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Dear Ray:

I have hesitated and postponed writing this letter for over a month, because the subject is so touchy and difficult to express correctly. When you read the letter, you must be continuously aware that it is entirely well-meant and that I am a well-tested friend of yours without ulterior motivations.

From our correspondence, or rather from the lack of response by you to my various editorial inquiries, it is quite apparent that you are very sick and can't go on like this. You probably are dragging yourself on without proper considerations for your health and for the enormous task that is still before you.

The fact is incontrovertible that we need you and that we need your guiding editorial hand in as good, as firm, and as healthy a condition as can be had. You must handle yourself and your affairs not ~~by~~ sentiment or attachment to old ingrained habits but by strict logic and circumspection. I believe you had better do the following:

- (1) Go to a first-class diagnostic clinic, have all the ~~diagnostic~~ ^{clinical} tests taken that are needed, so all your weaknesses become well-defined.
- (2) Stay for one month in a hospital under continuous therapeutic medical care where you will have to do

what the physicians prescribe for you so that you will recover as fully as is possible under your conditions.

- (3) Turn Lillian over to the care of the younger wives of two of your associates. If there are two of them, they can spell each other and give Lillian warm and continuous attention and, being young, they can do it much better than you can.

The Treatise can stand one month of interruption by you so that you can return to it with regained vigor. As for my wishes, I don't want any other editor for the "Oysters" than Ray Moore and I want him in good health when ~~me~~ he edits it.

Remember we are good friends,

Cordially,

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