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Dear Sylvia,

Thanks for your good letter of the 22nd. I have heard a little bit about the Tony Summers book from Paul, but I gather it is not strong in as many areas as ours. I'll look forward to seeing it, and I hope to be able to review it somewhere. But it's a shame that our "quickest paperback" has been overtaken by a hardback whose publishers were more realistic.

We may be moving to the Baltimore-Washington area this summer. Things are rather indefinite at the moment; everything depends on whether my wife, a late-blooming medical student, succeeds in transferring to a medical school in that area. The University of Maryland, in Baltimore, now appears a good bet. I relish the idea of being near Washington for a while. And New York would be just a few hours away by car or train.

If the proofreading is on ~~schedule~~ schedule, I think we might still be of help from down here. Send us a xerox of the manuscript and a set of proofs, and we will read them carefully. If, as I cynically predict, the proofreading is late, I may already be on the East Coast and would be happy to come to New York to help. I finish my teaching here on May 30 and I expect we'll be somewhere on the East Coast in early June.

As you say, let's stay in touch. I'll look forward to seeing you sometime this summer, and in the meantime let's keep one another posted on the progress of the books and any other developments of common interest.

With best wishes,

Yours,

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