day & return by
afternoon train the next. Carry
& family back on same day
Sooner he can come & turn round.

There is no my mind to see here
it is true, but if Arthur comes
I shall be glad to do what I can
to show him round. I am sorry
I have not a bed to offer him,
but he would find himself
comfortable for a night at the
Grand Union. I cannot well
come down late for Christmas.
You should keep A. in winter
for that day.

Yours

Serge

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