

GRAND HÔTEL DE L'EUROPE

Hôtel Rebstock

Strassburg i. Els.

Gerbergraben 38-40 Ecke Langestrasse
in unmittelbarer Nähe des Bahnhofes

BESITZER: A. NOTH

Elektrisches Licht :: Centralheizungen
LIFT

Verbunden mit bedeutendem Wein-Restaurant

Table d'hôte 12 1/2 Uhr

Grosse Gesellschaftssäle

Omnibus am Bahnhof .: Bäder im Hause.

Telephon No. 286.

27.9.1912

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Sent Wilks returned ✓
TST
30.9.12

Strassburg i. Els., den 25 September 1912

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200 km
27.9.12

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I am
yours faithfully
W. Ramsay Macdonald

[Original in autography collection]
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T. SMITHIES TAYLOR.

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