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Dear Tom Averill.

Home from a circuit (that ended in Colorado in a big blizzard), I find your letter of Feb 16.

That time at KU comes back to me clearly—and I'm glad to know that you are flourishing there in the midst of all the fiction-poetry life, a life I enjoyed long ago at Iowa when my wife and I took out two little boys and lived in "Quonset Park":

The Iowa City stint is part of a zigzag jaunt in April, and I'm not sure exactly how the time there will be lined up, but I'll be alert and hopeful to have chances for sociability. The people in the writing program will be in charge, and I know many of them. In particular, I have on recent visits been in close touch with Don Justice and Marvin Bell.

Save up the gossip -- I hope to see you.

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