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Dear Tom,

Your thanks for the in-ness of MS is premature, of course. It is progressing, but not quite fast enough.

I enclose a letter of Killen.

I mentioned the arranging of travel to Loretta. Since she has just got tickets to go to NC, to visit, and toil for, the Solmsens, she reported that the airlines for the moment seem to be just as happy with fares from Madison ~~and~~ from Chicago. And came up with either 12 dollars less from here than Chicago, by one airline, and by another 8 more, once ~~one~~ ^{each} had counted in the ALCO fare. I am quite content with either.

Now if you are having tickets bought, and reservations made, would you have a reservation parallel to however I get to NY entered for JFKillen, as per his suggestion. That he may pick it up, and pay for it here, with indication of what airline we should apply to for the issue of the ticket.

Therefore, A, if by ALCO. The 5AM is a wee bit too early, the 7 is possible, and there's an 8:30. those would get to O'Hare at 8:15, 10:15, 11:45. You know how long it takes to get from ALCO to the entrance gate. We might by one of the latter have a little bit of time before supper in NY, but not enough to get bored.

B if by MSN. Well, then an even earlier flight would be just fine, not that we'd have to get up earlier, but would be on our way in time.

C is the return. I ~~do not~~ disclaim any responsibility for getting John back where he's going. If A, for Alco, there are busses out at 7, 8:30, and even 10:30 pm. Probably the first two cause less disruption, but even the last is possible. I'm not anxious to leave NY the first thing in the morning, even though there may not be much going on to watch. If B, why a middle to late afternoon again would be fine. And of course, I'll have that hour of transition to live through a second time.

Now, about the expense and all, and the saving of bits. I was thinking that there was inaugurated (or at least promised for inauguration) a scheme for the providing of a wee bit of travel money to Institute permanent members, maximum perhaps 250 (if I remember) per annum. Only thing is, Bob isn't around today, to ask him, and apparently nobody has asked for any yet, so Loretta doesn't know how it is done, or out of what fund it comes, or whether it's this year or next. I will ~~per~~ pursue information. If it seems positive, I would suggest that I pay either all, or perhaps one way of my ticket. But if you could fix up the reservations, if that's what your agents like to do, I'll see what can happen, and either throw in a check to the airline, or a reimbursement to you. And if I'm lucky, I'll know that pretty soon.

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