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Dear Walter:

I hope you don't find this salutation too familiar; I remember your chemistry course as an exciting experience, and I have noticed with pleasure and interest your own productive career. So much so, that I am going to ask you to send me an occasional reprint, of your more geberal writings, perhaps opposite numbers of what I am enclosing.

I also remember the lab. in your course, and did not think that that would have augured very well for my aptitude in chemistry.

After almost ten years in an agricultural college department (which did not matter in the slightest as concerns the direction of my research) I have finally veered back towards medicine, more in an administrative sense than in the directions of my own work. This is a new kind of a challenge, but a development long overdue— the enclosed clipping may explain some of it.

It was good of you to write and I hope we will run into one another somehow.

Yours sincerely,

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