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Birmingham  
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But it certainly is a post which I  
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I am quite sure that you will pardon my troubling you in this matter, and if I do not hear from you I shall know that you consider it best to say nothing.

Enclose you a list of my published papers on Geological research alone. If there are any you wish which I have not yet sent you I shall be delighted to ~~forward~~ forward them.

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