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in chartreuse or egg yellow felt. I priced it at
Sloan's and it is only 3.50 a yard + 72 inches
wide. 4 yds should do for the covering of
the sofa - I'll see if Pauline won't do
that for us + perhaps I can find the two comfortable
wicker chairs we'll need when they are in
New York.

Now there are two ideas. If you are coming
I would suggest you be there when the family
arrived. You could stay with Tirri again
and the extra expense would be nil. You
will have \$500 dollars and that would be
enough; A few hundred dollars won't make a
world of difference and besides as I said I have
these sketches finished and I do wish you
could talk the price with Lily and Sybil
I can do most of it but the last bread and
butter is beyond my present reach. We should
have from \$800 to a \$1000 for the two jobs
and I could turn them out in a month. But I
would need you to help arrange things both
the physical life and the financial arrangements.
Also I would like a clear definition with
the family. Besides all of this if I am left

alone, their persuasion might win - as on their side is now the question of being drafted again and the uncertainty of making commitments etc. Plus the lack of any definite job in sight.

Plan II If you insist on making the 800 then I could try to secure the commission for the two screens while I am in N.Y. Explain to Jerry the idea ask her to help me arrange price etc. Return with the family to N.C. paint the screens there at home. Wait for this draft thing to be completed. Pacify the family with a long vacation or rather visit with them with the understanding that we are to leave in Jan. By that time you will have your 800 and more and we would have quite a nest egg to begin with. This is not at all necessary however. The only risk with plan I is the question of my being drafted. Either one is agreeable to me - just you make up your mind. But I am really against your waiting until mid Nov. to come. If you come the end of Oct. the difference will not be so great. It is better with peace of mind and a few hundred dollars less or then a

real nest egg. When the photographer does the
room as him to touch out pipes etc. As
little furniture as is necessary to make things
look good. I would like to send them + the
photos of Lily's room + screen sketches
to the man in Washington about the
job. Have the curtains closed on that well.
Another reason I would like you to be in N.Y. is so that
when choosing an apt you could see it too?
would not like to get something that would be
unsatisfactory. Also the specifications will have to
be rather exact. I will need a large work space
(with the time I will probably need to get a studio
loft or something) You will need a small bedroom
+ we will need a living dining room, bath +
kitchen. Apartments of this sort run 75⁰⁰ to 80⁰⁰
per month - perhaps a little cheaper now.
You will need to be near good transportation.
Understand rents will be somewhat cheaper
this year but one must be careful to get into a
well heated building because of the scarcity
of fuel oil. I thought of the neighborhood
near Carl + Betty Warner as being very
desirable or maybe Gramercy Sq. Rents are cheaper

in that part of town. That is about all for now.
The question of mgs remains untouched as perhaps
is well for quite a while. But otherwise
we are quite set. Oh yes bring yourself
a good quilt & there are yards of
fringe in the attic that will be very useful.
Pauline will scream but fill a trunk.

Also make up your mind as to the
correct course - it would be very nice to
start life with 2000 or less but 500
is not too bad. But this is for you to
decide. I saw Carol the other day - she
spoke about going south. Well let me
hear from you.

All my love.
Pity.

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