

30th November 1962

Greetings Jennie:

Thanks for your letter of the 16th and Hap's of the 1st. The money arrived on the 14th. The cartons mailed on the 18th and 28th September arrived in good order on respectively the 14th and 7th November. The first of these had some unused stamps which I am enclosing herewith. After you put some glue on back, they should be good for another 10,000 miles.

\$1.25 total  
2-50¢  
1-15¢  
1-10¢

The envelope with pictures from Stegner also came. You should receive a carton about 6" x 8" x 10" from him by parcel post. It contains vacuum tubes. Please put it in safe keeping. While in S.F. I bought some antique radios from Paul Giganti at San Carlos. I am informed they were shipped by R.R. express collect to R.C. at Bound Brook on the 3rd. Please find out if they arrived. There should be three cartons and a box. One of these sets is of considerable scientific importance. It is the first commercial product to incorporate controlled negative feedback as an intentional part of the design, 1923. After reading Derek Price's book "Science Since Babylon" I have a hunch it is more important to collect scientific junk than paintings by old masters and very much cheaper!

By next sea mail, please send letter from Sivowitch; ten leaflet reprints about lava flows and 30 reprints on "Reversed Bean Vines". The latter seems quite popular. I believe they are in the carton atop filing cabinet in storage room.

The drums from Copperweld Steel Co. are as follows: 1 Full and unopened; 9 empty; 4 with small bits of wire on stolen last ~~days~~. The loss was less than one full drum. All 14 drums had the steel bands around edges cut off by R.C. shipping department when they applied wooden covering. Thus all have been partly damaged. I doubt it is worth the bother of returning them from this distance.

Summer seems to have arrived now, but we've had a long cold wet spring. Fortunately there has been very little to do at Bothwell and I've not spent a lot of time there. Much of my time has been used on beans. I've worked up all the data on last years crop. A short note on results has been sent to Castanea. Also I've planted a new crop on an elaborate scale. Kipling says a leopard cannot change its spots; but I think a bean can!

I've not received an acknowledgement about the letter and 20 copies of proposal that went to NSF about 24th September. I wonder if the material found its way to the proper parties. It seems the Franklin Society has provided me with an excuse for a trip to U.S.A. next October.

Best regards,

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