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Dear Josh and Esther:

All goes well here so far. We have arrived at a livable state in the house. We've got all kinds of blisters as the result. It has rained a little every evening and grass grows as fast as it can be cut. Naturally we don't like the landscaping pattern that was begun, so we have started to modify it. Being only a year old, it isn't difficult to modify, yet it doesn't have the naked look of a completely new lot. It has been delightfully cool since we arrived - high of 80, low in the 60's. The children have adapted to house dwelling rather well. Thus far we are pleased with Columbia Heights. We have better than average streets (for Minneapolis) to commute. We took our drivers test recently. That took a total of 1 day for me & two days for Lois. The physical and written examinations were nothing but the "practical" was rough. I passed with a 73 (70 is lowest passing grade) and Lois failed with a 65. She took it again yesterday & passed with an 82. She felt much better when she learned that one person in the department took it 4 times before making the grade.

The lab wasn't emptied when I arrived (and still isn't completely). So all I have been able to accomplish worth mentioning is to retrace the cultures I intend to work with in the near future. I have been inventorying supplies and equipment and find more than enough plus all kinds of

available money. I actually feel quite badly about some aspects of it for I know that there must be many people in need of supply-funds. I hope to get started to doing something worthwhile soon. All hopes and expectations are for a pleasant association with the U.M.

Will write again when I have something to say.
Best wishes to you all and we hope to see you soon. Say our greetings to the lab.

Raylen.