

Telegram from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, May 28, 1888

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28 May 1888 Mrs Bell

Sender's Name and Address: