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Mr. Vern Hatch
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Dear Vern:

Four months ago you sent me a letter which arrived at a time when I was ill and an answer had to be postponed. I am glad to tell you that I am very much better now and at long last hasten to thank you for your letter and for remembering that I wanted a copy of the "2-B Regrettor." You say in your letter that it is "forwarded herewith" but it wasn't attached to your letter when it got to me and my people vow that it never came. However, don't go to any trouble in picking up another copy in case you did send it with your letter, because another chap sent me one a couple of years ago.

I wish to thank you for your compliment in stating that you are confident that I don't have a firm requirement for one of these gadgets. I really wish that I did not have such a requirement, as it would help a lot!

I was much interested in what little you were able to tell me about your various assignments in the last four years. No doubt, you have been having a very interesting time and if you are participating in interdepartmental training I take it that you are being groomed for some job on a pretty high level.

You also complimented me in an indirect manner on my "customary vigor and enthusiasm." Truth to tell, my enthusiasm is still pretty high but the vigor is waning, with increasing age. What you should develop instead of a 2-B Regrettor is a Type 1-A Rejuvenator basing the research upon the investigations initiated by Ponce de Leon.

It is good to hear that you have not forgotten us and I will be very glad to hear from you at any time. Hoping that you and yours are all well, I am

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN