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Dear Al:

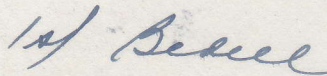
I am sorry to have delayed so long in answering your letter of November 22 but I have simply been too busy to do anything but work and sleep a little.

The chances of having enough time to do any writing on the side are extremely remote and I doubt very much if I will be able to get to Florida at all this year or indeed anywhere else except to my office and on such official trips as I have to make.

I hope that you and Margaret may be able to get to Washington for some week end. We have a guest room where we can put you up and this may be the only chance we have to see you for a while. Don't you think you might be able to make it?

I do not believe that you caught a 6-pound 3-ounce rainbow trout as I am convinced there is no such animal--but if you did, I hate you.

Sincerely,



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