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My dear Bill,

Jeffrey tells me that you are annoyed with me because I haven't written since I returned from Washington. If this is so, I am extremely sorry I am, I know, the world's worst correspondent, but not long after I got back I wrote you a letter — my wife wrote to Mrs. Friedman but, owing to the fact that the matter of the letters was private, I

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was made to send them  
by ordinary mail - but  
I thought it would  
have reached you by  
now. In case anything  
has happened to these  
letters I wish to say  
again how grateful I  
am for all the work  
you put into the  
conference which made  
our task so easy  
→ for all the  
personal kindness I  
received from you &  
Mrs. Friedman.

Life has been very

hard here lately - we  
get very little rest  
indeed. In self defence  
I have had to take  
to my meszotint again  
to get my mind off the  
work occasionally. I  
enclose a proof of  
the plate I am now  
working on, as a sort  
of peace offering.  
I ought to say that I  
don't attach any  
importance to these  
things except as a  
relaxation. — You are  
at liberty to tear it

up after you have seen  
it

This letter goes  
with Frank Rowlett.  
We have all enjoyed  
having him here so  
much — I am quite  
sure that his visit  
will prove to have  
been of great benefit  
to both you — & us.  
He has made himself  
very much liked by  
all here. I also  
think very highly of  
Fried. We shall be

sorry to lose him when  
he returns → we hope  
you will be able to  
replace him by some-  
one as good

Again many apo-  
logies Please give  
my kindest regards  
(→ my wife's) to  
Mrs. Friedman, Barbara  
→ John

Yours sincerely  
John H. Altman