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Dear Stu,

I'm late for work but wanted to write you a note and send you an etching and a few words.

I'm glad you liked my last work, I've done a little more work on it and now I think it's as good as any I've done. Last week I said I've lost the firm. This week I'm on the right track again and have complete in my opinion one of my best works. It's almost the complete opposite of my last one and yet it's easily as good. I just finished it yesterday and already am working on another - Other Points. Please send all your comments.

Yesterday I saw a T.V. program on creative writing. It was filmed at the class at Stanford. Judging from the work that was read of the students, you're much better. They all think their Wm. Faulkner and are too wordy. Anyway I want you to write them and try to get in that class. You need training in your craft and although you can teach yourself - you'll miss a lot and you'll do it slower by yourself. Stu if you want to be a writer NOW IS THE TIME TO GET THE TRAINING!!! You cannot hope to survive unless you're real good and you are so far off your Apathetic ASS and get on the stick. It's a wasting. And by God if you don't seize the initiative NOW, you never will. It takes guts but it's not as dangerous as you think. You've got guts use them!! Please start Begin and at least end the drifting and laziness you're now in and end some of the anxiety that plagues me and the rest of the family.

The man to write is Wallace Stegner head of the creative writing department Stanford University. Send him something or give him some good B.S. because if you don't get the training you must have then you will drown. And you'll thank heaven for doing it. Snip the umbilical cord kid and get going - a whole new

world is waiting for you.

Let me know what you do. I'm very concerned for you because I'd be lost too had I been remained at Tulane. Don't let a Sunday writer the rest of your life.

Thanks for the photos. I'm very impressed with the fog ones. Write soon I must go now.

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If a printed copy of that speech can be had by sending a quarter and a rice crispies box top to 614 Grant Avenue Woodlawnwood N.J. Do it today!