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Dear Grote,

Here comes a late letter of thanks for the fine hospitality, reception and sight-seeing you gave me last week. I am sure it was a fertile visit, though you won't see the results pretty soon. I have had so much science and engineering poured into me during the last week that it just has to get settled first. The two last days before we left, I spent at Columbia University, and at Princeton.

Please, say also hellos to Fred Haddock and Mrs Haddock, to Ament~~s~~ and to Dennis (I still haven't seen his name written). I have the discussion with Dennis on Kirchhoff's law still in my mind and hope to come back to it as soon as I have time.

Art will be very interested to hear about your present work, and especially to see the maps you gave me. It resembles ~~something~~<sup>what</sup> a classical treasure hunt; some map, not too accurate of an island with a mark where the

hidden treasure is, but nobody knows exactly  
where, nor whether it really is a treasure. But  
it is exciting, anyhow.

We are now already near the coast of England,  
and Saturday morning in Rotterdam. The present  
worry is to make a sufficiently honest and  
sufficiently vague customs-declaration. We really  
are anxious to get settled now.

The trip was splendid: ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> sun and a gentle  
breeze all the time, and not a mill of seasickness.  
This is encouraging to get back pretty soon!

Best wishes, Grotz, and thanks again.  
Let me know if there is any problem connected  
with your work where you would suggest work  
of a plain astrophysical nature to be done.  
Such suggestions are always welcome, without  
obligations.

Thanks again, and see you some other time

Sincerely yours,

Henk.