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Dear Josh

In 1944 I spent several months at Columbia University. There I was asked to give two seminars in the regular colloquium. I chose two topics, one a report on my work on position effect at the *Cubitus ereclus* locus, and the other a review of a book which I had found very exciting. It was written by the Astronomer Royal and entitled "Life on other Worlds." I have not written on this topic myself, but got my ideas from Goddard's lectures in an introductory biology course at Rochester. There was no attempt to enter the field of exobiology.

I remember a discussion remark of Selig Hecht, who talked about the possibility of an atomic bomb that would destroy our civilization. In retrospect, I think Hecht knew about the preparations for atomic warfare, while the rest of us at the seminar did not.

All these comments are elicited by
your recent request. — Evelyn and I
are delighted to hear of your five year
old daughter! Greetings to all 3 of you.

Cordially,

Lucretia

(Evelyn is writing this for me, because
my Parkinson's disease makes it difficult
to write myself.)

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