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My dear Bill,

Jeffrey tells me that you are annoyed with me because I haven't written since I returned from Washington. If this is so, I am extremely sorry I am, I know, the world's worst correspondent, but not long after I got back I wrote you a letter — my wife wrote to Mrs. Friedman but, owing to the fact that the matter of the letters was private, I

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was made to send them
by ordinary mail - but
I thought it would
have reached you by
now. In case anything
has happened to these
letters I wish to say
again how grateful I
am for all the work
you put into the
conference which made
our task so easy
→ for all the
personal kindness I
received from you &
Mrs Friedman.

Life has been very

hard here lately - we
get very little rest
indeed. In self defence
I have had to take
to my meszotint again
to get my mind off the
work occasionally. I
enclose a proof of
the plate I am now
working on, as a sort
of peace offering.
I ought to say that I
don't attach any
importance to these
things except as a
relaxation - & you are
at liberty to tear it

up after you have seen
it

This letter goes
with Frank Rowlett.
We have all enjoyed
having him here so
much — I am quite
sure that his visit
will prove to have
been of great benefit
to both you — & us.
He has made himself
very much liked by
all here. I also
think very highly of
Fried. We shall be

sorry to lose him when
he returns → we hope
you will be able to
replace him by some-
one as good

Again many apo-
logies Please give
my kindest regards
(→ my wife's) to
Mrs. Friedman, Barbara
→ John

Yours sincerely
John H. Altman