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HOUSTON, TEXAS.

My dear Mr. ^{and} Mrs. Finley -

I know how much Lyndell means to you - I have observed the affection you bestow upon her when she is with you, and I have been & conscious of your anxiety when she's out later than you expected, and I have seen your eyes light up with love and pride when she comes back to you, and altho I love her dearer than all else in the world I doubt if I could have



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the courage to ask you for
this dearest treasure of your
life, did I not feel that in
the scheme of life it was
intended that each of us
should have our part to play
in bringing full happiness
to her.

Your part has been nobly
and finely done and I know
that it has brought you that
happiness and contentment
that comes with the knowledge
of a loving duty fully performed.



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I am anxious and impatient to take up my part in this labor of love and I ask that you give her into my tender care. I will protect, honor and love her all the days of my life and to her and now dedicate myself to the fulfillment of her ambitions, ideals and happiness.

I would have preferred to talk to you on this subject but when the heart is too full



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it is difficult to speak thoughts
clearly, and then too time
dims the memory of a
conversation, and I wanted to
record with you in a permanent
way my realization of the ob-
ligation I was assuming and
of the tender and loving
way that I would perform it.

I hope that we may be
blessed with many hours
during which we can talk
to one another of her, and



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I believe that as you see
her blossom in the sun-
shine of my love that
there will come to you
a happiness that will
compensate you for sharing
her with me.

Respectfully and affectionately

Gus S. Workman