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Our apologies to Ms. Weisberg and Mr. Blabbermouth for having been so slow in saying anything about TMEP, but our only mailing after receiving word of it (your letter of 6/29) was prepared and sent off in such a rush I didn't have time to add anything. Since then we've been so tired we've been able to hold things together only by getting a lot more sleep. Plus illness in the family (J's older sister had small blood clot in the brain a week ago; prognosis good though still in hospital and all tests not yet completed), unexpected visitors at a time so awkward for us it cost us three or four times the time involved in the visit itself (I'm sure you both know how that is), and a sudden heat wave. Last Friday it was 119° and 115° only a few miles from here, but by that night we had to close up the house and turn the electric sheet on, as we had done up to the day before this three-day affair. These sudden temperature changes really wreck me.

Anyway, back to TMEP. It was enough of a surprise to know it had been started, but even more of a surprise to hear (it seemed like only a week later) that it was finished, blocked, wrapped and mailed! We do hope this speed means Lil really enjoyed making it and not that you have her on a piece-work basis. Naturally we intend to open the package and look before sending it on to the legal owner in Seattle.

One last note before we're off to bed: have just gone through your B and C mailings to extract the things you want returned (herewith), and while we haven't had time yet to read the rest, do want to thank you particularly for the clipping on POW wife and those on the peace negotiations, none of which we've seen here.

More next time when I hope to be awake - it's now 3 a.m.