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Dear Dean Gaskill:

I have just returned from a field operation which has kept me in the Tennessee Mountains for most of the last month. As a matter of fact, your letter followed me there and back to Washington and as a consequence, I just received it.

The last part of your letter causes me a great deal of concern. However, I had began to infer the facts before I received it. I have been hearing, perhaps, twice weekly and it seems that now the situation is a little better; be that as it may, I intend to visit Ames in the very near future.

In planning this trip, however, there are several complications. In the first place, Mr. Willis, who looks after matters when I am away, will be absent for about a week. In the second place, one job which we planned to ask Iowa State College to do has materialized rapidly and I hope to have that in form to bring with me when I come, as this will allow me to stay longer and to accomplish more when I do come. It involves a considerable amount of careful machine work, as well as careful engineering, and I would like to talk these matters over with Mr. Coleman and Dr. Earls, if you can let them help us with this work.

Thank you very much for your letter. In a few days my plans should be more complete and you will hear from me again.

Very sincerely yours,

John V. Atanasoff

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