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Dear Henryk: -

I think of you often and hope all goes well with you.

Somewhere I heard you were offered a post at Houston U. Can't recollect where. If so you apparently didn't take it.

I took the liberty of suggesting you to Joy for a Rice job. Don't know if they bothered you or not. Joy is but one of many on the committee.

Lowenstam has been a pleasant surprise. He is really interested in ecology. I feared we would hear only of oxygen isotopes. The pair of you would make a wonderful team.

The year has been a quiet one. I had a week in the field in April - did not get out in Oct. as expected. Helma & I ran up to Lake Tahoe the last of August. It is a beautiful spot but public camps are being rapidly built and it will be overpopulated. Otherwise I've been close to home and Uncle Sam will cancel unearned vacation.

It's nice to have four weeks vacation if only in theory.

I have chopped off in the middle of the Loganiaceae & hope to have submitted the section by June 30th. Heading for Berkeley, the Academy at San Francisco & Stanford to compare with figured specimens next month. Will try to digest that and then off to Washington.

We hope to make the meeting at Houston next Spring. Helma has been much her old self this year so it has been a good one for me.

Hoping the New Year will be a happy and prosperous one for you and the girls

As ever,
Merle

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