

June 8, 1969 E. HURLBUT  
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Dear Dr. Stengel,

You recall that some time ago I wrote to you and told you that we had moved to Houston. I spent the early months of 1969 trying to get in the oil business again and stay in petroleum geology but without success. I finally faced up to the fact that I was going to have to get into something else. Last year I took a course in technical writing at Del Mar during the summer session. In April I went down to the NASA area and applied for a job as a technical writer with the Federal Electric Corp. I had to take a physical, an oral exam, and two written exams. I passed them all and got the job. I am now in a new profession. I also qualified for technical editor, but they hired me as a writer. Needless to say, it was just what I needed. I am working at the Manned Spacecraft Center and enjoying the work very much. I can't tell you anything about it except that I am a writer. It is very stimulating, and everything is alive, not dead like the oil business. I have to drive 60 miles a day to and from work which means rising early and retiring early. We may move down there later. Federal Electric Corp. is the worldwide service associate of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. Both are growing companies.

I hope that you will be coming to Houston this  
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summer to teach at Rice. We can then get together.  
Erwin Krause called me the other day. He is still  
with Sinclair which has now merged with Atlan-  
tic-Richfield. He called to tell me that he was  
moving from Tulsa to Houston. I believe he is  
here now.

I hope this letter finds you in good health.  
Tell Clarence hello for me and give him my best  
regards.

Sincerely,

Erwin

Erwin Hurlbut