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15th July, 1938.

My dear Ruth,

Very many thanks for thinking of Sidney's birthday.  
It was really very kind of you.

We should very much like to see you down here some day if you could manage it, either by the train which reaches Haslemere at 3.45, to return after supper at 7.30, or to stay the night. Sidney's best time for talking to friends is the afternoon and early evening. Perhaps some time after you return from the country in September would be most convenient.

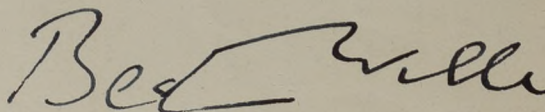
I am so sorry to hear about your son-in-law.

By the way, I wonder what you think of the foreign office and diplomacy as a career? You certainly have some experience of it. I have a very gifted great nephew who is senior scholar at Trinity, Cambridge, and was first boy at Eton - Andreas Mayor - His father is a retired English Civil Servant, and his grandfather was a professor at Cambridge. He is tall and very nice looking, and extremely gifted, but with no kind of creed. He does not know what he wants to do, but as he passes first in every examination, whether in mathematics, or classics, or English history, he is advised that diplomacy would suit him. What do you think about it?

Sidney is very much better and is really enjoying life. He reads incessantly, and likes motoring about the country. But he is not yet very good at talking, and it tires him, so we have to be careful about having many guests here. We had Nehru for the day, and I see a good many of my nephews and nieces.

With affectionate remembrances,

Always yours,



(Mrs. Sidney Webb)