

Amor dear:

The happy thought
just came to me that
the *Wick Rogers Ranch* might
be a nice place as a
convalescent and rest home
for officers of aviation.

It is so delightful there
the year round, and the
spacious grounds - Tennis
court and ~~three~~ 4 hole golf
course and polo field makes
an ideal place for relaxation than

for men who have been under a
great strain. Polo Clubs are near &
games could be staged for the boys
amusement as well as rodeos and
all out door sports.

My idea was to offer ^{for the duration} to the
Government free (one dollar per year I believe
is the way they do those things) but anyway
you would know and I want you to
advise me.

The Ranch as present is open to the
public as a Museum, the funds going
to the Beverly Hills Red Cross but nothing
would please dear wife so much as
to know that the place be built
and the acres be used are being
used to help the aviators of the Navy,
the Marines and the Army. There is a
sentiment about the place ~~that~~ that I
believe would be conducive for a quick
recovery. Col Lindbergh visited us at the
Ranch and knows the place well -

OK Smith too knows the
Ransom - If you think advisable
I will write for their opinion -
In the mean time if you think
there is merit to the idea
I wish you would let me
know, as I could do possible
to anything and it ~~was~~
without your help.

We think of you often, and
I hope you will be coming
out our way before very long
Love from Mary and yours
Betsey

April 16th