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AIRMAIL

Dr. Fred J. Ewing  
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Dear Fred:

I was very sorry to learn from your wife, Dr. Dunn, and Commander Cooley that you have suffered a heart attack, and I trust that you are getting along well. I judge that you are going to have to learn to take life easy from now on. People with chronic myocarditis are like those with chronic nephritis - they have to learn to live according to a restricted schedule; but life under these conditions can still be very pleasant.

The report which you prepared reached me safely. I am very glad to have it, and I think that the information in it is not only interesting to us but also useful.

I have just returned from a trip by automobile to San Francisco and other places in the Bay region. I found it necessary on a war job to take some materials by car to Palo Alto, and Ava Helen and the three younger children rode along with me. It was a wonderful trip - the first of this sort that we have had for four years. Dr. Addis at the Stanford Medical School looked me over and reported that my health continues to improve. He now considers me his prime example of a sick man who takes proper care of himself.

We are paying more and more attention now to preparation for the post-war period at the Institute. I even have a graduate student beginning a research problem in pure science - the study of the chemistry of rhenium, and especially of the state in which rhenium has oxidation number -1. I would like to know more about this unusual valent state for a metal.

I am looking forward to seeing you on your return to Pasadena, and to talking with you about the problems of science.

Sincerely yours,



Linus Pauling

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