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My dear Ron,

What a strenuous wastering  
job had the past few weeks!  
I feel almost as if I were  
the little man who wasn't  
there at all! The job I  
took on last October has  
been full of surprises  
and crises!

It fell to my lot to close  
out a juicy contract a  
fast operator had with the  
government that had  
several interested officers peering  
the why and wherefore. The contract  
had several "retired Naval Officers"  
including a "grave yard Admiral"  
who had influence. One lucky  
break came for me when  
quite independently of my

re-evaluation that the project was not sound, that <sup>some of the</sup> work was being duplicated in the Navy etc., the Naval auditors found his accounts weren't quite in order! You can imagine with that coming into the open the pressure was taken off of me. Quite far removed, wouldn't you say, from Design of Experiments? I have been lucky in finding two young men who are both very promising to build out my staff. Administrative duties tho' are a bit irksome.

My job with the selling of the Admiral is far from being completed.

A little over a month ago my dear little mother left us. She had had such a full satisfying life but of course one is never quite

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ready to have a dear one leave.  
In some ways she seems  
newer to me than the last  
few months. I am so glad  
I spent Christmas in Colorado  
Springs with her. We had  
a jayous time. She was so  
well and gay. We had gotten  
her a new hearing aid which  
made such a difference - she  
even heard the Christmas  
carols on the radio.

I wish you might see  
my garden now. Very few  
weeds, but many tulips,  
Pansies, narcissus etc.  
My tubeman climbing rose  
has many large buds.  
Had lunch with Jack &  
Don Riley, and Bill Pabst.  
The two latter think something  
drastic should be done to  
create a chummy atmosphere

between ASA and ASQC. Jack and I feel working at the local level is better.

Is the new book off the press yet? We've been anxiously watching for it. Oliver and Boyd are of course the publishers? Jack has also been asking me about it.

Del and I have had our show on the road again. We gave it the first of the month at Rochester N.Y for ASA + ASQC. Then Thurs of last week at the Army Chemical Centre, Md. and I believe we had the best reaction there of all. That was the 15<sup>th</sup> performance; competing with Oklahoma.

Please be kind and write soon. For a while things were going so much wrong that everything could be very successful! Let me know about the book date. As always Beese.