

Austin, Texas
July 29, 1959

Dear Henryk,

I have thought of you a great deal since your daughters departed for the grand tour and have earnestly hoped that you have been making out all right, though I know of course that you are lonely without them and that the mere business of living is much more difficult. Incidentally I had a very welcome card from Sonya this morning, sent from Stratford; she said the trip was even better than she had imagined.

I don't know much news. Anah De Ford, who was sick much of the time in spring and early summer, has at last been allowed by her doctor to go to California. Ronald, I understand, is conducting a summer field trip as usual.

Bill George was recently offered two foreign jobs, one in Turkey for three months and one in Iran for a year or more. I think he has decided to decline both in

favor, probably, of one with the Inter-Agency Study Commission in Houston. If he takes it he will need to spend a good deal of time in Austin and can continue to maintain his home here. At any rate he has offered his resignation from the Board of Water Engineers.

As for me, I am all right now but had a hard time with vertigo in June and early July - twelve attacks in all, nine of them in Sherman, where I was delayed two weeks until it seemed safe for me to travel, by plane as I did. Since I returned, I have given myself the same sort of rest cure that I had to take in 1950. For the most part I stay idly and restfully in my cool, comfortable home reading and enjoying the wild life.

If I can get help, however, I must better myself and get to work, principally in the fossil house. Harry Pranson has indicated that in late September or early October, it may be possible to send University workmen out to do some

heavy work (packing books, moving stuff, etc.) preliminary to making the place ready for use as a research center. I need to do a lot over there in the meantime. I don't know when the whole project will be presented to the Regents, but at least the Mexican books, Lis and Reg's, were presumably offered for the approval of the Regents in June.

I hope Debra did no damage in Houston other than rain. We have had a good deal of rainy, cloudy weather here and hence have been relatively cool. On the whole I'd call it a comfortable summer, so far.

Again let me say that I hope you are all right, as well and comfortable as possible under the circumstances.

Sincerely,
Mary Grace A