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Dear Dick:

Don't know when I enjoyed a letter more thoroughly than your last. Your description of how you enjoy just sitting in the back yard observing the stars & clouds, the trees & birds, & the traffic with a pipe & a snort to add to the contentment struck a most responsive chord in my own heart. I have been enjoying doing the same thing here, minus the snort & the traffic. I get in the beautiful garden back of my dwelling where there is no traffic but plenty of beautiful green grass, trees, birds, squirrels, a beautiful sky over head. What peace,

quiet + enjoyment one can experience — one of the blessings  
of what they call "old age"! But I feel more like + young,  
wild boar that has been tranquilized. Next Sat. I start  
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(about 30 of them) getting ready to go to So. America to help  
spread the Faith + defeat Communism. Will also have  
my math. courses. Thanks a million for your gift,  
Brick, which will find its way to the poor who are always  
with us. I keep you + Lon + the whole Hilger Family, living  
+ dead, in all my masses + prayers. My best to Jim  
+ to your sister, Jo, next time you over that way.

Ever yours — John

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