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Dear Viktor:

Never in my life have I seen so much weather as at the present moment. At any time we expect to see the Navy boats gracefully sailing through the region which was once the air of Woods Hole! This is a rain such as is supposed to fall on Cape Cod frequently, but which one is rarely priveleged to see.

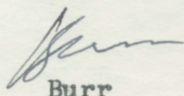
Things are going along very well here except that there are no squid, and that I had to spend a couple of days in bed with the worst cold in years. However, Susie and the children and Barbara and the dog are in excellent health, so the average condition is good.

I forgot to mention that Helen Yenne came in to learn her job and do quite a bit of work for four or five days before her salary started, and at the time I told her that she could take a long weekend off to visit her parents in Mobile sometime in August. I hope that will be satisfactory with you.

Kawata and I are in the process of being thoroughly investigated by the Naval Intelligence, but we anticipate no difficulty at all. Meanwhile he is proving to be a most excellent research assistant, very conscientious and careful. Marian has settled down a little and for two days, at least, has been working steadily. Provided we can still dredge up scallops from the bottom someplace I think I can keep her busy for the rest of the time. By the way, unless things get too rushed in Saint Louis, and unless the weather gets too bad here, we will probably stay on towards the end of September. I am sure you will feel no hesitation in telling me if you think I should be back earlier.

I haven't seen anything of Satake, and I don't know quite what to do, as I notice that he stated he was going to continue work under my direction. However, he has been, according to grapevine telegraph, putting in some time up in the lab, so I suspect that things are all right. If you have any special instructions about him you might pass them on to me. That is about all the news and comment at the moment. It is such a dull day that it's impossible to do much thinking anyway.

Best regards,



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