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Dear Paul:

Congratulations on winding up a most successful term as president! I know that you put new life into the Society as far as BAE I was concerned. Members writing to me during the last two years started saying, "I heard about this in the Antarctic Newsletter, etc." They never did that before.

I had completely forgotten that Gordon Cartwright had followed Paul Siple as president in 1962. Gordon and I worked together at the Cleveland WBAS from 1930 to 1935 at which time I joined United Airlines as dispatcher-meteorologist. I remember Gordon as quiet, meek, completely unassuming - his stint with the Russkies at Mirny must have brought him out of his shell.

Seeing Harry Wexler's name again brought back many memories. Back in the nineteen thirties there were two kinds of meteorologists in this country (1) those who were pulling themselves up by their bootstraps and (2) those who had been anointed by MIT. Harry was in the latter group which included greats like Rossby, Willett (I replaced Hurd at Hadley Field in 1928 (before BAE I) when he took off for Bergen.), Namias, Byers, Starr, Bollay, Showalter, Van Thullenar, Spilhaus. Spilly and I were charter members of the New York AMS Chapter at Newark Airport.

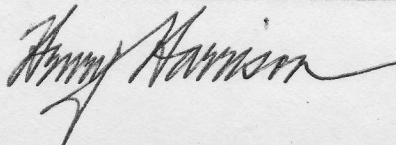
Anyway, I have a story about Harry, My first technical paper (to be published), outside of a quickie on Antarctica in 1930, was on "Pre-Cold Frontal Squall Lines" and was given at the local Chicago AMS Chapter in Rosenwald Hall on the campus. My two loud hecklers that evening were Harry Wexler and Horace Byers. Harry said, "These things are nothing more than upper cold fronts!". Horace said, "These things are nothing more than misplaced surface cold fronts!" Neither ever admitted that they were dead wrong. That would have been 1940.

Back to BAE I, someone said, shortly after we returned to this country, that "There were only three scholars on the expedition - Gould, Dana Coman and Russ Owen." I would subscribe to that appraisal. Byrd himself was notoriously poorly read. I would also say that there were only two scientists on our expedition - Gould and Frank T. Davies. Malcolm Hanson did research night and day in the field of radio but he would have to be classed as an engineer. (Does an engineer ever become a scientist?) Bill Haines and I were Weather Bureau types assigned to take observations. George Grimmer on BAE II would have been likewise.

Most people forget that modern meteorology was unknown in this country until Rossby came to this country ^{in 1928} from Sweden to set up MIT. We were forbidden to show fronts on our manuscript maps at Cleveland WBAS in the early nineteen thirties. When a limited printing was made by the Navy of Reichelderfer's notes on the Norwegian System of Air Mass and Frontal Analysis, I borrowed a copy from a Naval Reserve friend at Cleveland for two days and went without sleep for 36 hours while making a verbatim copy of the textbook, including figures, for my own use. And we didn't have Xeroxx back in those days! I told Reichelderfer many years later that his Notes literally changed my life.

Paul, what are you going to do with yourself now that you have lost your direct communications with 325 of your friends? My very best wishes to you and Ruth.

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*1933 or 1934