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Dear Burr:

I want to thank you for the volley of letters. Thanks to Barbara's willingness to work overtime, an answer is forthcoming herewith. My own correspondential energy is exhausted with the few postcards which I am obliged to write to my Saint Louis friends.

There are two letters of recommendation for former freshman students which I refer to you or Stalker, or whoever knows the boys. Please have Genevieve make out the necessary requisitions for the enclosed bill. The graduate prospectus I shall send later. I liked it at first reading, but want to go over it again.

I had a letter from Dean Bowling today, indicating the desirability of having some of the younger people teach physics and mathematics. I shall write that I agree in principle, and that the matter may wait until I am back.

The arrangement with Bea Gillette and "little Susie" is a very good one, the money very well invested. It is, of course, perfectly all right with me that you come to Woods Hole on July 27. I understand from a remark of Dr. Heilbrunn, however, that your cottage has been rented until August 1. It might be desirable for you to check up with Heilbrunn. I am afraid that I will miss you by a day or two, but maybe I can put off my departure for that long. I am very glad that the microscope came after all - it seems like a miracle.

Gillette has probably told you by now that the Rochester job fell through. Stern was unable to squeeze out a permanent instructorship. I shall make every effort to keep Gillette as a help for myself, and to get his research work finished. I am trying to persuade him to overcome his psychological complexes as to the insignificance of his position. Maybe you can support me.

I am very glad Lillian got the job. I think this is the best solution for her and for us. There is little news from here. We had two rainy days; Woods Hole looked more natural then. We are having our class picnic tomorrow, and huge masses of Mytilus and lobsters are waiting for consumption. There are at least 70 or 80 investigators here. Barbara's line of investigation is the analysis and removal of the metabolic products of her puppy. Doris is in Science School, and has ganged up with four other kids, and has gained six pounds under the supervision of her two stepmothers.

Greetings.

Viktor

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