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Dear Ralph,

Your letter of the 3rd arrived today. I do hope you can make it soon because there are new prospects in an area you'd never conceive possible. I'd like ~~xxxx~~ to discuss them with you.

The invitation also includes Joan. However, because of this new thing, I hope you can take an extra day or so from your normal obligations. If when you are here you do not think it necessary, you can still return as you'd planned when you spoke to me.

Bring your tape recorder and dub the tape of the defense of thefts.

If I didn't tell you how to drive here, let me do it now.

Take the more convenient tunnel or, if you start from near it, the V bridge and go to the Jersey Turnpike. Stay on it until it merges into the JFK Memorial Highway in Delaware, Interstate 95. There may be a different number for the first few miles in Delaware after crossing the bridge, so follow the signs with care. Stay on 95 to the Baltimore Beltway, Int. 695. To here you will have had, in effect, a straight road although it has various identifications. When you see the signs announcing the Baltimore Beltway, 695, stay to the right and when you come to a fork take the one on the right. The last time I was on it the marking was bad. It said Towson, which interests local people only. They may now have a Frederick sign up. This is the cloverleaf numbered about 32 or 33, which you will not know until you are on it. You will be on it until you get to 16, our own Maryland Triple Underpass! That is numbered the I70 exit also. Take I 70 until you see a warning that Frederick traffic stays to the left, as does that for Catonsville. Here you will turn into 29 for a very short distance, to the first exit, which will put you on US 40 West. That will take you to five minutes from here. Now, if you miss this I70 exit, take the next one, which says Frederick and US 40, but here you will take longer because you will not be bypassing the suburban Baltimore traffic and lights. At Frederick for a short span US 40 and US 15N are identical. Be certain not to take the I70 fork at Frederick. After this split, 40W goes its ~~second~~ way at the second exit, and you stay with it to the first crossroads. You will see this before you depart the 15 section and can recognize it by the Holiday Inn on your left. 40 W goes past this Holiday Inn. At that corner, turn right at the Holiday Inn onto Baughman's Lane, for about a half mile (the small bridge has a sharp, invisible dip at the far end). At the first road, Shockstown Road, where there is a 4-way stop, turn left about 2 miles. This is a narrow road that has dips at unexpected points. When you get to where you are beginning to go up the mountain, you will be in Shockstown but will have no way of knowing it because the State Roads Commission is modest about S'town. When you see Roberson's Shell Station and Grocery on your left you are almost here. About 2-3 blocks past this there is Old Receiver Road. The street sign is on your right as you ascend. You will see a ~~PAV~~ fence on the far right side of Old R road. Turn right on Old R Rd. for .3 miles and you are here. We also are on the right. Our name is on a large mailbox. We are in the first woods on your right. One caution: half way in Old R Road is a housing development. Following the paving will save you. Old R. sweeps to the left. Hope it is soon.

Best,
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Dear Harold:

I have been reflecting much on our very interesting discussion. I hope that Joan and I can accept your invitation in the near future and I have begun inquiries along the lines we discussed when you were here. Let us keep in touch and hopefully get together soon. With all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Ralph

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P.S. I have received today 4 books for which many thanks.

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