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Miss Mary Rather
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231 Senate Office Bldg
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Please give this to the Senator for me.

Any correspondence to me on such matters should be addressed to my residence —

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