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Dear Tom,

There are surely other people who've been waiting longer for a letter from me, but I figure you're easier to start with today.

My convalescence comes along very nicely, I think. I walk a bit slowly, and even more so the last couple of blocks before getting to the Institute. But otherwise I feel fine, and especially since I avoid as much as possible the prohibited exertions, like picking up sacks of potato-- or shoveling coal into the bin.

PLMacKendrick has finished his opus, and after one splurge of helping him get it onto disks, he has sent it off. So now it is only a few bits of index-like stuff, and additions in reply to lately published books that bring him to me. But he did, when he had it done, decide I deserved some appreciation, and it came in the form of gift certificates from Kosta's (the Greek on State Street) and Crandall's (which used to be on the square, but now occupies the railroad station, and is fancy). So Friday, after an Institute reception, I inaugurated the one by inviting Loretta out to Kosta's for supper.

The thought of Loretta brings me back to you and eMail. Yes, we are getting eMail - I obviously remembered the address exactly. And, I believe, Loretta has e'dMail back to you to indicate that we did get it. However. I have long heard the rumor that eMail is fine stuff, and even believed it. And when, last spring, I wanted to get in touch with Fred Cooper, I had it done in that way. However, I don't have a modem, so I am dependent on others. Viz. on Loretta. She sent off my eMail to Minn. expeditiously, and without grumbling. Her machine received what you sent without any problems, as far as I know. But I send along, ex.gr., what I have got as a result. On the single, two-sided sheet, it took me only fifteen minutes, I suppose, to figure out that the many incomplete messages in Screens 1, 2, and 3 could be completed by screen 4. And then for the later messages (for all of which I you copious, but letter-wise thanks) there was first the problem - Which sheet comes first? Then, how do I read this? As you see, my final decision was to paste them together, to fold to invisibility anything that seemed to repeat a predecessor, and then to try to read it. This took an hour, about. and then it was very hard to concentrate on what the message was - THE MEDIUM SEEMED SO MUCH MORE CONSPICUOUS! So now after several days rest, and reading from a Xerox copy which didn't see the stuff folded back, I can get a sufficient notion of what the messages were.

So thanks for the Guest Quarters (which now turn into) Mobie Dall. That was 8 September 14:08.

From 15:30, thanks again for the Guest Quarters; and we discussed TJ on the telephone, and I have no notion whether he is an archetypal dyskolos, but I'm sure anybody who has survived as long as he has, or as long as I have, is absolutely entitled to become one. So there.

From the longer (and harder to put together) 17:09. Loretta then answered, I believe. About TAPA and Jones (I've got to wait to finish this, and go look up the TAPA and see what it says) But before I do, I may tell you that at Yale, one day, before either a Classics, or probably a Linguistics audience, and perhaps in the presence not only of ELB but of AEK, TJ spoke about all of this. There was another occasion when I spoke about the same subject in a different way to the same group, and remember most clearly the question, "But how do you know they wrote from Left to Right? Much of the Linguistics, was, naturally heavy on the Near Eastern side. So now I

save this, and write myself a note to bring home the TAPA, and finish it up tomorrow. 19
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I just got your letter of GuestQuarters quartering of 8 September. See enclosure. Somebody has most of my offprints, and the rest, of course, are in some confusion. But I suspect I never did have an offprint or a copy of the abstract in TAPA. So I climbed on a ladder in my once-upon-a-time office, where lots of my periodicals still go up to the ceiling, and have made a copy. So now I see I must do a bit of comparing &c before discussing it more. Maybe I'll do that today. Tomorrow I have been strongarmed into appearing at one of the Institute's *LearnedLunches*, to talk about LINEAR-B, and I don't know how much that will disrupt things. So now I stop again.

In fact, I see that the three things I want to check, unless there are four, are at the office, so domani! I was trying the envelope to see if it was too fat. It probably strained the seams of the printer, but it worked well enough to try it next time, with the printing lowered to a more seamly place. Seemly, that is.

I haven't yet written to JLM, though I haven't much to say. I'll try not to forget. It's now about 15:00, so yasou.

