Dear Josh & Esther,

I learned the other day that Land Stanford is trying to induce you to come and live with them. Of course, one cannot suggest that our robust and variable climate can compete too successfully with the equable sameness of the California coast. But it is just possible that equable sameness is not desirable for all of us. However, it is a more important climate, the intellectual that I am sure you will consider carefully before coming to a decision. And personal relations that I am sure, have been highly satisfactory and stimulating here.

All of this is merely to say that as one of the oldesters, I have enjoyed your being here and have appreciated your influence and your significant contributions. I hope we can persuade you that further residencies can progress excellently here.

Greetings of the holiday season to you both.

Faithfully yours,

Paul H. Clark

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