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Dear Dick,

I've been a slow correspondent because I am trying to rest, relax and ~~xxx~~ change pace more without reducing output more than I must. I've been taking 2 to 2½ hour breaks for meals, an hour outside first, swimming and sunning. <sup>+</sup>t is good.

I've now corrected and read about 65,000 words of the COUP add. I am up to the place I have used the sighting evidence and will in the next work period, ~~xx~~ early in the morning or in the evening, be at or past the vibrations part (which makes "Know Your Nodes" timely in its importance-thanks again).

Before you mentioned Line-O-Sight <sup>+</sup>or vice versa- I do not want to stop to get your note), I had written this referring to a "culminator". Are they the same things? The culminator is what our local shop says it uses. I went into this carefully with them before I did the writing (which now seems like so long ago!) If there is a difference, my ms page number is 189, which will save me the time of rereading.

I've lost my other thoughts. Lil called me for one of our regular emergencies: she's all out of the special NCR paper we use in final typing of books. Another chore for tomorrow, when we go to DC, she for a medical check, me for the Archives and other things.

One thing I forgot today, when I was in Frederick. I wanted to make two purchases at the army-navy store, some nylon cord and a cleaning rod. I forgot the rod, so when I am in again and do not forget again, I'll make that test for you.

Another friend has interceded at Bantam, where he has a good friend who is also an executive (non-controlling). This man called me today. We spoke for an hour. <sup>+</sup> expect to see him here in two weeks. That does not really mean anything more than he, personally, is interested. But it is slightly encouraging. He will see me on his vacation, a sign of genuine interest.

The chapter I'm working on now is on the evidence adduced at the minitrial. It is book-length in itself, not less than 30,000 words - and <sup>+</sup> hate to break it, as I should. The others thus far (it is the 13th) are short. I haven't counted the number of ~~xxx~~ chapters, but this is much less than half that I've done. It is a large work ( <sup>+</sup> believe in both senses).

Of the other things that will interest you, our bass are growing. I put 50 fingerlings in this spring. My neighbor saw a small school the other day. I have not been to the pond much lately, so ~~xx~~ haven't seen them. In a couple of years, good fishing again. The cats are real big now. Somebody just put seven channels in last year. We have no idea who. They were just there one evening. I'm letting the kids go for them, but thus far only one hasn't gotten away. They are big. And I wonder how many young there are this year! <sup>+</sup>o they keep the place muddy!

Best,