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Dear Mother, Dad, and Bill

Good news! I am leaving Portland Monday (Jan 23) ~~by~~ by train for a trip to San Francisco, where I'll stay a day, then to Denver and spend perhaps three days there, then on to New Orleans for a four or five day visit, and then to New York. Along the way I shall get in touch ~~or~~ with various contractors and engineers and see if I can find anything ~~at~~ attractive in the way of a new job. (You see, I have been laid off from N.W. Hauer and Associates due to a lack of work.) My main efforts will be concentrated on trying to land a job <sup>in FZMIR</sup> with either Morrison Knudsen or Grove, Shepherd, Wilson, & Kruger.

New York City  
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The above letter was obviously begun and not finished. I have since made the trip. I spent three days in San Francisco, about four in Denver (plus two weeks of skiing at Winter Park, Colorado), three days in New Orleans, and am now in New York City, having arrived here during the first week of March. Everyone was fine along the way except perhaps for grandmother Coleman, who is by no means terribly ill, but who does have a couple of problems. One is that she becomes very dizzy at times and is therefore unable to venture out alone. She has also become a bit hard of hearing in one ear. Other than this she is in excellent health both physically and mentally.

My primary problem is that I have been unable to find a job of any sort. Partly this is due to my operation and the fact that most contractors are reluctant to

hire someone who has no adrenal glands. Partly it is due to the poor state of business and the fact that some people are cutting down their forces rather than hiring. ~~It was~~

I am presently staying in a crummy hotel and am in a crummy ~~of~~ frame of mind (what's new?)

I am harboring the idea of returning to the west coast. Gary Shaw has a new job with Aerojet General in Sacramento and is driving to California next week. He is also ~~the~~ father of a two week old baby girl, Martha Lee.

I received the razor. Thanks very much. I had been considering purchasing one, but due to my long absence from the payroll I have been unable to ~~purchase~~ purchase more than a few square meals. New York

is horribly expensive.

Tomorrow I will be back arranging interviews ~~with~~ but expect little success. I certainly have come a long way since ~~the~~ that day in June 1957 when I graduated from one of the U.S.'s finest universities.

Love,  
Peter

P.S.

Dad, if you can think of any thing over there I would appreciate it.

Pete