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Dear Dr. Gilb,

I want to thank you as warmly as I can for sending me a copy of your AHA paper. How sorry I am that I felt obliged to miss the session at which you read it. What went on there I haven't the faintest. But I would like you to have at least an inkling of what went on in my mind as I read it. Perhaps the best way to do so is to reproduce the following letter which I have just sent to Henry Winkler, the editor, as you know, of the American Historical Review.

Dear Henry,

Have you read Corrine Gilb's AHA paper, "Time and Space as the Structure of History"? (I missed her session and wrote for a copy). It is the most exciting paper I have read since entering the historical profession. In my opinion, its potential for historical understanding is far greater than that provided by Turner's famous essay of 1893. What it does, in blazes of intuitive light, is to display the lodgement of events and institutions in an interrelated matrix of space-time, each of which has a configuration which patterns the imagery, rhythm, artifacts, and axioms of its time and place. Dr. Gilb's perception is Aristotelian in its ability to reduce events to the forming channels in which they flow.

For heaven's sake, Henry, write her for a copy of the paper, publish it in the AHR, and let the profession see the mind of the rare quality of a Carl Becker at work.

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With all good wishes,

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