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Dear Ann & Jim

We so enjoyed your "Christmas card" – for many years a custom we gave up – I've been looking for a moment to respond.

5 grandchildren! I started too late to have any hope of that. Annie is 9½, and writing this letter recalls the Laura I was so fond of at that age. She has the same sparkle and inquisitiveness.

David is a freshman at Haward: a bit stunned, even after Collegiate School in N.Y., with the demands, and learning how to relax, and use his time, well enough to perform up to his capacity, and enjoy it besides. Marguerite & I are – one has to say – consumed by work: interesting, intense, unremitting.* (over) I'll have to make do with a few "official" reports to let you in on what I'm doing. Marguerite is busier than ever as psychiatrist at Memorial Hosp., on top of wife, mommy, and hostess.

We do spend August at our old home in Palo Alto — another locus of possible visit.

Running (incl. fundraising for etc.) the university is a full time job, but here happily not at all like a large multiversity: at least in discourse, I'm as much in a breadth of scientific thinking as ever. I'm also spending a lot of time in Washington as a volunteer in national security matters (I guess paying back my Navy V-12 education from W.W. II). And I'm trying to enhance the expertise that should go into the capital markets that are N.Y. City's main value added (or subtracted) to the country's economy. The present system is ludicrous.

You must be in New York sometimes. We do have lots of room, and with any luck could see some of you if you stayed here, so please do plan to visit.

Jim – re son of Seb + Owen, do see Laura May's Genetics – a Molecular Approach. Obviously a general text needs less mol-gen detail and more population ... But that sets a high standard. ... I've been enjoying Joan Fisher Box' biography, esp. its account of Inca. Yours, Arthur