

Clunch House,
Harlton, Cambs.

14th Dec., 1967.

Dear Alan,

Hi! What the hell have you been up to!!! I request a full explanation of your recent actions but also send my heartiest congratulations on what I am sure, knowing your taste, is a very wise move. Please give Mary my very best wishes as well and let her know that any time she wants to know what you are really like to contact me! I gather from Derek that this is the girl about whom I remember you violently enthusing when you returned to Cambridge - I think you must owe me a bottle of something since I thought that there was some sort of wager we made on that last evening we spent in the Turk's Head - That if you were clobbered that it would not be to anyone I knew - anyway, clear case for celebration the next time I see you. I also gather from Derek that you will be in England this Xmas - infinite keenness!! - if you are you may well have seen me before this lot arrives.

Well, that is quite a beginning to a letter which purports to be a Xmas greeting. As is totally predictable, very little has changed in Cambridge since you left. This year's set of research students seem to be pretty good but one can never tell. Not even any of the radio astronomy gossip, if you can really call it that has changed much - the same old stalemates seem to persist. Aesthetically, I am in a Beethoven Quartet phase and also an "Elektra" phase - Have you bought yourself some really Hi-Fi yet? If so you must buy this new set - very highly recommended. Have you got yourself some really hi-fi ~~xxx~~ super fast ultra long vehicle yet? I am expecting at least 24 feet of automobile.

Radio Astronomy wise, Ginzburg has been in C. this term and has given a very large number of lectures but in some cases it has been a bit disappointing since he has not really uncovered any phenomena of which we were unaware but he has given us a completely new approach to many of these problems. He is very keen that I should go to Moscow next year, although as usual, nothing can be definitely fixed up. Well, please keep in touch and let me know how you are faring. Very best wishes for Xmas and the coming year, *Malcolm.*

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