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Dear Dr. Ritzmann:

Greatly appreciated your recent letter. We shall continue to make efforts to find interesting work in the "PNW", and I do hope you will write me if any Junior positions become available at your Hospital.

The next year here will be divided between Chief Resident at this St. Paul General Hospital, and Senior resident at the VA. If nothing shows up in the West I have tentative plans for the University Heart Hospital here, though it has become largely a surgeon's lair.

It is interesting to know that you are pleased with Portland, and many of our group give like reports. A recent intern on my service, Dr. Richard Sowell, is coming to your VAH next month for his first year Medicine.

Hope to see you at the AHA in New Orleans, if not in Portland.

Regards,

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