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Dear Howard,

I am of course sorry to learn that Bobbs-Merrill returned your ms. Fortunately, you did not lose anything by the attempt, and there is still the U of P Press prospect open. I continue to feel that your book just must get published and that it is a work of high importance and quality. If I can be of any help at any time, just ring out.

This summer I expect to be in the city until mid-July but from the 15th of July to end of August I will be at Ocean Beach, Fire Island, again. I have rented a really marvelous house, practically on the beach, pleasantly furnished, with a large patio, and two full bathrooms (very important items when you have guests who bring children). Perhaps you will come out and visit for a few days? I do not yet know the phone number I will have but once I am there I will either write or call you.

I am neither angry nor disappointed about the issue of the X-rays and photos. We just have a difference of opinion which should be and on my part is entirely impersonal. It would be good to have a really leisurely talk about the case in general, which we have never really had a chance to do, with third parties present or the long-distance phone meter ticking away.

Let me know if you plan to be in New York before mid-July, in which case we might spend some time together here. Otherwise, I hope you will be able to come out to Ocean Beach.

Best personal regards,

As ever,