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Dear Ken

I really think I owe you an explanation and an apology for the lateness of my paper. I won't make any excuses, I hate them as much as anybody who is on the receiving end does. I will say that for the first time in a long while I'm pretty disappointed in myself. You and everybody at the Ranch were very good to me and my actions up to this point have been a hell of a way to thank you. I'll make amends though. I've committed myself to that. I just can't believe how I could let things get so out of control.

I'm working on the paper now on my nights off and hope to be done in mid-month or so. I'm waiting on some more information that I sent to Idaho water for. Hopefully it will come fairly soon, the man is usually pretty good about returning my letters. If any student needs any information from me before this please have he or she call me. I'll be glad to furnish any help I can.

Not much is news since I last talk to you. I'm up to working about 35 hours a week besides going to school part-time but school is over the 12<sup>th</sup> so I should have more time for writing after that. I'm still trying to get some research

money and have a pretty good lead on some now.  
Hopefully I get lucky.

I did get a job lined up for this summer doing  
stream survey as a GS-5. It's a good job but  
only lasts for 5 weeks leaving me with free time  
in both June and August. Maybe I can get up  
Idaho way. Sure would be nice.

Well I guess I do some more work tonight. I  
just wanted to let you know my mind. I really am  
sorry and feel like such an ass. Call me anytime.

Say hi to Cori, Tina and Carlo and tell them I'll  
be dropping them a line. They're too nice a people not  
to keep in touch with.

hope everything's smooth for you

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