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Dear Frank:

I got back safely last Monday night after a most enjoyable trip through the Blue Ridge Mountains in Virginia and a 3-day stay in Highlands, North Carolina, a small resort about 3,000 feet high. This was the first time that we did some hiking in the mountains in this country. We came back just in time for the break of the hot spell but we find it quite comfortable here. Everything is OK around this place, Wellford and Morden are the only ones who did some work, and Caswell occupies Palmer's room with his bottles. I understand he has not located anything definite yet for next year.

I had a conference with the chancellor yesterday and he authorized me to appoint Morden Brown definitely for one year since it is obvious that the matter cannot be settled now. At the same moment Morden got another wire from the Spencer people who called him for a second visit to Rochester. I have little doubt as to his decision for a good offer should come from Spencer, and he has my blessings. I shall take up the matter of Sizer with the Dean. He is still in Cold Spring Harbor. Meanwhile I understand that you are angling for Gary. Please leave a small portion of the department untouched, to be frank, I need Breymann very badly and if you should have drawn an eye on him too, kindly withdraw this eye again. Or another suggestion, why not buy out the whole department, you may get wholesale prices! All this, however, cannot interfere with our friendship in any way and can only stimulate my regenerative powers.

I hope your family is fully intact again. Martha meant to write to Barbara for a long time but this trip and the restoration of order at home and the

preparing Doris for camp had not left her much time.
Please give Barbara my heartiest greetings and my best
wishes to all of you. I hope you got Morden's manuscript
and I hope it is already on its way to Harrison.

Greetings,

Yours,