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Washington
Monday Morning
May 22nd '65

Dearest Emma:

The morning paper has brought us the sad news - We had hoped that the dear life might be shared to you and to us for some time yet - and that he might come home since he had rallied from his extreme illness of a few months ago. My heart is full of love and sympathy for you my dear friend in this great

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affection - May God comfort your
sorrowing heart - Your life together
has been beautiful and at the
longest - you will not be long
parted - I can but think this
morning of the joy of such a
spirit as the Judge to be free
from the fetters of an earthly
body - I am wondering whether
you will come home immediately
If you should come to Washington
you will find us here
till some time in July and
come to us - Joe did not
know when he went to the office
this morning - It will be a
great sorrow to him - He is very feeble
but still keeps at his risk - Love to
dear Lodie - I am so glad you have her
God bless you and give you strength
to bear your sudden is the prayer
of your loving friend
Bessie

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