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33 Rippon Ave.,  
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Dear Dick;-

Thanks a lot for your Christmas card and letter. As I have told you before, it is not from negligence nor thoughtlessness that I do not answer letters more promptly. I have been so busy on the job---working days, nights, Sundays, and holidays, that I simply haven't had time to do anything.

I am writing this partly to caution you about "Triplanetary". As you already know, ASTOUNDING has suspended publication, and has sent back the MS to me. ARGOSY is loaded up for about a year already, BLUE BOOK didn't answer my question as to whether or not they were interested in a story of that type, and of course you realize that it is not the type of yarn for AMAZING. Also, remembering the knock that Gernsback made in WONDER a while back, about impossible rays and such (remember it?) Triplanetary wouldn't go over so big with him. So I have about decided to hold it until times get good enough again to support another magazine of the ASTOUNDING type---and I really believe that there will be a demand for that type of story again some day. In the meantime, however, I am asking you to keep those rough drafts of the story pretty well under cover, because I put in a lot of work on that yarn and would hate to have anybody beat me to it at this stage of the game.

The third Skylark yarn has had another setback. I didn't like the way it was shaping up, and tore it all down again. Wondering how much time I had on it, I wrote to Dr. Sloane, asking him how soon he wanted it. No answer. Then I wrote again---still no answer. So, if that is the way he feels about it, I do not know that I care particularly whether I ever finish it or not.

Best regards, Dick, from

