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Dear Tom,

It was a pleasure to see you and May again last week, and thanks anew for dinner.

About Hoch's paper: at the moment, I am awaiting further developments and will do nothing further just now. I expect to receive comments on the paper, or copies of comments to Hoch, from Cyril Wecht and from Tink Thompson. It is possible that I will also receive a copy of Weisberg's 8-page commentary on the paper. And, I suppose, it is possible that I will hear from Hoch, in defense of his "study".

If so, and if a further letter to him is then warranted, we might put our heads together and write him jointly, dealing with his illogic and/or any other factors deserving comment. I do not expect to influence his thinking, nor especially want to do so, since his melon-choly apostasy has left me without confidence in his integrity or his intelligence.

As for Alvarez, he is an "eminence" who does not deign to traffic with obscure or non-physicist correspondents—a man of such overweening vanity, arrogance, and prejudice that to appeal to him on fact or merit would be merely quixotic. I have seen an exchange of letters between him and Thompson, as I believe I mentioned, which convinces me that it would be a waste of time to attempt any dialogue on this subject. Although you suggest that Hoch has involved Alvarez in this affair, I believe it is the other way around.

I'll give you a call when I hear further news on Hoch's project or anything else of importance. Think some more about moving to the Village, will you?

Regards,