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Letter from Thomas S. Armstrong to Francis P. Porter

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Annapolis Md. May 3/63

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Dr. Watson

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in good spirits I will
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Amant

S. S. A.

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