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I am very flattered that you asked for my notes/manuscript/papers for your Library. I have already executed my will, leaving all my diaries, letters, writings, money to the San Francisco Bay Area Gay & Lesbian Historical Society (SFBAGLHS). I know how important it is to keep records of our lives.

I'd be very grateful if you'd tell me which issues of The Ladder, etc., have articles on F-M's. The SFBAGLHS has them and I can just xerox for myself. I like to collect all that stuff, too. I already have documentation of over 100 F-M's in a clipping file.

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So, Bet, my health is stable. I'm tired, but who isn't? Everything going well for me....

Best regards,
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