Dear Chris:

Many thanks for your fine letter of the 8th, received this morning. Evidently the Pony Express in the West isn't what it used to be, since it takes a week for a letter to arrive.

I can’t tell you now glad I am to hear that you expect to be in Washington soon, although it is a shame that you will have to leave all the wonderful weather you have been enjoying these last few weeks.

The latest model Lambertsen unit is now referred to as Model 10, and C.S.S. as well as Navy will be using this unit in the future. I do not know what is going to happen to the Model 3, but since the Model 10 accomplishes just about everything which previous models did and in addition is more compact and lighter in weight, you can understand why this would be more desirable, especially as concerns transportation and storage.

It occurred to me that if you are going to be stationed here for any length of time you will probably be mildly interested in a place to live. What with the current shortage of tents, I don’t know now successful you may be in locating here. If you can tell me something more definite as to when you will arrive and how long you expect to be here, I might be able to do a little ground work for you in real estate and thereby save you some time on your arrival. There are some very excellent one-room apartments on the outskirts of Baltimore which can be had for about $125.00 a month. If this sounds intriguing, I will go to work on it for you.

I also appreciate that there is a paper shortage, but I think you might allow your wife a little more space on the next letter than you did on this one. It helps my morale considerably to know that she is carrying on my heckling campaign and that the song "Mairzy Doats" has probably been indelibly impressed in your mind by this time.

Hoping to hear from you before your arrival as to your plans, I am,

Sincerely,

[Signature]

LFM: ba