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Dear George,

your letter from May 24 reached me only after my previous letter was sent off, so that I did not know about the possibility 11.Bd2 N8c6 12.Nf4! in our game. I must have seriously underestimated this possibility for you. I also did not analyse this way afterwards, as you chose 11.N:d4, and I was therefore convinced that you also held 11.Bd2 not as good. But, actually, this move seems to win the game. On 11...Qa6 12.Qb3 e5 White plays 13.a:b4! Q:a1 14.Nd5 with too many threats, and 11...Bh6 is refuted by 12.B:b4! N:b4 13.Q:d4 e5 14.a:b4! etc. So it looks like 9...Qa5 would be a bad innovation.

~~As I informed you in my last letter, our plan of arrival to LA on~~  
June 30 at 5.15 A.M. is unchanged. So I hope to see you soon.

Regarding my planned visit to San Francisco I sincerely hope that your efforts would be successful. It would be too foolish to be for a month in California and not to visit San Francisco! On my side, I have not heard anything new in this matter.

The LA tournament will be a very hard fight, but I will try to do my best. Until now, the tournaments of 8 grandmasters, double-round, have been the most successful in my chess career!

Wishing you pleasant summer rest, I remain with kindest regards

Yours sincerely

*Paul Keres*