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Professor Philip Bell,
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Haverford (Pa),
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Your help with our departure was beyond every valuation; we were so very glad all went so smoothly. Our crossing was very easy, and since our return I had, of course, to clear many backlog-affairs.

We are always glad to be reminded of the pleasant atmosphere in Haverford as by meeting Mr and Mrs Teaf, and also by meeting Prof. Harriss from Columbia, who at present lectures at the Rotterdam School of Economics.

I hope that your work will proceed according to the schedule, and that by June you will have that feeling of freedom you so rightly describe by referring to the possibility of tackling short problems. I have that same desire for a change in rhythm when I finish a longer manuscript: it is very pleasant then only to have to do with short problems you may finish in one or two evenings.

Back at my office, I am now involved in interesting further monetary discussions which I am sure will result in some article by Schouten and myself of which we will let you have an offprint. Also the Bureau managed very well to get the 1954-Plan through which is already being printed.

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