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Dear Dean Rieser,

Thank you very much for your kind letter of December 21, concerning my proposed "sick-leave". If it goes through it will be a tremendous help and will soften the blow about the time wasted and money involved in this operation.

I am so busy working on my current manuscript that I would like to get into publishable form before I go out of circulation, and in trying to wind up several less important jobs, as well as find caretakers for my Mother, that I have no time to worry about the operation itself. And since this is the first trouble of that sort that I have had since I graduated from college I certainly can't complain.

I'll probably still be on crutches when I start my course in Algae next fall, but I am sure that I can manage all right with an undergraduate assistant, which John says I may have. One of the boys who took my course this last term would be perfect. And I am hoping to get a lot of research done throughout the spring and summer.

May I take this opportunity to give belated thanks for your two kind letters of the spring, announcing my promotion and raise. It is very gratifying to be a Faculty member at last, with no strings attached, and to have a salary that I can live on.

I do like to get letters from you!

Thanks again.

Sincerely

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P.S. I hope the move went well. I moved my lab last summer and my whole house the summer before that. I haven't found everything yet.