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file correct.

Dear Henry,

I was pleased to receive your letter. While I am sad that I was not patient enough to wait for you to invite me for a visit there before making a decision, I am a strong believer in the equal opportunity issue, so I cannot but think that your technique is a good one. Slow is not always a bad thing. I am so new at this business of job hunting that I have a hard time thinking about alternatives. I could, I suppose, have asked for more time making my decision. Ah well, it is done and I think it will be a good thing for me to do for awhile.

I will tell you a little about it. I am going to the University of Kentucky as an assistant professor in the Department of Preventive Medicine and Environmental Health. The Department is brand new there and the Chairman is Arthur Frank, who used to work at Mt Sinai with Selikof (sp?). I think it will be an interesting experience. I suppose it is hard for those of you trained in a medical school to understand the need for those of us who were not to eliminate our awe of the place through close association. I believe it will work, as my exposure to a hospital environment has reduced my awe of physicians. I know it is hard to understand how anyone raised around a school of public health could really be in awe of physicians and medical schools. Lord knows the training I received was oriented toward reducing that sense of inferiority, but I am human and all of that business is a world unfamiliar to me, and therein lies the source of awe. In any case, I am looking forward to the experience. I expect to learn a good deal about occupational medicine and some more about behavioral sciences (the department at Ky is very large). I hope someday I will have enough to offer so you will want to have me visit as a guest lecturer on some interesting topic.

I will certainly keep in touch and I hope I will see you at some meeting in the future. I would like to learn your secret for making good french bread.

Warm regards,

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