My dear van Rest,

I am naturally delighted to hear that you have seen and like my new book. There is so much new material in the latter that much should be taken merely as suggestions for the reflection of intelligent readers, and some certainly will need restatement or replacement by more suitable examples.

My post as President is essentially an honorary one, not unlike what is called Senior Fellow in some colleges, with pleasant duties in respect of college hospitality but no administrative responsibility. May I hope that you will take advantage of the former if you have an opportunity that will allow you to dine or spend a night as my guest in college?

Sincerely yours,