

Oct. 15, 1957

Dear Mr. Stenzel,

Mary Snow had a fine time in Germany and Switzerland. I have not been there yet, but she is coming to Burlington next Tuesday. I shall show her the Catskill Villages which I have been enjoying so much. Then we will drive down to Bath and Wells and see Jim Baker's mother in Steptoe - Mass. I will write to you about the trip and of Mary Snow's general well-being.

I wonder if you have seen the ancient white house on the hill not far from Wantage? It

an amazing thing, - quite
impressionistic in line
and most interesting geologically
I would think. It once-does
King Alfred, - a huge, sprawling
figure cut out in the hill side
and filled with some kind of
white clay, which antiquaries
claim has never been renewed
and on which grass never
grows. I want Henry to go
up to see it. If he can't
explain it, I will bring a
bit of the clay home and
present you with the puzzle.

I am glad that your
health is improving. Helen
Dupere wrote me about
your resignation from
the U. S. and of your

Agreed the position. I
shall miss you, - but you
could not go on casting
peasles before Ruine, and
that is precisely what you
and Mr. Savin were doing.
Please give him my best
greetings.

I have not heard a word
from Mr. Currier since late
August. I am worried about
him. Have you or Mr. Savin
heard? I would hate to
have the throwing of so
many good people on my
conscience - as I am sure
the administration has -
assuming a conscience,
of course.

Yours as usual

down about the Russian
Satellite. Ironically, a friend
of ours from Oxford (low
temperature physics) was here
the night before the launching,
— talking about how amazingly
good the Russian scientists
are. (He had just returned
from a physics meeting in
Moscow.) Henry and some
men from Harvard didn't
believe him. Then the
Satellite the next day! I am
afraid that many of us have
chosen to believe what we
wanted to be true about
Russia rather than the
obvious facts. And I am
reminded of your wise
comment about Germany

and France exhausting Europe
in senseless fighting. I hope
that Russia and America will
not exhaust the world.

Clare is doing splendidly
at school. I hope that when
we come back he will do
equally well, - not in the
Houston Public Schools, where
Geography is published, but
at Kincaid or St. John's. I
do not necessarily believe
in the superiority of private
schools, - but the Houston
Public Schools are impossible

I saw a wonderful
performance of the Royal
Ballet in Oxford last night.
Tonight I am going in (only
four miles from Abingdon)

for a play. That is the root
of things we miss in Houston.
Good theatre, ballet, - and even
music - despite our imposing
Symphony. I think that
we should all return to
Brookline. When are you
and Mr. Sauer going to join
me?

Sammy sends his greetings
and his congratulations on
the fine success of your student
nation on our line - if ever - well
the U. of W. have another person
as highly respected by geo-
physicists and oil companies
as you are.

Our greetings to your daughters
Let us hear from you soon

Yours,

Anne