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Dear Joshua:

It seems so presumptive to address you by your given name but since you so signed your note to me I will!

I can't tell you how delighted I was to get your note -- I had received the frontispiece from the V-12 book and thought that might be only the discharge of an obligation to respond. I found the book in a Berkeley used book store (although the book was like new) and shared it with my Mother. Although she knew ~~some~~ several of the names, ~~to~~ my Father was not mentioned. It may have been that since he was at University of Alabama Dram 1941-1944, with the V.12 Formal School at Tuscaloosa, and at Washington U. of St. Louis Med School from 1944-1948, he somehow didn't make the lists. Also, he did not become

a General officer, but retired in 1968 as a full Colonel. He was on the Gemini Project medical team as I may have mentioned.

I am presently 1/2 way thru "Genome" by Bishop + Waldholz, which is a good start on molecular biology for a tyro like me. Meeting you has ignited my interest although I am too late to make any contribution other than as an observer.

Pardon my awful handwriting but I usually dictate all my letters. I may send you some articles with a typed note, but I'm determined to write all I can. You'll see I have no "second sheets" with my personal letters, which strongly implies that my notes are usually only one page long.

After reading your comments in "Research Profiles" on

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extraterrestrial exploration, I have to ask if you read Isaac Asimov -- you probably know him personally. I would hope that your interest in the beyond is fueled by some of the romantic fiction that has been written about it. (I've read most of Mr. Asimov's 200+ books!)

I have subscribed to the weekly "Science News" since I saw you -- again, perhaps too "popular" for you, but I read an article on "UNIPARENTAL DISOMINY" -- and I'm convinced that the second child of my sister-in-law (the third child has Down Syndrome) has the abnormality -- short in stature (he is a head shorter than my 4-year old born the same week) and slightly learning disabled (can't do 1-10, or ABC's, while my

daughter can do both).

I guess a little knowledge of genetics is a dangerous thing! -- why should I be making such evaluations? I have not shared my own personal evaluation with anyone, but we'll see how the next couple of years go.

I find that I will be in New York for a seminar at NYU on November 30, 1990 to be part of an all-day panel for (sheer coincidence) -- ~~Profe~~ Professor's Joshua Livnat and ~~Johst~~ Joshua Ronen of NYU. While I may be at my outer limit of Joshua's, I'd love to invite you to dinner on Nov 29 -- I may bring one or both

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of the Accounting profession that are involved in the seminar -- we can have an eclectic discussion about life.

I'm trying to get my wife to come back for this trip -- the lure of a dinner with you + your wife will do the trick so let me know.

I'm going to send you a copy of "Roller Coaster", not about amusement parks but another aspect of the Bank of America Saga. I'll clip my picture.

Also, I'll send you "Genome". You are cited on 4 pages,

and you should give the book to a smart teenager whose interest in Molecular Biology might get ignited. I wish I had been so inspired at a young age.

My good friend Joel Demski (a Professor at YALE ~~go~~ who invited me to the seminar and who will be on the panel -- who is also ~~Acc~~ a Colombia U. PhD in Accounting) is very close to Ken Arrow -- who doesn't share your field but got to go to Stockholm, too. I'll put ~~tog~~ together a fun dinner if you can make it -- Nov 29, or 30th, or the 28th if that's all that will ~~work~~ work. I'll send the books -- let me know.

Yours respectfully,

Steve