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Dearest Diane,

Martha has just informed us that you would like your chemistry homework. I'm just now getting over the shock! While I'm reluctant to make anyone who must be as sick as you do chemistry problems, I will make an exception in your case.

You will be presently surprised to know that we are taking a chapter test on chapter 17 a week from last Tuesday.

Furthermore, I sent you an assignment while you were painting your house in California last month. As you apparently did not receive this, I will enlighten you again so that you may complete this task.

You will go to your neighborhood pharmacy and hardware store and purchase all items necessary to make a small atomic bomb. After constructing this device, using plans found in any

major encyclopedia, you will set the automatic detonating timer for 30 seconds; you will then proceed to count to one million by twos before you exit the vicinity. Your grade of "Incomplete" will automatically be changed to an "A" if you are successful in this assignment.

As your technique will probably cause your usual results, I will be looking forward to your bright, cheery, witty, and of course lovely person in class a week from last Monday.

Sincerely yours,  
G. McElroy,  
Prof. Chemistry Emeritus