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Mr. Seligman took a copy of this home.

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December 18th, 1971

Dear Mrs. Lynch-Staunton:

Do excuse this typewritten note to thank you for your lovely letter with your good wishes which we most heartily reciprocate. Unfortunately my shaking hand - age will tell - does not allow me to write manu proprie which I would prefer. Your lines are most touching and I do hope that 1972 will keep you in good health and will allow you to re-orient yourself and regain some faith in the future.

I can well understand how distressed you must be in having to leave your Shangri-La, which unfortunately we were deprived of seeing, but as you write it will offer a compensation in the line of taxes.

On the other hand we were so happy to see the reproduction of that lovely head of "Young Moses". Interpreting it in the Egyptian style is indeed a most original conception, and so very interesting from an historical angle. I am sorry not to be able to view it, professional curiosity spurring me, for the bronze treatment seems so very adapted to the subject - all golden as it looks from the color reproduction.

It is truly splendid that you should have thus resumed your former studies and renewed thus an activity which keeps your mind at work and away from all the gruesome troubles which assail you.

You mention that you were in France last year. We were there too, in late May and early June, and were you to consider anew such a trip abroad, would there not be a chance of getting together in Paris or in London, which latter city I assume you visit at times too. We would greatly enjoy seeing you again, unless of course we could meet in New York - how very lovely that would be.

The Benson you describe is indeed a handsome present to the National Gallery. We will forget the purpose which you so frankly admit, and we will only remember this gesture, which is indeed a glorious one.

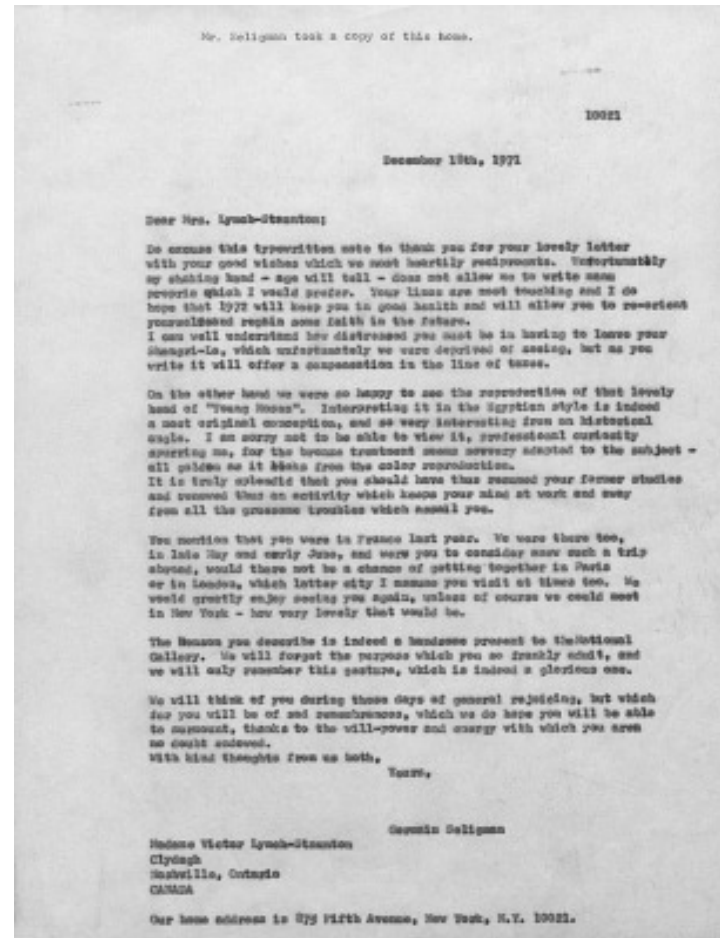
We will think of you during these days of general rejoicing, but which for you will be of sad remembrances, which we do hope you will be able to surmount, thanks to the will-power and energy with which you are no doubt endowed.

With kind thoughts from us both,

Yours,

Germain Seligman

Madam Victor Lynch-Staunton  
Clydagh  
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