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Dear Eds

It was very good to get your note of December 21 and I certainly am glad to hear that you are status quo on the Island and I am very pleased with your impressions of the program there.

I am sure that your gifts to your mother meant a great deal, obviously much, much more than could be represented by the monetary aspect alone.

Things are going nicely here in Syracuse. We did lose my father in December after a long and suffering illness, but the rest of the family including the four offspring ere quite well.

I see the <u>Hart Island News</u> and one of these days would not be surprised to see a literary contribution by you.

Keep up the good Messiah's work.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Straus

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