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Dear Dr. Schechter

I was happy to receive your letter and the news about your doings. I talked to Walt Lillehei at his "funeral celebration" in Minneapolis, which of course was sine dean, etc., and those who blackballed him over there and actually some even tried at Cornell. He took a goodly group with him to New York and really did not have thus far anything particularly attractive to offer. I expect to be in New York in the near future and I hope that you will be in town for a get-together. If there are any particularly good musicals, let me know, I certainly would appreciate some help for a ticket. If not, a good concert will do - preferably not orchestra, rather chamber music, violin or piano or solo-instrument with orchestra. I will let you know the exact date.

There are a few potential jobs that I was offered but mostly a'la Albert Einstein in Philadelphia. Things are coming along pretty well over here - only out of the normal case I had was an excision of myocardial infarction, now six months postop doing famously. I also am in full swing of my first draft of Billroth's biography, 2000 pages dictated and now cutting out excesses which I hate to part with.

My historical library is growing pretty well, I have now a Sylvius' Epitome, Vigo, Wurtz, Larrey (with his handwritten dedication) Leander's (Volkmanns) dedication handwritten in verse to Billroth, etc. You would love it! Let me know if you are going to be in town in the next few weeks. Best regards!

Sincerely

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