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Letter to Mrs. R. W. Bliss, dated February 10, 1928, containing EW's testamentary projects for the Pavillon Colombe. This project was never put into effect.

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SAINTE-CLAIRE DU CHATEAU  
HYERES (VAR)  
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10 February 1928

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Mrs. R. W. Bliss  
American Embassy  
Buenos-Aires  
République Argentine

Dearest Mildred,

I have decided to bequeath my property in France partly for the foundation of a home of refuge for hopeless cases of tuberculosis, and partly for the relief of stationary cases (curable) from the sanatoria of Taverny and Groslay, who need to be looked after and cared for longer than the regulation time provided for by the rules of a government sanatorium.

In order to prepare the way for the immediate application of this bequest after my death, I have been advised to reconstitute, under its old name, but with certain modifications, the original Committee of the "American Convalescent Homes", founded by me during the war. The immediate object of this revived Committee would be to take care of such cases requiring assistance as are brought to its notice, and to alleviate as much as possible, indirectly, and by means of existing institutions, the class of patients which it hopes later on to receive under its own roof.

In view of the legacy which I intend to make, I have been definitely assured that this Committee, even though it would exercise a very restricted activity, until my death, would be granted without delay the "Reconnaissance d'Utilité Publique" of the French Government.

If the Committee can be constituted at once my intention is to dispose of my property in France as follows:

1st- My property at Hyères to be sold, and the capital to constitute the endowment for the sanatorium to be founded.

2d - My property at Saint-Brice-sous-Forêt to be divided into two parts as follows:

The actual Pavillon Colombe and the pleasure-grounds to remain as they are at present. (The upkeep of this house and the grounds would not be a matter of heavy expense.)

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Le legs de Madame Wharton sera complété par deux lits à l'Hopital Saint-Joseph, à Paris, qu'elle subventionne déjà annuellement, et qui seront mis à perpétuité à la disposition du Comité après sa mort.

Un Comité financier aura pleine autorité pour le placement des fonds dont les rentes seront affectées à l'entretien de la fondation, après que le prélèvement initial aura été fait pour la construction et l'aménagement du pavillon, ou des pavillons, destiné à recevoir les malades.

Le Comité sera entièrement libre de désigner les malades, avec cette exception que la préférence sera donnée à des malades des sanatoria de Taverny et de Groslay (Office Public d'Hygiène Sociale).

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Mrs. R. W. Bliss.

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A part of the present kitchen-garden to be used for building the two sanatoria. A separate entrance leading to these buildings would be made from the outer road.

The buildings of the actual Pavillon Colombe would serve to lodge the nurses and the "personnel" of the sanatoria.

I hope that, after my death, many of the American friends who were associated with my work during the war, and especially those who live in France and know how much such an organization as that above described is needed, will be disposed to help now, and afterwards to carry out the complete plan as outlined in the accompanying paper.

*Yours very affly*  
Edith