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Greetings Jennie:

My installation at Bothwell continues to produce data in decreasing amounts as the nights become shorter. However conditions this spring are markedly better than the equivalent period last autumn. Solar activity continues to decline slowly. Probably some data will be secured all summer.

Al Kelleher's letter about the Medal Day Ceremonies was quite interesting. I have written to F.I. thanking them for the high honor. Please keep the medal, etc. until I return. Please thank Al for his assistance.

NSF has advised me they intend to make grant GP-2028 to me as I have requested. According to my decipherment of notes at bottom, I deduce that absolutely nothing was done until Mr. Schauer stirred them up last April. Early in September I gave them a blast which probably brought matters to a head. Now we are negotiating about details. I suspect this picnic affair of mine has caused more soul searching at NSF than many of their multi-million dollar programs.

A month ago I found in an old pocket book a statement Social Security Number 336-03-4220 dated 19th December 1936. I don't know if it is any good anymore. However I've given it to Harris Bank and intend to put it on my income tax form next year. Probably you have sent out a variety of slips with number 19-13-1729. Don't do or say anything. Just forget it. Let's see how long it takes anyone to find the difference. Please inquire from Harris how much interest was deposited to my account during 1963. Include their reply with those advices plus two tax forms and send the lot to me early in January. Apparently your estimate of 31st January as tax deadline was correct. I've not been penalized for late payment so far this year. I realize this whole business is no affair of RC and probably is a nuisance to you. It is my intention to make other arrangements when I return.

Now that spring has arrived I've gotten busy with my plants again. *Bowiea volubilis* has nine flowers plus two buds. Also a new stalk has come up with different kinds of leaves. It twines the same way as first stalk, counterclockwise. Late in winter, I planted several kinds of bean seed in the glass house. Some vines have flowers and one has a few pods. It seems likely the abnormal type making pods with crimson stripes will reproduce itself.

While typing this morning, your letter of the 28th October arrived. Please relay to the Directors my profuse thanks for their generosity. I suggest RC keep the money until I decide what to do. Presently I have ample funds here to keep me going since no great construction is to be done. I will probably want to use most of the money to replace securities I sold a couple of years ago. There is a firm called Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Bean which handles stock transactions. Please call them and have them send to me literature upon public utility shares including recent prices and returns of companies in major cities. If and when I make some selections, RC can open an account in my name. The certificates will be sent to RC for addition to others now on hand. Again, I'm sorry to bother you with this kind of thing and will make other arrangements in the future.

Thanks for the word about axles and wheels for the reproduction of Jansky antenna. I'm pleased that some of the stuff in that pile will be used for the intended purpose. Most of the rest I'll never do anything with but it should not be destroyed. I've had some contact with the Smithsonian Institution. It seems they would like to have it but cannot take it until they get into their new building. Eventually, even that will become overflowing. Consequently, there is a nice problem in timing. The idea is to unload it on Smithsonian at just the right time. Please have Al Kelleher inquire when Smithsonian would like to receive a free donation of about 1500 cubic feet of antique radios all nicely boxed and marked? Most of the stuff from Wheaton is related to my radio telescope now at Green Bank. This should go along with the dish. However a few more years may elapse before the climate at G.B. settles to a condition such that they are capable of taking care of the material. When these two donations have been consummated, very little will remain.

It is pleasant to learn that Jeff Schauer is getting along well, particularly his study of Russian. I tried it once, but my mind is too old and rigid. It should be fairly simple for a young person. Actually, it is one of the Romance Languages derived from Latin but with a Cyrillic alphabet. I'll be interested to follow his progress.

When is Mr. Schauer going to visit this part of the world?

Best regards,

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