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Sam:

Sorry Stanford didn’t work out, but hopefully some other things will. Never found the rejection side of writing easy, but I think now that I keep it in perspective. Or maybe I’ve just become blithely optimistic.

Finally talked to Carol last week. She was planning on a "second round" and thought that there were three very promising prospects. We went around again about ‘would the case be re-opened.’ I asked her about whether the proposal could be strengthened in any way. She didn’t really think it was necessary (and there was the whole expense of copying to consider), but said if I felt I could do anything, to do it quickly. Not wanting to dampen her energy or interest, I added one paragraph at the very beginning overnight — sort of squishing it in so only one page had to be substituted. I tried to address right up front the "old case" comment. Then dropped it off the next day, and got Victoria (her assistant, who as I mentioned is an avid fan) to read it and she thought it was excellent. So, we’ll see.

Will carry on. Talk with you soon. Take care ...