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Dear Al,

Despite your request that I phone you reversing the charges, I will not unless it is absolutely necessary. Instead, hoping to save the call, I write.

Because of the increase in fares, the greater cost of parking my car in Baltimore and my reluctance to drive it a mile I can avoid when it has more than 100,000 miles on it and I can't replace it, I'm coming by bus. That meant a long wait today, when I went to Baltimore by bus, but I can always read.

It is my present plan to catch an early bus for Baltimore Sunday and then catch the 8 o'clock bus for New York. However, there is but a ten-minute time span if the bus I take to Baltimore is on time. If it is not, well, I'll get lots of reading done!

If I catch the 8, it is scheduled to get into New York City at 11:35. If I have to wait for the next one, it doesn't get there until 1:30.

If I miss the 8, then I'll call you. I'll make it a person-to-person call. So, if I call you person-to-person, just say you are not there, to call back in a couple of hours. You will know from this that I'll be on the bus that is due at 1:30. If I have to call you for any other reason, I'll just make it a reverse station call. Remember, it will be from Baltimore, not Frederick.

If I miss this bus, I'll call Trailways from the Greyhound station. If they have a faster bus, I'll grab a cab for that station and take that bus. If there is no time to call you, I'll call you from New York and do my reading there. There is no Trailways service to Frederick, so I don't know their schedule.

This is a little more complicated, but the difference is as much as \$35-\$40 that I really don't have.

I've never been especially fond of the bus, either. Nor are the stations comfortable. But that money looms large!

Looking forward. Best to everyone,