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Dear Bill;

Thank you for your letter. It is good to learn about the trip and that you are doing well. Your low blood pressure and anemia account for your weariness and "listlessness," and both of those conditions are directly the result that you darned near bled to death. In spite of seven whole blood transfusions and lots of blood substitutes you must realize that you certainly lost something like three quarts of blood, net, and under the best conditions a blood regenerating cycle takes at least a month.

I got a copy of the Wangenstein book, a huge volume that is a bargain for only \$42 (including tax) as books go nowadays. I'll send this off to the address you advise. I enclose a copy of a letter to Dr. Schettino. I presume that you have written to him, or will do so, to tell him how you are. It would be nice if you could quote some comments by your doctor in Frankfurt.

We left Minnelea by train to Naples on the Tuesday after you left. We were booked on an early plane so it seemed best to stay the night before in Naples. But in the morning we ran into a kind of strike. A great crowd of people still homeless from the earthquake had blocked all streets through the center of the city so our taxi had to take us way out of the city to get to the airport--at a cost of \$30. When we got to Rome to change for the plane for Milan we ran into a strike of the baggage handlers. Eventually we got to Milan just in time for the plane to Lisbon but our bags did not make it. We were in Lisbon three days instead of simply overnight. What with a surcharge of \$50 for staying over in Lisbon and the hotel bill for three days it was a costly trip.

Now we are in Minneapolis to stay until the end of August. I have heaps of work to do besides writing my lecture for Lugano where we'll stay at the Grand Hotel Eden from September 30 until October 4. We are still a bit tired from a very busy month capped by a not-so-smooth return to the States, but all is well here.

Margaret joins in sending all good wishes to you both.

Sincerely,

Ancel Keys

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