

9 April 1958

*He received this 13 or 18 Apr
while I was at Chalk*

Dear Joe:

Dr. Leibler handed over your brochure, together with a carbon copy thereof, and I have gone over it once, rather hastily. I have also read your letter of 18 March which accompanied the material. You close your letter by saying "It is not finished, but I hope it is passable draft." That it certainly is. However, there is some talking to be done and you probably have learned by this time that I am going to be in your vicinity in about a week and I hope we will have a chance to get together. I will let you know soon after I get to London.

As to classification: the way things are now, you were quite right to classify the draft as CONFIDENTIAL. It is going to raise some eyebrows, I am sure, when finished in the grub I think it should have.

Remember, too, that I had two versions in mind: one for our own technical people, the other for the people who hold the reins, drive the team or provide the money. The two versions have much in common but each should address itself to its own readership.

The postscript to your letter to me of 18 March, about the acceptance of your novel by an SF magazine, deserves comment. Congrats—and don't forget to tell me when it is on the stands so I can buy a copy. Our son John (with Bell Telephone Labs now) has written a TV play that gives good promise of acceptance.

Our book is doing well. Reader Subscription book club (Barnes, Trilling, Auden, the Judges) has bought it, will print 3500 copies. That club is, as you must know, the book club of the intelligentsia.

Have you or any of the people around you found the secret message I tucked away so neatly in our book?

Sincerely,

Mr. J. A. Meger
via Dr. Leibler