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Dear Eric:

I have recovered sufficiently by this time to be able to catch up on some correspondence and I want to tell you how much I appreciated your two notes on 18 March and 25 March 1955.

They kept me flat on my back in the hospital for exactly four weeks and then had me taken back home in an ambulance so that I could be carried upstairs. I am now well into the third week of recuperating at home; in a couple of days I expect to be able to go down and spend a little time outdoors in our small garden. I could have been down some days ago had our new lift been in operation, but the installation will not be completed for another day or two. We like our new home so much that we couldn't think of giving it up and have gone to an expense of considerable proportions to make it possible for us to continue to live in it. In case of serious illness on the part of either of us, the necessary movements up and down within the house will not be burdensome, since we will have the lift.

I wish to thank you on my own behalf and also on the behalf of Mrs. Friedman, co-author of our manuscript, for your congratulations on our winning the prize offered by the Folger Shakespeare Library for the best book-length manuscript on a subject of interest and importance to students of Elizabethan literature. The manuscript is now under serious consideration by a first-class publishing house; we hope to have favorable news very soon about its decision with regard to publication.

My illness has not interfered too greatly with the results obtained during the course of my European visit, for I have managed to exchange some correspondence with my friend. In a couple of weeks I hope to be back at the office for light duty and will catch up on certain loose ends in connection with this matter and will keep you informed. Everything seems to be going well thus far.

With cordial greetings and reiterated thanks, I am,

Sincerely,

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