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Dear Carl,

Finals are over and I've survived my first semester at college. Despite some initial problems adjusting, I find it enjoyable and challenging. My most rewarding courses this semester were "Mars, the Moon and the Earth", taught by Jim Head (who I got to know a bit and discovered was a fellow SF fan--He quoted A.C. Clarke in class about surface conditions on Titan!), and a course about the People's Communes in China. Next semester I'm taking Planetary Geology with Tim Mutch. Although I'm contemplating a major in space science, there are some other areas, such as Philosophy and Human Behavior about which I want to satisfy my curiosity before I commit myself. One thing that I like about Brown is that we have a lot of time to explore before we must declare a major.

My father tells me that he has spoken to you about the possibility of finding a job for me this summer in or around the Laboratory For Planetary Studies. If this is possible I'm sure I would find it a very exciting place to be. I don't really have any specific kind of work in mind, but at the DPS meetings I got to know a grad student named Reid Thompson who told me there is often a need for general purpose helpers. I'm sure I could learn a lot even if I was just sweeping out the labs. I am available from the beginning of June through August although, if possible I would like to spend the last two weeks in August at Cape Cod with my family.

Enclosed is a copy of the H.P. Lovecraft collection which you asked about. I have looked through it and find the more speculative pieces interesting and somewhat amusing.

I was glad to hear that you are over your recent illness. Hope to see you sometime soon.

Love,

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