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My dear Margaret:

It was indeed good of you amid all your other preoccupations to write to me about poor little Mini. It is indeed a grisly business making the decision, carrying one's poor little friend in one's arms and holding her there when the needle goes in. But I could not let her die alone amongst strangers and without the reassurance that only my presence could give. There was no doubt about the decision itself. She was blind and deaf; I kept her going as long

as she seemed to be enjoying her life. But for the last 10 days her distress was too evident, and increasing daily and the vet was sure that nothing more could be done.

You are surely ~~too~~ right to counsel some replacement after the holidays. But we shall have to see. My housekeeper is not very dog minded, and hitherto I have house trained my dogs myself.

Thank you again for writing.

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