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Dear Professor Wells:

Yes, it is the 19th I had meant to say,
not the 29th; I am sorry to have been careless.

The poems I should like to read are

SEE IN THE MIDST OF FAIR LEAVES

and THE BUFFALO

for the first three and three-quarter minutes;

THE PAPER NAUTILUS

and WHAT ARE YEARS

for the last three and three-quarter minutes. (Each two take,
actually, a little more than three and three-quarter minutes.)

If you disapprove, however, do not be
withheld from saying so. Otherwise I shall without hearing from
you again, be at the studio a little before two, ^{Monday} January 19th,
prepared to read the above poems. I do hope your effort will
have, ⁱⁿ the result, some semblance of compensation. I shall have the
stanzas typed on paper that does not rustle nor have to be turned
over.

Sincerely yours,

Marianne Moore