

NAVAL ORDNANCE LABORATORY  
Navy Yard, Washington, D. C.

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Mr. Ike Coleman,  
College Instrument Shop,  
Ames, Iowa.

Dear Ike,

I can only spare time for a note. First, I want to thank you for finishing that little door on the fireplace in the new house. Second, I want to say that all of the various mechanical assistance you have given me on so many occasions looks even better since I have had to employ other mechanics.

The third point that I wish to raise (although on a strictly formal basis) is whether it will be possible for the College Instrument Shop to handle small jobs for our laboratory. Even though you can help us, I am not at all sure that it will be worth arranging because of rather complicated contractual basis which would have to be arranged before the work can be turned over to you, but as the pressure of machine work here gets still higher, as it shows every likelihood of doing, we might give it a try.

I shall be very glad to hear about how things are going with you back at Ames.

Very cordially yours,

John V. Atanasoff

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