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DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
Bartlett Hall

20 Sept 78

Dear Gene,

I've been exploring the possibilities of the Homecoming visit all week, and I'm afraid that it would be just too frantic, requiring, as it does, over 24 hours of travel. I do know from experience just what shape I would be in Monday back here teaching. So, with all gratitude for the reading offer and so on, I would like to ask you to accept the Alumni Award on my behalf. I am tremendously honored to be among the recipients on this 75th Anniversary.

I've answered the few queries you had on the periodical section of the biblio., and added recent information: I think the three mags. listed in my letter under forthcoming will be out before cut-off date; will let you know as soon as I know.

Lisa has a new car, well, almost new, 125,000 miles on it, a 1970 Toyota, her first. Her teaching is going well. She sends her love, and regrets not being able to pull^{off} this visit. We will manage something later.

I've retrieved the rights to Lost Pilot and Oblivion. I think Ecco Press will most likely publish them together in one volume, some time, maybe 1½ or 2 yrs from now.

I hope Eva Jesse will leave you in peace soon, but first that the production is a complete success. I'll call Ken Bateman in a day or two to inform him that you will be accepting the award on my behalf. Thank you, Gene.

*Love,
Jain*