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Miss Connie Wolf
609 North Court Avenue
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Dear Miss Wolf:

It is nice to hear from someone in Gaylord. I hope I may visit there in the not too distant future, and see some of my old friends who are still living there.

I am enclosing a short biographical memorandum which should answer some of the questions asked about my work. With regard to early influences, I recall being interested in science and electricity while a boy of 8 or 10. Rodney Hutchins and Kenneth Sisson who, I believe, still live in Gaylord will recall many of the gadgets and machines that we used to build. I remember in particular a telegraph line we constructed running between the Hutchins house and my house which was on No. Centre St. We also constructed radio control boats, model airplanes and the like, which were more difficult in those days than they are now.

My interest in mathematics developed somewhat later while I was in college at the University of Michigan and later at M.I.T., and today my chief interest centers in the application of mathematics to areas of electrical engineering, physics and economics.

Sincerely yours,

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