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Dear Fred:- I'm not sending you any formal Christmas greeting. I was doing that little chore for the usual gang and then I thought of you and one or two others, including Bill Finney. I have always felt a deep sense of affection for poor Bill. I did send him a card but on it I wrote: "No sentiment. Just an obligation fulfilled - You goddam cockroach!" When Bill was here, we (Kernohan, Frank Adams, Bill and I) played bridge and golf together and we hated each other most of the time. Hence "goddam cockroach" was practically a club greeting.

You might be inquiring what all this has to do with you. The answer is, nothing --- Absolutely nothing. Except that as years have passed, I have looked forward with increasing pleasure (and some emotion) to the occasions on which we have been able to get away from the