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Lease of Perth Amboy plant George Baekeland called me at phone at 2 P.M to urge me to sign lease to Am. Tobacco Co for Perth Amboy Plant. - They are all for it. - Told him I want

1/ Specific lease for five years  
2/ Costs for alterations and renovation not to exceed the ~~sum~~ sum mentioned by Rossi in his telegram during the five years the lease lasts

3/ option for sale should be the subject of a special contract.  
In order to avoid misunderstanding I confirmed my conversation by a Day light letter telegram which I sent directly afterwards.

Nov 10. Cool and bright weather. Thermometer last night went down to 55° F. Hgrometer from 95% to 45% election has been a veritable landslide. Hoover carried only 5 states. The Socialist vote altho' stronger than in former years amounts to little. Franklin Roosevelt will have both houses overwhelmingly ~~de~~ men of his party own party.

Nov. 11 Hurricane in Cuba The hurricane in Cuba drowned a whole city by a 20 foot high wave near Camaguay and killed 1500 people. The city was built on very low lying ground. ~~Nov. 12~~ Beautifully clear weather here and bright full moonlight. Just after sunset wind calmed and suddenly mosquitoes appeared, due to northerly wind during the day. These are the first mosquitoes I have seen since my arrival notwithstanding the early sultry days.

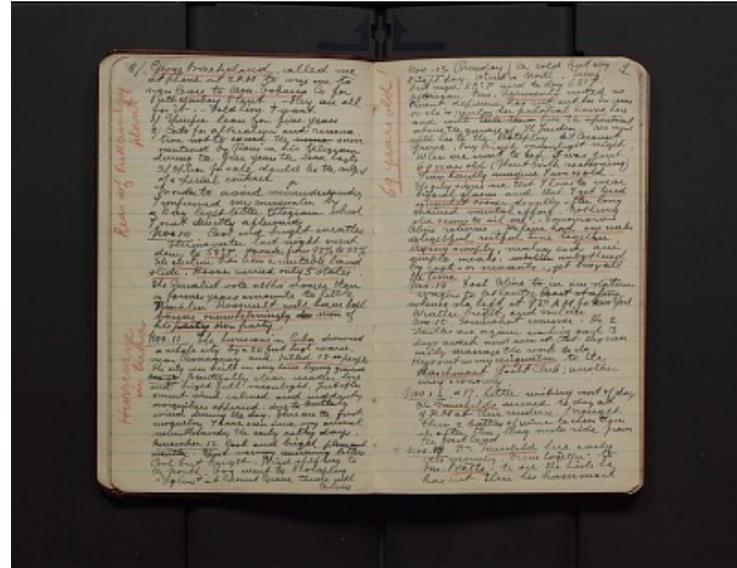
November 12 Cool and bright, pleasant weather. Spent morning answering letters. Cool but bright. Wind shifting to the north. Evening went to Photoplay "Igloo" at Coconut Grove theatre with Celine

Nov. 13 (Sunday) 69 years old! A cold but very bright day. Wind is North. Temp last night 58° F and to day 65° F.

Afternoon Mrs. Sarimento visited us. Present depression has cut out her income so she is renting her palatial home here and will have the apartment above the garage of Il Jardin. We went with her to the Photoplay at Coconut Grove. Very bright moonlight night. When we went to bed I was just 69 years old. (Ghent birth reckoning) I can hardly imagine I am so old. The only signs are that I have to wear bifocal glasses and that I get tired somewhat sooner, specially after long strained mental effort. Nothing else seems to ail me.

Tomorrow Celine returns. We have had one weeks delightful restful time together living simply, making each our simple meals, ~~unbothe~~ unbothered by cooks or servants, yet busy all the time.

Nov. 14. Took Celine ~~to~~



~~in our station wagon to Atlantic Coast station whence she left at 9:30 AM for New York~~  
Weather bright and milder  
Nov. 15. Somewhat warmer. The 2 darkies are again working each 3 days a week and even at that they can easily manage the work to do. Have sent in my resignation to the Larchmont Yacht Club; another easy economy.  
Nov. 16. & 17. Letter writing most of day. The Fairchilds arrived today at 8P.M. at their residence. Brought them 2 bottles of wine to cheer them after the long motor ride from the west coast.  
Nov. 18 Dr. Fairchild here early this morning. Drove together to Mr. Bretts to see the trails he has cut thru his hammock

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