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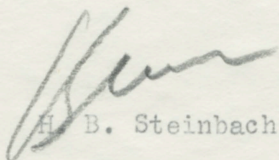
Dear Viktor:

We arrived in Woods Hole in fine shape, everyone blooming and happy. The weather has been fine and actually warm enough so that it is breaking us in easily. I hope Saint Louis is treating you as kindly.

You will have gathered by now that there were numerous headaches which arose during the first part of the summer. We dealt with them as satisfactorily as we could, but I suspect you will find plenty left. It was unfortunate that Genevieve had to leave when she did, but I certainly felt we could not take the responsibility of arguing her out of marrying the Navy, and Andrews and I were in agreement that it was best to give her a sort of leave of absence and get a substitute rather than find a new permanent secretary. We picked the gal at present residing in the library merely because she seemed intelligent enough to handle the business routine after a short introduction, and because she was a personal friend of Gennie's and hence would get the best possible breaking in. I naturally regretted that the shorthand was non-existent, and the typing of dubious speed but we also felt that the amount saved in the salary was enough so that you could hire a part-time stenographer for periods when you had a lot of writing to do.

Harry writes me that he is safely reclassified until January and that is very nice. He can tell you all about the preliminary steps that we took for Roy and he is also familiar with the procedure we adopted in his own case, which can be used if necessary.

With best regards,



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