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Dear Gene:

Your letter of 28 April addressed to us at 1823 Que Street indicates roughly how long a period has elapsed since our last correspondence. A good deal has happened since this but nothing very startling. I found the Que Street house inconvenient and through the good offices of a friend managed to get a nice apartment near my office out in Virginia. Soon after we got well settled my office moved back to the District near where we used to live on Military Road, but I have not undertaken to change my home address again since this latest development because there is no telling when we might move the office back to Virginia. Life is fairly hectic in that respect.

I was pretty much out of commission from the early part of this year until quite recently. I guess pressure from various sources was a bit too much for me, but I am better now and hope to continue to improve and to stay well. Since I have come back to duty I have been playing golf as much as the weather and office affairs will permit and enjoy the game pretty much.

John took his degree at Cornell last February and is now working on the Washington Post. Barbara is now with the National Institute of Health out in Bethesda. Both of them, and Elizabeth, are quite well.

I, too, have never been back to a class reunion at Ithaca. I am waiting for my fiftieth, when I would imagine the boys would have settled down and gotten over certain jejune ideas accompanied by juvenile behaviorisms. Of course, I have been back a number of times but not at reunions.

The news about Gilbert is quite interesting. He seems to be

getting along very well. Your letter does not contain any information about Mary and it would be interesting to know how that marriage turned out.

I am sorry that we did not see Edna's poems in the Washington Star and in the Scientific American. We get neither of these publications and that is the reason. I will try to borrow the Scientific American and look over the one in that Journal. It seems to me it is about time that she and you got by yourself -- just the two of you -- and had it a bit easier, as far as household is concerned.

I do hope that we can get together sometime in the near future somehow. With very best regards to all of you, I am

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM F. FRIEDMAN