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Dear Larry:

The certificate you sent me is worthy of being framed and hung in my gallery, alongside some of my photographs of notables. I did enjoy and do appreciate receiving it. What I shall need now to represent it symbolically is a key of some sort, like, let us say, a Phi Beta Kappa or a Sigma Xi gadget, to sport on a watch chain!

I note what you say about hearing from you soon again. Maybe it would be advisable for me now to indicate (1) that Colonel Marcy, our Chief of Staff, insists that I take a full month's vacation this summer, (2) that my better, 9/10's is off in Europe on a 3-months' holiday from which she is due to return on 25 July, (3) that in all probability she will need a good rest on return from her vacation, (4) that I will therefore probably take off the month of August for our joint vacation, (5) that I would rather not interrupt said vacation by having to give a talk at the C-E Division, but would do so if unavoidable, and (6) that it would be best to schedule the talk after Labor Day, for my sake.

With best regards to you all,

Sincerely,

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