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Dear Henryk:

I realized after writing the last note that it may well have been curt. If so, and I don't doubt it, my regrets.

It is the same prodigal son worry that has been in the back of my mind since 1939. The boy can't help it.

In the fall of that year he had a nervous breakdown and it was diagnosed as schizophrenia. He considered sending him to Meninger's sanitarium in Kansas which would have left no flat. Also there was no real cure in those days. Fortunately Thelma insisted that he stay home during the holidays. The physical examination showed a very low metabolism. With thyroid he snapped out of it and went to Allen Academy in Jan. He got along O.K. thru High School. Then he worked six mos. in the S. P. shop. Off to Texas and flunked out. Was not taking thyroid. Ran off to Portland, Ore., which we learned from draft board. Got him home after Bud died. He was slowed down. Thyroid fixed him up again. Went to H. G. Bailey in 1947 and to summer school. Then pulled out and joined Army. He was frozen an extra year for Korea. Got an honorable discharge. Then he went to Junior Colleges around S. Cal. and to San Jose State a year and a half. Flunked out. As he was on V. L. must have passed until the end of last year. Tried various jobs but couldn't seem to cut it. Joined Airforce, Feb, I think. Was discharged in Sept. as a sergeant. Wrote us it was because he is color blind. To some extent this is true and so he wanted to be an electronic technician we accepted his talks

Worked south, Ft. Worth, Waco, Laredo, Monterey and to Mexico City. Next heard of from Corpus. Called home from there but we didn't know anything was wrong. He visited Mark in Houston. Mark knew something was wrong and advised him to get for home. Got here Oct. 18 with a high fever. Was worried about the Spanish Security taking things over. Thought these hallucinations went with the fever, but chances are he had them while in airforce.

Fortunately, for the first time, he realized he needed help. Tried to get him into Veterans Hospital which is probably the best psychiatric hospital in the area. The family Dr. put him on a little thyroid which brightened him up and referred us to a psychiatrist. This gent put him on tranquilizer, small dose for a week and then started him on 2 1/2 times the dose. He complained of stiff neck the first day. Then on the second day came what broke me up. He had muscle spasms very much like I have seen epileptics have but he remained conscious. Psychiatrist wouldn't admit connection. Family Dr. tied up with operation but had us take him off tranquilizer and put him on phenobarbital. Kept up after several hours. Couldn't reach our Dr.. Called a Dr. the daughter in law used. He suggested we try another phenobarbital. This brought him out of it. I have seen death, but it didn't upset me like this. Think I am back on my feet, but it took a month.

Helma took him by the hospital again and they had room. They observed him for three weeks without medication. The M.D.'s there didn't believe the connection between the spasms and the tranquilizer existed so put him on it. He had another spell but as help was handy was soon out of it. They will also investigate thyroid. Oh yeah, he still gets tranquilizer, but Mill towns along with

then to prevent muscle contractions.

There is high hope that he will come out of it. He is with a quiet bunch so he won't be pulled down by association with the hopeless. The main worry is that he will get restless and want out. If so, we will have to commit him which he might resent. I am hopeful that when he can leave for a week end with us he will be satisfied.

We are thankful we are still here to be of help to him. Beyond that I don't much care.

Henry of that.

I am glad indeed that Heinie was honored at N. Orleans. The guy was marvelous in his evaluation of his students. I think that explains his standing with the New Jersey companies.

I hope Roy doesn't go crazy in retirement. Both he and Mark could work me to death if I tried to keep up with them.

Alexander & Artury sent greetings from the U. S. A. by Bill Pierce.

Will relook over the Harris-Job paper. Didn't study it. But on overlap some of the two *Vaginulinas* would not disturb me. I know I often puzzled as to which way specimens should be thrown.

Your three divisional Midway looks O.K. to me. All may be of some help to you. Think he's worked it since I have,

(over)

Now Harry, I am in a fair state of mind.
Jerry's condition is no shock as it has been a
fear in the back of my mind all these years.
Had he not had the peculiar reaction, which is
very rare, I should not have been badly
upset. He has a good chance.

He isn't mad at anyone, even the Spanish.

Your Louisa must be a great joy to you.
Take care of Harry.

Best wishes,

Mabel