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Oct. 28, 1960.

Dear Dad and Helen,
Your November check arrived
yesterday and also your letters.
I can't tell you how much it
means to me to get your letters.
I know I should write to you
more often — it just seems
that since I've been able to
be out of the hospital, I
haven't been able to write as
many letters as before. I've
I've been getting lots of
complaints — so I guess I
better get to work on my corres-
pondence.

When I was in the hospital,
your letters were among the

Hally,
Box 705,
Al Tahoe, Calif.

best letters I get - so encouraging and vital, I loved getting them and looked forward to every mail. They still mean just as much to me. You have such good, sound common sense. I feel as though I can really count on you and Helen which means a great deal.

The situation with us is this: we are still in this two-room trailer and conditions are quite crowded. We have Hugh, the oldest who is going to school, second grade, up here. We also have the baby who is a year old now. Hugh has been sick with croup and "pink-eye" so has been out of school this past week.

The two middle ones - Anne and Peter are still at Ed's folks home. We will not be bringing them up here until we move in the house. The house is moving along in progress. They are putting in the kitchen facilities now and Ed has been painting it. Ed's situation is this. At the moment he

is just working on the house trying to speed
up the work so that we can move in
as soon as possible. As for the future -
still not sure although he will hunt
for full-time work. He has a job lined
up with a snow plow but, that job
will have to wait for snow. We've
had one light snow fall so far. I
think Lake will be our permanent
home - at least for awhile and as
soon as the house is finished, Ed can
look for more permanent full time

work.

I've been using your check mostly for food. I have saved quite a bit though and plan to use it on winter clothes and boots for the children. My last bank statement was \$226.00 but I also payed the rent last month which is \$50 plus $\frac{1}{2}$ of the electricity bill. We appreciate your "contribution" more than we can say. It has been a life-saver at the moment and I don't think we can do without it. That word "contribution" makes it

would like a church - I better say
your "gift" - that sounds more like
it!

I haven't any household help yet.
I intend to hire someone maybe
twice a week to clean the house.
My sister-in-law who lives up
here and has a lot of contacts,
says she will help me find some-
one as soon as the time comes. It's
interesting that I have not seen
one negro since I have been up
here. The lake area offers very
little for a negro so I guess I
will be hiring some white help.

How is Helen's foot coming along?
You mentioned before about bringing
her up here for medical help. I
hope she is making good progress
with it - it must be quite painful.
I haven't heard recently from either
Manny or Marion or Hugh. I guess
with all their money, they are pretty

buy. I am wondering how
Maur is going to like N.
Carolina.

All my love to you both,
Sal

What you say about Edith
Papouse is very true. She is
and always was pretty
amazing the way she could
handle things and all of
us. I have to admire her
although I know I'll never
have her strength and
stamina.

Feb. 28, 1960

Dearest Dad and Helen,

Sorry to be so late, Helen, in wishing you a happy birthday. Somehow the days slip by and suddenly I'll find that I have neglected to wish you all ~~your~~ good things in the new year. May you have a very happy, happy birthday!

Ed at the present is studying a pamphlet so he can apply for a license to sell real estate. I hope that works out all right for him. He is not having too ~~long~~ of a time in getting a job.

I spent almost a week with the children last week while Ed's parents went to L.A. for a vacation. It was just grand to be with them and Ed once more. Hugh is in first grade now and seemed to be progressing so well that they took him out of the regular class and put him in the advanced.

Love as always,
Sal

Mar. 7, 1960

Dearest Dad and Helen,

A very happy birthday to you Dad! and may you have many more equally as happy.

Your letter of Feb. 28th I have just received. Thank you for the letter and the check inclosed. Actually the way you have been sending seems to work out fine. I pay Mrs. Fayre on the 15th of each month, - or at least as close to that date as possible, for checks always arrive pretty close to that date so everything in that respect has been going along very well.

The doctor still says Apr. 1st will be my discharge date. It seems to me that since the time is not finished except to be liveable (although Ed has put a dent inside and a sleeping bag and spends the time to tax on finishing up the home). It seems that under such circumstances I might as well rent a place up there where I could have the baby with me.

No - at present Ed has not found

a job but, has been working on the house. He is laying the floor now, as I believe. My, how I do wish we could get the house finished and get our family ~~back~~^{all} together again. He has an idea in mind to sell real estate but, has to get a license to sell first. He has been studying on his own but, I don't know if that plan is going to work out - I hope it does.

My how I wish I could have seen that ceremony which you and Hugh both participated in at the Univ. I feel very proud of both of you. The official date for Uncle Karl's return to San Francisco is May. 23rd, it will be nice to see him again.

Lots of Love as always,

Sally

went out to Stockton over the weekend for Pete's birthday. The three children are getting over very well and seem very happy.

Mar 21, 1960

Dearest Dad and Helen,

Things ~~are~~^{are} getting under way now for the next steps toward reuniting our family again. Since the doctor said I could leave Apr. 1st, Ed and I decided that the best thing to do would be to find a place to live up at Lake Tahoe. Perhaps if it is agreeable to you, we could use the money you've sent to ^{cover} take of Mary and put it toward rent and food up there. Ed has found a trailer there renting for \$50. It is very close to the house Ed is building, so if we live there temporarily I could help him some with the house. This of course, is all just a temporary measure until the house is finished and Ed can find a job.

Does this sound all right to
you?

The hospital has been
doing a thorough job in in-
vestigating my kidney problem.
So far nothing new has turned
up. I'm still on medications
though which tend to make
my eyesight blurry — the reason
I haven't written you more
often.

If the present plan works
out, we can take Mary up with
us but, waiting for the house
to be finished before bringing
the others up there.

Much love to you both,

Sal

[August 1900]

Dearest Dad and Helen,
Your check dated July 26
has arrived, and I'm very
grateful for it. As yet, I
haven't deposited it but
shall do so shortly. Thank
you also, Helen, for your
postcard from Cuzco. How
I wish I could join all
of you there - sounds wonder-
ful.

We're trying hard to get
the house in a livable
shape so we can move in
in the fall before school
starts. Now we have the

baby and Hugh with us. Hugh
will be going to school up here so
we brought him up now.

I haven't heard from Maria since
she moved to N.C. I'd like to
know how she likes it. How wonderful
it will be to have Nancy and
Bob out on this coast. Will Hugh
would move out this way too!
Don't you think it would be a good
idea to build a small house on
your lot in San Francisco so you
would have a place to stay —
perhaps that would encourage you
to make periodic visits to this
part of the country! I surely wish
you would.

How about the furniture? Ed
says he is making plans in the
livingroom to accommodate the
table. I think if you seat it
now, it will arrive at about the
right time.

all my love to you both and to
Hugh also if he is still there, Sam

Feb. 16, 1961

Dearest Dad and Helen

Your check for Feb. arrived today and I do thank you from my heart. Right now most of your money is used on food which is quite expensive up here. I was disappointed that there was no letter enclosed for I do look forward to your letters. However, I know that I have written very little lately and should hardly expect any letters in return. I do wish that we lived closer together and could talk things over. I always find it difficult to converse by mail.

We've had two good snows lately - the skiing I've been told is very good. The children have been out on their toboggan quite a bit; Ed has a job now with the highway maintenance Dept. - he does some bookkeeping and makes about \$350 per month. He drives up to the summit (Lake Summit) everyday which is about a 20 minute drive. He seems to like the work all right.

Little Hugh is doing well at school. The teacher got him started with a stamp collection. Do you have any stamps that you could send him? He would be so happy to have some from you.

I'm going to start looking tomorrow for someone to come in and help me with the house-work. I find trying to take care of everything myself is quite a load. I think if someone could come in at least once a week, it would help out tremendously. As yet I don't

know what they charge up here. There are no
colored folks at all up here so it will have
to be a white woman, who will probably charge
me.

Let's grand to have Nancy in Calif. Al-
though I haven't seen her yet, it's nice
to know that she is closer now. I under-
stand that Marion may come out here for
a while too when Dick leaves on his new
assignment. How if we could only get them
out here it would be wonderful.

All my love to you both,
Sal

March 16, 1961

Dear Dad and Helen,
First off, I'd like to thank you for the package which came via Uncle Knicker. The shirts fit fine and so does Ed's tie which he likes very much. The gripel is a beauty too! We appreciate this gift very much and you were very thoughtful to send it. The boys love to wear their shirts.

Thank you Dad for the check you sent - I can't remember the date on it and I deposited it already. I have managed to find a very good working girl to come and clean house and wax floors over every week. She charges \$1.50 which is the standard hourly wage for this type of work. It's wonderful to be able to have some help with the heavy work. It makes all the difference in the world. Nice to have a clean house and make less pressure on me which I do appreciate. I get so tired when I'm doing it by myself. Hope all is well with both of you. Are you still at Hempstead's? I hear you might make another trip to Spain soon. That sounds nice.

It's time to start dinner so I'll end here.
Lots of love as always,

Sal

Ed reads his best wishes too.

April 6, 1961.

Dear Dad,

Please know that we are all with you in our thoughts and love you as much as any father could be loved. I was greatly relieved to receive your letter yesterday, and see that in spite of your sorrow you are still able to look toward the future and make some good plans. I know that having Nancy there for awhile will help you out alot, she is such a wonderful girl and Hugh too. We are all concerned about you and want to help you in any and every way possible. If I can be of any help to you, I think you will let me know. Ed and I both want you to feel completely welcome to come and stay with us as long as you would like. Somehow I feel that perhaps it might be a good idea for you to have Audigier for awhile and visit with your folks. You don't know how much we all love you and want you to come.

When I was in the clinic - a very hard period in my life - you were

one of the main ones that helped
me pull out of it. You always made
me feel hopeful and reasonable
about my problems and your letters
were always sound and cheerful.
I wish now in your trouble and
grieve, I wish ^{that} I could
help you in just the same way.

The Highway Maintenance Dept.
laid off most of its employees for
the summer so now Ed is without
a job. He is considering taking a
test for a license in Real Estate
as he has an opportunity to work
as a real estate salesman up here.
It will be a little while before
that goes through though.

Everything has been through. The
weather has been just like spring
and the children have been able to play
outside all day long in the sunshine.
I am cautious when I say "spring"
however, for it has been known to
snow 10 ft. up here in the month of
April.

Please let me know if there is any-

thing I can do for you. I would so
much like to help out.

Always your devoted daughter,
Sal

July 2, 1961

Dearest Dad,

We are very grateful to you for your check that just arrived. Looking back, I don't know what we could have done without your generous aid.

I am quite concerned now because of the news from Uncle Paul that you have been in the hospital. Is there for a general check-up (sounds like a good idea), or have you been sick (I hope not)? It's always recommended that older people have routine check-ups so I hear. Just as a preventive measure I believe. Do you plan to come to the U.S. any time soon? I think it would be good for you, rather than staying in that big house all alone. But then - no one knows better than you do what you would like best to do.

Uncle Paul writes that you may come up and spend some time with Hugh which sounds like a very good idea.

Things are not going too badly with us at the present time although Ed still hasn't a job. However, he is studying to take an exam for a license in

Real Estate and if he pines it (which I am sure he will) he will have a job here at New Lake with the C & P Realty. They do a good business so this looks very hopeful.

At the moment, I have no help. I've been trying to find some steady help but so far have had very little success. I hope I can find someone soon though for I find taking care of 4 children and this house is quite overwhelming. I'm thankful to you for making it possible for me to get some help if the opportunity should come along.

About the book "The Home in Aubigny". I remember you mentioning that you had some autographed copies there at the house - one for each of us I believe. However, I never saw them myself. I can't imagine what could have happened to them. I don't have a copy though I would very much like to have one.

Nancy sent some of Helen's belongings to me at your request she said. The embroidered dress was one lovely one &

They? So is the jewelry. I had a nice
letter from Grandma Dorvaloux the
other day. She sounded very good
and I am hoping she is getting
along all right.

Please write when you get an opportunity
and let me know if you have been ill.
Dad, is there anything at all that
I can do for you? I am thinking about
you all the time and hoping you are
getting along well and in good health.

all my love always,
your devoted daughter,

Sally

March 24, 1963
Sunday —

Dearest Dad,

I hope you will forgive me for not writing to you sooner — The truth is that we've all been sick including myself and I just haven't been able to get down to writing. For about a month now the children have been up and down with one thing or another — first, two kinds of flu and then laryngitis followed by colds. We're all got colds at the moment except for Ed who seems to escape most everything. He stays pretty healthy, I guess.

Ed has some of the information regarding shipping the furniture but, will telephone down to San Francisco tomorrow to get some more. He will include it in this letter when I send it tomorrow. I assume by now you must be on your way to Chicago. We would certainly love to have the furniture and are hoping and hoping

That everything will be all right so
you can send it this time. We did
receive the nails - they are beautiful
and thank you so much. They
make us even more than anxious to
see the furniture.

We will be up here all summer
at least. Ed has some tentative
plans to go back and finish
his schooling but nothing certain
as yet. If he does we will
probably not be here and move to
the valley for awhile, but we'll
probably take the furniture with
us. I may have to get a job once
we get down to the valley to help
support such an endeavor but -
it is all in a purely formative
stage.

Uncle Paul phoned and said
they had seen you and that you
are looking so well. This pleases

We immensely like you certainly have
had some ups and downs recently.

You seem to have alot of willpower.

Ed is typing out the information
for you right now so we can
get this letter off to you today.

Always your devoted
daughter,

Sally

Halliday,
Box 105,
Al Tahoe, Calif.



TAHOE

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr. and Mrs. Paul Popese,
2503 N. Maricopa Ave.,
Altadena, California

May 17, 1963

Dearest Uncle Paul + Aunt Betty

Thank you, thank you
for your wonderful birthday
present! I appreciate it so
much - don't know how I
manage to allow so much time
to pass by without calling
you. I got Pete, Luigi and
myself each a much needed
pair of shoes and we are all
very grateful!

All is well here - we are
so excited for Nancy and
family are coming to visit
us for 2 weeks in July.

How have you been? Can
you come see us soon?
Love as always, Sal

Jan. 19, 1960

Dear Dad and Helen,

There is a flu epidemic making its way around; I have a cough of it today. I was sorry to hear that Uncle Paul's trip to Europe was delayed 3 times by bouts of flu. He arrived in San Francisco on Sat. and we had a nice time with them and hearing all about his trips. He did look a little thinner than he was before.

The package from Grandmother Barcelona arrived the other day and I want to thank you very much for the lovely quilt. When Ed finishes our home I'm sure we'll find a good use for it.

The doctor now says that I may be able to leave in March. I don't know if the home will be livable at that time. Perhaps I'll have to rent a place for us until the home is finished. My, how nice to be back in a home again and not in a clinic.

All my love,
Sally

Jan. 24, 1960

Dearest Dad and Helen,

So glad you are having that bathroom made - I know you have been thinking about ^{it} for a long, long while.

Things here are going along well, and the date set for my discharge is April 1st. Now, I surely do hope that he doesn't change his mind this time. I don't know yet if the house that Ed is building will be ready by that time but, I'm hoping and praying that it will be.

Otherwise, I'm not sure just where I could stay. Ed's parents feel that they definitely cannot help with the little baby - it would be too much for Ed's mother. This I can understand. Perhaps I could rent an apartment, but they can be quite expensive - especially in the Tahoe Area with the Olympic games near there this year. It is best for the boys to remain in Stockton until June, I believe, due

to the fact that Hugh is in 1st
grade, and Pete is nursery school.

I'm so much longing to be back
home with Ed and the children,
so I hope all works out well for
us. I'm more and more coming
around to your way of seeing things -
I got over-dressed and too worried!
I am very happy to hear that
you will be able to give me some
part time help. That would be
the best thing I can think of and
I can't tell you how very grateful
I feel.

Lots and lots of love,
Sal

Glad to hear that you all enjoyed
Hugh's stay here. I am looking
forward to his visiting out here
also. You asked about Ed and his
job. He didn't quit, but got fired.
I don't know the details - just
that he didn't get along with
the foreman. (over)

I've been wondering if you have
any extra lamp bases? Something
we could make some lamps for
the house. I liked the last
lamp base that you used - but
only if you can spare some. I
wouldn't want you to give me
anything you could use in your
house there.

Love, Sal

With money you sent via last
check - covering the month of Jan.

I used: \$80 - Mary Catherine's
board
\$2 - Medical expenses
for May.

The remaining went for a walking
suit and cap which was recommended
for me for exercise and athletics.
by my doctor.

Feb. 12, 1960

Dearest Dad and Helen,
How happy it made ^{me} to know that
you attended Hugh's graduation. Not
only that but you participated too!
I know that nothing would please
Hugh more and I know he was ^{happy} ~~pleased~~
too.

I received your check for this
month and for which I am always
grateful. Last month's check was sent
according to the check before.

\$80 to Mrs. Payne for Mary's care
\$.02 to pay for hospital check-up for
Mary.

\$10.00 used for a complete rainsuit
set. I have never had a
complete set before. Price
included: 1) plastic rainsuit
2) detachable ~~top~~ hood
3) cover for shoes
4) Umbrella

Now I am set for all changes
of weather except for very cold

regions. Thank you again and again.
Your generosity has helped me so
much and I surely do appreciate
it.

I guess we're all proud of Hugh's
new doctorate. He is doing a grand
job.

Loads of love,
Sal

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

Antigua G, 9 Jan 1960 (not 1959)

Dearest Sal:

Now here we are again, as the man says in the circus. And of more interest to you, I suspect, here is your January check. ^{OK} And just about tomorrow we figure Paul and Betty will be dropping in; you and Paul will give me a report. Somebody wrote that Ed no longer has that job at Tahoe: did he lose it or did he just quite because he didnt like it. It didnt sound like the sort of job I would particularly enjoy myself.

Gosh, how busy we are here, making all the improvements in the two houses. As I think I have told you the soquete doesnt fit the albacete and the floor of the pila is cuarteado. To make it worse, they are tearing out the old water system in Antigua and putting in a new one which cuts off the supply in one of our pilas from time to time; but here is where we win out: we have those three pilas and not all three are cut off at one and the same time.

I wont write more at present because I have to go down to La Predilecta and get a gallon of white paint specially prepared for lining pilas. I wish Hughie could come down here when he gets that counfounded doctorado and take over some of this work. I cant see why we need so many doctores anyway. You cant walk down the street any more without falling over one of them.

Ever your devoted

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

Antigua, 28 Feb 1960

Dearest Sal:

Yrs of Feb 12 came several days ago - the mails seem to be pretty slow of late. I am glad you got a raincoat set with part of the last check, tho I suppose you will now move to the Coachella valley or some ~~such~~ place. Better stay in San Francisco until you get your money's worth out of it.

Herewith the March check; I realise that you should the money early in each month - maybe you better tell me just when you have to pay Mrs Payne each month so I wont be late with the checks. Of course the trouble is that we move around a bit and sometimes forget about that check business. For example, we plan to leave here on 12 March for Salvador, then over to Honduras for the graduation on 19 March, then play around over there for a few days before driving back to Antigua.

Havent heard from Dr H L Popenoe since the trip he and I took after his graduation. Guess the latter plus the graduation left him somewhat whipped down. Sal, you ought to see how nicely he is fixed up in Gainesville; a really attractive room with private bath adjoining, the the ladies who own the place (it is not an apartment house, just a private home and they converted the garage into this room and bath to rent) and every evening they bring into Hugh (and did to me, because I stayed there four days) a lot of pie and/or cake and salad and cookies and cheese and a bottle of cocoa and some orange juice; result being that Hugh really only has to buy one meal a day. His secretary at the College says she is sorry, because Hugh is living so well he will never want to get married.

Lots of people around here ask about you and tell me they were with you in the Lehasen school. Tell us how your plans are coming along; do you still expect to be out of Langley Porter in April and will the house at Tahoe be ready by that time? And has Ed lined up another job, and if so, what?

Much much love from us both

Ever yr devoted

Antigua, 7 April 1960

Dearest Sal:

Just back from 3 weeks in Honduras and Salvador. Mighty interesting to be in Zamprano again. They have done a lot to improve the place - new houses and equipment and all that sort of thing. The problem now is finances; and I hope they can handle it.

On getting home we find your letter of 21 March. We assume you have left Langley Porter and are with Ed at Tahoe - we sincerely hope so - but since we do not have any other address I am sending the enclosed check to San Francisco. You ask if I can continue to send \$100 a month to help toward rent and food at Tahoe. Yes, I shall be glad to do this on a temporary basis because I expect Ed to get a job and be able to take care of his family before long. You say this is a temporary measure and I agree. I do want to see you out of the Clinic and living a more normal life. I am interested in what you say about your kidney problem because this has worried me a good deal. You have been in excellent hands from this angle and I hope you will have occasional check-ups to see how things stand.

I won't write more today because we are swamped with work since getting back from Honduras. but do let us hear from you frequently. I wonder if Karl is back from Indonesia? Guess I will write him. I depend a good deal on his help with you kids. He is mighty sound and has stood by me through all the years - we are more like brothers than cousins, and perhaps I should add, more like brothers ought to be but sometimes aint.

Ever your devotee

April 26, 1960

Dearest Dad and Helen,
It's been hard to get maid off
these days but, we're fairly well
settled now in a trailer up here at
Lake Tahoe. Next week we will
bring the baby up here. We hope
it won't be too long before the
house is finished. Ed wakes on it
every day and seems to really
enjoy building. He has plans to
build another house on the lot next
to us (when he finishes ours) not
for us, but to sell at a profit I guess.

This trailer is considerably larger
than the one we lived in at Camp Roberts.
This is supplied with plumbing and
a refrigerator, 4 burner gas stove
etc. With the baby it will be a bit
crowded but it won't be very long
now before the house is built so
we have that to look forward to.
I wish I had some of your tropical
weather. In the past few days
we have had several snow-falls -

not enough to stick to the ground
though.

I have officially been discharged
from the clinic but, I still
have a number of medications that
I have to continue with. Uncle
Karl lined me up with a Dr.
Brown in Reno so I see him
once a week in Reno. I wish
we could get it all finished
with but, I guess it will be
in due time. However, those
medicines are very expensive.

My love and affection to you
both,
Sally.

Antigua, 5 June 1960

Dearest Sal:

Herewith your June check, a trifle late because I have been over in Nicaragua doing a little job for my friends the Somosa boys.

Now for a couple I hope you have not heard: Negro goes into the city hall at Biloxi, Mississippi, and says Mister Boss, I has come to vote, and the guy says, fine, but you must know how to read if you want to vote. The negro says, sure I understands that. And the guy hands him a newspaper in Japanese, and says, read me a sentence from that newspaper, and the negro takes the paper and holds it upside down and says, Dat's easy; it say here, no negro aint going to vote in Mississippi.

But maybe that's enough for today. We want news of you, Ed and the patojos. How are you coming along? You should be getting into the finest season of theyear at Tahoe and it can really be fine. Here all goes reasonably well; nothing much to report except the income tax. It seems hard that they stick you for income tax on a large part of your pension but such is the case and I can understand the legal aspects. Had a letter from Karl who feels you are coming along well, as I am sure is the case. But do let us hear from you soon.

Ever yr devoted

Antigua G, 26 July 1960

Dearest Sal:

Since we are hopping off tomorrow for Tegucigalpa, then to Peru, I am sending you herewith your August check. We expect to meet Hugo in Lima at the end of the week; he was here a couple of days ago on his way to Costa Rica, then Peru. That boy gets around a bit. I imagine you know he has been made an Assistant Professor at the Univ of Florida, which gives him a nice up in salary; but from the way he talked (he just came here to sleep and eat a 1- $\frac{1}{2}$ lb beefsteak) I don't feel sure he will want to stay in Florida indefinitely. He isn't getting enough support for his his work, i.e., tropical soil management.

Sal, I think you had better write me immediately, via air mail, when you receive a check. I hope you got the last one. Our mails have not been functioning too well of late. So if you want to keep on getting checks you better write. I note that you haven't been writing so much since you got out of Langley Porter. Knowles wrote that you have taken the baby with you to Tahoe, which is fine.

We hear that Bob and Nancy have sold their house and moved to a new one. I would like to get an idea where it is. Someone gave us the address, but I do not recognize it. Washington has developed a bit since I was living there on Biltmore Street, just a few hundred yards from Rock Creek bridge. The hard part is, that almost all of my old friends are dead; I just read in the Washington Academy of Sciences of the death of another one, Paul Bartsch. I suppose soon they will record the passing of Wilson Popenoe; I won't mind that so much, as I won't be here to read it, but what I don't like is to hear the boys say, at horticultural meetings, "Be kind to the old bastard, you know he used to be a good horticulturist". I just simply can't understand why a guy ceases to be a good horticulturist the day after he is put on the retired list. Funny world, this.

We shall only be gone a couple of weeks. Write us what you and Ed are doing. It should be pretty nice at Tahoe about now. Is there any trout fishing around there? If so, I might come up next summer.

Ever your devoted

Antirua G, 4 Sept 1960

Dearest Sal:

Yrs postmarked Al Tahoe 25 Aug and will you please tell me why it is Al Tahoe? Sounds a bit ay-rab but I dont think there are many ay-rabs around Lake Tahoe.

We are much interested to learn that you already have little Hugo with you, as well as the baby. When you get into the new house and have all the family together you will really be on solid ground.

You ask about the possibility of our building a house on that tiny lot adjoining Karl Bowman's in San Francisco. I am sorry to say we gave up that idea several years ago, for several reasons. First of all, I have so much work to do down this way that I dont want to move to San Francisco and just verstate. Secondly, I drew up a plan for a very modest little house which would just barely fit that lot and it was going to cost about \$15,000. So we sold the lot to Karl, from whom we bought it, and didnt take much of a loss. Only what it cost to tear down the little house which was on it before and I am rather sorry we did this; both Karl and Hugh said the old house was too far gone and should be used any longer, at our risk; but it was built of redwood and like Spanish cedar that lasts a long time.

As for the furniture, conditions right now are so difficult that I just want to ^{dont} undertake to ship furniture to Al Tahoe. As you know, we have quite a number of things for you and Ed, fully as many as the other girls got, but I suspect they are rather sorry to have to move them around. We like the idea of Nancy and Bob going to Sta Barbara, if his new job works out satisfactorily. As for Dick and Marion, they will probably have to move about every two years and store most of their furniture until some unknown date. I just hope Nancy and Bob will stay in Sta Barbara for a while; that is the place I would choose to live in the U S if I had plenty of money.

Of course you are free to use thw \$100 a month which I send you, in any way you wish, so long as it helps to house, feed and clothe the family. I dont ask for a monthly statement, but I would like to hear once in a while, regarding your financial situation.

Mighty fine article in the Sept Homely Ladies Journal about the life history of Paul Popenoe, except I did not know he spoke Hebrew and Yiddish. Of course I would not know, because I would never have been able to converse with him in those languages. But it seems plausible that any guy who lived in New York as long as he did would almost have to know Yiddish. For myself, I am satisfied with knowing a little French and Spanish and Portueuze. But I have always wished I had made you kids learn, in addition to Spanish, German and French.

Ever yr devoted

Antigua G, 4 Oct 1960

Dearest Sal:

No news of you and Ed in quite a while, which I suppose means are pretty busy - maybe you have the whole family with you now. Are you in the new house as of yet, - as the Houston broadcaster puts it.

Havent had any news of Marion since they moved from Washington, nor of Nancy either. The only think I dont like about these two moves is that there really is no longer any use of our going to Washington. I have always felt more at home there than anywhere else - even more so than at Pasadena.

Things go along peacefully here, except that Helen's ankle, of which she broke a tendon several months ago, refuses to heal satisfactorily and if it doesnt get better in the next couple of weeks I am thinking of taking her up to the US, for we have passes on the United Fruit ships which will expire on 31 December and we wont get any more.

Much love to all of you.

Antigua, 24 October 1960

Dearest Sal:

Yesterday I recd my cancelled checks for Sept and yours date Aug 30 was among them; which reminds me to ask you to drop me a line after you receive a check, because our mails have not been working too well lately and I am always rather concerned until I know letters have arrived at destination. I enclosed herewith a check for November.

I want news of youall. Do you have all the children with you now? Are you in your new house? Once you are installed in the latter, what does Ed plan to do? Do you expect to live ~~at~~ Tahoe permanently?

We are delighted that Nancy and Bob and family are living in Santa Barbara. That is just about my favorite town in California. And it sounds as though has landed a very promising job there. Old Hughie hardly ever writes, but he is now an Assistant Professor at Gainesville and teaching two classes, one in economic botany and one in soils I believe. He is working hard.

Now, dont fail to write me once a month. Are you hiring enough help to relieve you of the physical burden of caring for the household? I have always felt that the main reason why you cracked up was that you were just trying to do more than your physical strength could handle - you are not an Edith Popenoe, you know.

I dont think we shall leave here again until about next Easter when I want to attend the annual meeting of the American Society for Horticultural Science in southern Florida. Much love to all of you, in which Helen joins.

Antigua, 3 Decbr 1960

Dearest Sal:

Mighty interesting letter from you, that of 28 October.

I think we have the system worked out pretty well now - a letter from you once a month. But say, will you tell me why the postoffice is "Al Tahoe"? I had never seen it in that way until you moved up there.

Just recd a letter from Knowles after he had called Dr Halley on the phone - also talked to Pete but said the latter didnt have much to say! Tell him to stick to that policy. Knowles said that Ed has a job with the Highway Maintenance Dept. Tell us something about it. The Dr also said you are ready to move into the house; that a truckload of furniture was about to go up from Stockton. I am sorry we have not been able to send you a number of items from here but it is not feasible at the moment, for at least two reasons.

I am strong for your having some domestic help, once you get into the new house. It will be quite a job to keep it clean. When do you think of bringing up the other two kids?

Helen is still having trouble with her ankle - she limps pretty noticeably, - buy I dont think she will have to go to the States with it. The medicos here say it is just a matter of time - and it may be several months before the darn thing stops bothering her.

We have just had a fine letter from Marion. She and Dick seem to like No Carolina much better than Washn. Hugh writes that he expects to come down for a few days at Xmas time. How that boy gets around! One of these days he will probably drop in on you at Al Tahoe. We havent heard from Nancy since they got established in their new home in Sta Barbbza, but it sounded pretty good. I envy anybody who lives in Sta Barbara! My favorite spot in the USA.

Ever yr devoted

Antigua 8 January 1961

Dearest Sal:

Herewith the January check. I don't think I got any word from you about the last one, and as I have told you, we don't feel very certain about the mails and I think it is important for you to drop me a line whenever you receive a check.

Not much news here; Hugh finally had to give up spending Xmas with us, which was a hard blow. Kitty Coolidge came for a week, during which time she climbed Acatenango and Fuego, alone except for a guide and two mosos to carry the blankets and supplies. Hugh says he will be done in February.

Someone wrote - I think it was Uncle Knowles - that Ed has a job with the Highway Maintenance Dept. How much does it pay, and does it seem likely to be permanent? And are you in your new house yet? If so, have the other children joined you? I can imagine life in a trailer must have been a bit cramped, with four of you.

Do let us hear from you soon.

Ever your devoted

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

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Antigua, 26 Feb 1961

Dearest Sal:

Your letter of 16 Feb has just come, as that Florida cracker Hugh Popenoe would say. Do you remember my little Floridian poem "The spring has come, the birds have went, back north again, as you have saw" and so on. Hugh, by the way, should have arrived last evening from the Verapaz but I guess Chris Hempstead convinced him he would get a bigger beefsteak by staying in the City with him. I put a sandwich and a package of California figs on the table here in his shack (where I am writing this) and closed the door so the white and yellow cat who comes over the wall couldn't get there first. But nothing doing. Hugh will be here any day now, and I have packed up the great big marimba (have packed it with the assistance of Luis the carpenter; the box is almost ten feet long) so he can take it back to Gainesville with his unaccompanied baggage. What a baggage! I got a big bargain in the 2-handed marimba, only \$85, and it is supposed to be played by four artists. One of Hugh's colleagues, Prof Pritchett is buying it, and he will have the Central American students at the Univ come to his house and play Feria de las Flores and Allá en el Rancho Grande and Mama eu quero. Yesterday afternoon I ran into a new marimba team just half a block below us, practicing in the house that used to be La Tienda Esperanza or rather, Tienda La Esperanza. I am going to bring to the house one of these afternoons when we have visit maybe for Hugh. I am holding a dozen big skyrockets for him; they drop out balls of fire, three colors, when they get up high.

Tell Huguito I will save stamps for him. Unfortunately I gave away a nice batch I have been accumulating but it won't be long until I have some more. I have always thought stamp collecting good hobby, because you do learn quite a lot of geography if you want to.

I enclose your March check. I don't know just how much longer I shall be able to continue these remittances. You know how much I love you and that I will go the limit in helping you. The original idea was that you would use this money to hire domestic help. I feel you do not have the physique to take care of a family the size of yours without some outside help. And I can realize that - as you say - domestic help is not as easy to obtain at Tahoe as it is in Georgia or Alabama. I want you to keep me informed as to how you are getting along; what the problems are and how you are handling them.

Uncle Knowles spent four days with us; bought a lot of native te tiles to take home and a lot of clay fruit models. Fortunately he, like myself, has found plenty to do since his retirement. I had not seen him in some years; he is the same old Knowles, and so much interested in you kids. He has never ceased to regret that he did not have any of his own. He said he would drive up to see you as soon as the Donner party gets out of the snow up on the pass. (I wish I hadn't lost the book that Hankert gave me about the Donner party). How far from Tahoe was the place where they were snowed in and died?

Much love to all of you

[March 24, 1963]

Dear Sir,

I talked with Mr. John Fletcher of Grace Lines and he informs me that they have a ship due out of Guatemala around the 20th. of April. He suggests that since there is a certain amount of variation in their schedules you contact their office in Guatemala City for assistance in this matter.

Grace & Co.
12 Calle Poniente y 5a Avenida Sur

Telephone: 4677 or 4678

The same office also handles shipping for the Johnson Lines and I'm informed that between the two, they average one ship every two weeks out of Guatemala. Mr. Fletcher gave Champerico and San Jose as the ports of call on the Pacific side.

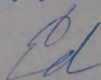
The shipping rates are \$73.00 for 2000 lbs. or 40 cubic feet at their option. I imagine that furniture will be under the cubic rate.

I talked to the Customs people and they inform me that anything shipped in to Sal that were her former possessions is duty free. Anything that is new has a duty of 30% of the purchase price. So if the chairs don't look like they could have been a prior possession or a refinished prior possession, then we will need some statement of cost to settle with the Customs people. A complete packing list would also be a great help since it might save us uncrating everything on the dock.

I have arranged the loan of a pick-up truck to bring the furniture to Tahoe so all we need in that respect is notice of its arrival in S.F.

And finally, I would like to thank you very much for all trouble and expense you are going to in this matter. Sal is very happy at the prospect of receiving these things and so am I.

Respectfully yours,



Nov. 11, 1963

My Dearest Dad,

Please forgive me for being so long in getting around to writing to you. Some like it has been eyes (actually it has!) and there is so much to say. I've decided to write a letter every day and that way in two weeks or so, I'll be all caught up on my correspondence. I hope you have been well - Hugh says he has never seen you looking better which is certainly the news we all like to hear.

First of all, Thank you, Thank you for the lovely furniture! You should see how well it fits into our home and we have had so many compliments on it. So far we have not reinforced the leather on the chairs but, it seems to be holding up very well and seems to sag very little. We thought we would leave them as they are for awhile and then when the time comes we'll have the leather replaced with some thicker. We have run into a little difficulty and that is due to the dry climate we live in. The glue on some of the chairs has given ~~it~~ out but, don't worry because Ed can reglue them with very little difficulty. Ed is so very pleased with the beautiful chest too! That is exactly what he had wanted for so long and I don't think there is anything else that would have made him happier.

We certainly enjoyed our visits with Hugh, Nancy, and Uncle Paul and Aunt Betty this last summer.

~~It was a real delight~~ to see all of them - I

am so fond of them. When Hugh was here he took me down to the store and he bought me a lot of new clothes for the children and said it was you that footed the bill. So that we are most grateful also on the children all had new clothes to wear at Paul & Betty's house. We had a lovely time with them - they are both so good with children and gave us a splendid time - taking us ~~all~~ to all the spots of special interest down there. Nancy's love is lovely too and the Spanish furniture looks so nice in it too.

The best news I can give you from here is that Ed has finally found a job and its so good to know we can pay some of the bills for a change. He is a station agent with the Paradise Airlines here and although he does not find it very interesting or challenging, at least as he says "its better than being hungry!" When we can get on our feet and finish the house, we plan to sell it and Ed would like to finish up his education. He has talked about perhaps teaching Math, eventually which sounds to me like a very good plan to keep in mind.

Little Hugh is just thrilled with the prospect of spending some time with you in Andique. Ed said he couldn't be more delighted if he was going himself! I know Hugh would enjoy you very much and it would be a wonderful experience for him to go down there. You know, I asked him what he thought of having Uncle Hugh's name, I now that he knows him. Hugh responded "I'm so proud because I just love

The children are all doing very well at school. Hugh's teachers of last year suggested we send him to a special school - it seems he came out very high on the I. Q. test. Don't know just how reliable those tests are. We can't afford a special school and there are none in this vicinity anyway. He seems to be getting along all right in the school up here - we think anyway. We wouldn't want to send him away to school at this age though.

Hugh sent us a copy of Archie Carr's "The Windward Road". I enjoyed it very much - especially where he made his reference to you and your aversion to the "abques". This really made me homesick!

Must get back for Ed now. Thank you for your last check - you are a real go-saver. But I hope it isn't burdening you down financially to do this. I trust you will tell me if it gets to be too much.

Love always from your devoted daughter,
Sue

Incidentally Dad, what ever became of Helen's recipe files? She was such a superb cook, I wouldn't mind having a few of her recipes if you happen to have no other use for them.



Dearest Uncle Paul and Aunt Betty,
Please forgive me this long delay in writing
to you — we did so much enjoy the visit to your
lovely, lovely home. You did so much to make our vacation
a really memorable one for all of us — the children are
still talking about their trip to Disneyland, Mainland
and all. Not only the trips though — but, Annie's birthday
and all the new clothes were very, very generous of
you. I hope it won't be too long before you'll be making
a trip up this way again.

Here is a little premature holiday "cheer" for you.
I had no other writing paper so let me be the first
to wish you a Merry Christmas! Today, the snow is
coming down thick and fast — I am hoping and hoping
that we'll have a white Christmas instead of the
bare, brown ground of the previous year. Somehow things
don't seem right unless Santa has snow for his sled!
Also the sled and skis are waiting to be taken out
and used..

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finally found a job. It's not very interesting or challenging
to him I know, but it's such a relief to be able
to pay a few of the bills for a change. He's working
as a station agent for Paradise Airlines. He still
has in mind the plan to eventually finish his
education as soon as we can really get on our
feet and see our way clearly.

The children have all been well and all three
brought home report cards that we are really
proud of. Pete's teacher seems to feel he has a lot
of artistic ability and Hugh seems to like Math
the best. Hugh is starting out on the trumpet
this year. Annie is a real little scholar and always
eager for more homework to do.

Thank you so much for the gifts and packages you
sent - we received them all and are very grateful.
The little red jumper and sweater for Mary are just
precious - she wears them all the time.

We are planning on having Thanksgiving at Ed's folks
home if Ed can get off that day. Hugh is greatly looking
forward to going down to Guatemala as Ed has invited
him to come spend some time with him down there. I
think it would be a fine experience for Hugh (little).

Much, much love to you both,

Hallmark

Sally

May 5, 1964

My Dearest Dad,

We received your delightful letter and the check for \$400. Thank you so much for both! Maybe it would be a good idea to set some final or tentative date for Augusto's flight so we can purchase the ticket and make reservations at the same time. We also appreciated your helpful suggestions concerning his clothes etc. and plan to follow them as closely as is possible. Don't worry — he shall have no "Hopalong Cassidy" pajamas! Do you think there will be any possibility for him to go hunting down there? He has a .22 single shot (bolt action) which he wanted if he could bring or do you still have some of your game that you used to have? Is there any chance that big Hugh will be down there at that time? I asked Annie if she remembered Uncle Hugh and she answered, "I could never forget him!"

Life goes on here. We have had a snowstorm which up to now has lasted five days. Now we thought spring had come at least — the pussy willows by the creek were out and the wild roses were beginning to bud. In the meadow, wild flowers were just coming up and then — all this snow! It's been a long, cold winter, I must say, but fun. The children did alot of sking on the hill outside our house and made a huge snowman in front. They've been quite healthy in spite of all the cold weather.

I am delighted to hear that Marie has
such sweet, well-behaved little girls. Nancy
also has some of the loveliest children I
have ever met. She rarely has to even raise
her voice to them — you are really so proud
of them! They are very intelligent youngsters too.

This will have to be short as Ed is about
to leave for work and I would like for him
to mail this letter on his way. I will write
again soon though — a letter once a month is
certainly not too much to ask and I will
try very hard to fulfill your request.

Much, much love from your
devoted daughter,

Sal

June 16, 1964

Dear Dad,

Thank you for your last two letters — it looks like things concerning Augusto's trip are shaping up very nicely. We got the vaccination for smallpox and have a certificate from the Health Dept. certifying this, so that is all taken care of. Now remains the ticket and reservation which we shall take care of right away and will write you immediately as soon as we do. It requires a trip to San Francisco and Ed will have to catch a ride down with someone as the car is in poor shape. I think he can take care of the ticket and the tourist card in the same trip though. About the clothes — I don't believe you specified whether you wanted long sleeve white shirts or short, or both? I think we will go directly to the Sears Store in Stockton and keep everything he'll need at one time — taking them along to make sure everything fits. We certainly will look into this business of buying a ticket for half fare.

I have to tell you — we are certainly very proud of Augusto. At the end of this school year he was the recipient award given for

outstanding scholastic performance. He made the house roll all four times this last year. This is a source of great satisfaction to us as only a year ago he wasn't taking things at all seriously and certainly was not living up to his obvious potential. Now it seems that his whole attitude has changed and he is much more responsible and quite ambitious in his school work, saying "those F's and B's look so good to me!". If you would like to teach him something about tropical plants (maybe the Latin names for your orchids!) I am sure you will find a very willing and enthusiastic young pupil.

Chris also had a very outstanding report card - at the top of the class. Pete, although not so outstanding does good work and is very eager to do well. They all passed and we are very happy and proud parents to say the least. Now summer is here at last and we are all relaxing and enjoying being a little bit lazy! We take an occasional picnic to the beach and the boys have enjoyed a little fishing.

There is a new airline coming in here to take over the vacancy that was left when Paradise Airlines were forced to pull out. Ed has been offered the job of managing the station for them but our

yet I can't tell you whether he is going to accept it or not. It's quite a responsibility at this stage. He still has his plan for going back to Finisk College, taking Math as his major. This will be pretty hard to swing with a large family and will still be a little while before we can afford to move out of this area. As he says "I can't afford to live on this hill and I can't afford to move either!" But it's always good to look a little toward the future, don't you think?

You asked me to let you know when my account do pay the Power Company today was getting low. Well, I must admit that I've arrived at that point as I ~~want~~ ^{want} to save the \$4.00 you sent for Hugh's ticket and clothes exclusively. If at any time this becomes known for you to see, please let me know for I wouldn't want to cause you any undue financial difficulties, although I do appreciate what you send so much.

Hugh has a friend spending the night with him tonight. They are outside playing and it is beginning to get dark, so I'd better call them in and dunked them off to bed.

The summer with you and Douglas, healthy at
your jokes when I tell him some of them. It he
doesn't seem to be in the slightest ^{at} reluctant
about leaving home so I believe he has all
the perspective of an exciting and interesting
summer.

Always your devoted daughter,
Sal

Jan 23, 1965

Dearest Dad,

Thank you so much for your letters and the checks! Your plans sound simply marvelous! How much I would like to wander down to Belén and hear the mainba and to take quite a lesson in the nice Latin American fashion - wonderful! Amie and I are so excited about riding up to the Volcán de Agua. Which brings to my mind a question. As I recall in my younger days when I climbed Agua it was very cold. Of course we are used to that here but shouldn't I better pack a couple of warm jackets and gloves for that trip? When I climbed it was at night and early morning sunrise found us shivering with cold. I remember when the sun came out things warmed up a bit. As I say Amie and I are used to snow and hail but I thought it best to be prepared. (Good Boy Scout motto!) It is raining out right now and the children are out in it and loving it!

You know, I have always wanted a paint set with a well-organized box to hold all the equipment. Therefore my equipment has been scattered over various areas. I am so delighted to at last have a little money to buy one. Art supplies up here are very expensive as they are all trucked in over the mountain passes. I thought it best to look down in Stockton when we go, or at the student art store in Berkeley where everything is geared to the "struggling artist's" pocket-book. I have been looking at the sets in the Sears Catalogue and they have one very good one (\$25) complete with bowl and canvas boards. Now the thing is up another question. Can you get canvas or stretched canvases

(home) down there? I doubt it. I prefer to work on stretched canvas than the canvas boards but the latter will always do. I might bring down a few canvas boards just to be prepared again. I haven't painted in ages, but I plan to do some here at home as soon as I get my paint set just to get back into practice.

Oh, I do feel so lucky! One person in a million would have the opportunities open to them that I do this summer. I just can't believe I am really going and all so well in hand. The children so well taken care of (they are going to enjoy themselves at Paul & Betty's so much.) I am just so happy that everything is working out so beautifully! Ed's older brother is going to come up and stay two weeks with Ed so they can pull a deck off the living room. This will be perfect for barbecuing when we get back!

Now I agree with you completely in getting organized early and saving any last minute confusion. With Hugh, the Charles Travel Service handled all the credentials (we just provided vaccination certificate and birth certificate) and this saved alot of phone calls and trips to San Francisco. I have an appointment in Stockton on Feb. 8th so when we go down we'll start things rolling then. We can get our vaccinations up here but I'll probably have to send for my birth certificate (is it in black?) The Travel Service communicates directly with the consulate in San Francisco, so I don't think there will be any complications. There weren't any with Hugh. We may have to get a few photographs though. (we began to work on the clothes again too. Hugh says he only needed a sweater there in the morning - it wasn't cold. I thought I would like to get a nice suit (Scars back!) to

wear down on the plane though. I'll have to get some
spare ties. My coat is all right if I take the hem
up though.

I'm reading my mother's book "Santiago de los
Caballeros" do fresh up on a little history of Antigua.
I love it and I think she writes (or wrote) beautifully.
I only wish I had all her talents and was as well.
A friend of mine lent me a book put out by life
(World Library) on Central America. I came across
two pages on the town in Antigua and I was so
thrilled to see old Maica working in that lovely
old kitchen! You are probably already familiar
with this edition.

I was so sorry to hear of "Dorothy's" death. I was so
fond of him and got to know him quite well when I
was with Uncle Karl. It must be rather hard to have
one of your fine children die so young - only 44!

I've been very busy trying to keep up with my business
and things but I'm very happy and enjoying it
thoroughly. We've had a few guests lately - friends of
Ed's whom he had to see for 14 yrs. Ed had to wear
glasses now - a weak correction in the left and a minor in
the right eye. We have to get accustomed to the "new
look"!

I was thinking about bringing my guitar down so we
could sing some of the old songs we used to sing (La
Borrachita etc.) but, if I can get me down there it
will be even better!

Always your devoted daughter,
Sal

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

Antigua, 30 Jan 1965

Dearest Sal:

In your fine letter of the 23rd you say you are getting excited about the trip to Guatemala. Well, I am getting excited too, so am going to start you off right now on preparations.

When you mentioned your birth certificate, which you need to get a tourist card (and sooner or later will need for a passport) it occurred to me that we must have all the birth certificates here, so I dived to the bottom of the strong box and found them. I enclose yours, dated at Guatemala City, March 28, 1932, Service No. 3006. You will note that you will have to get your tourist card in the name of Pauline P. Halley, even tho the bank will let you run an account in the name of Jane Doe instead of Pauline Halley, if you want to. Better bring this birth cert. down here with you so we can hold them all together, along with wills, titles to property, etc.

About the painting biz: I just recalled that a lady left here about 25 yrs ago a nice easel wh folds up for carrying, and a nice case for carrying paints, with a palette in it; dont bring those, but bring the paints you will want as they may be hard to get here and will cost more. About the canvas: bring a few canvas boards if you want to, but Velasquez over in Honduras just buys canvas and we put it on stretchers, and can do the same thing here. Caravito can take care of all this for us - the right kind of canvas especially, but here again, it may be well to bring some.

As for the git-tar, and git-tar lessons, I dont advise you to bring one down, it is quite a nuisance on a trip, and when we find a teacher here he will be sure to chase up a good guitar for you, or we can borrow one from a friend, or buy you a new one.

Yes, you better buy yourself a Sears suit and some Sears shoes and get pretty decent ones of course. I enclose \$100 to help get you outfitted; tell me in a month or so how much you will need, and little Annie too. O dont advise bringing heavy clothes for climbing Asua; there is no longer a shack in the crater; we can go up about half way, at least, on the auto mtle road they are building, and walk the rest, and back to the car, in one day easily.

So much for preparations. You mention the book with two pages of pictures of our house. Just by chance a lady who is stopping at the new Pension Carmen showed it to me this morning and I am very much pleased with what the author has done. Maria says she remembers him - that he came here with a card from me so she let him take all the pictures he wanted. I would have done the same.

P.S. Remember you are not going around here in any pedal-pushers, Levis or Bermuda shorts. I think from experience you know just about what you will need. You will of course be invited to the homes of some of your old friends but they wont be dressy. One thing important is walking shoes or sneakers; you will realise that.

Guess I've worn off my excitement for today.

Ever your devoted

Ahuacatlan-super Arroyo, June 26, 1970

Sehr geehrter Herr Bruder:

Ich bin erfreut, dass Du hast mir in Deutscher sprache geschrieben. Gewiss, Herr Rochter war ein ausgezeichnete Lehrer! Ich will dir antworten auch in Deutsch aber kurz und knapp, d.h., GESUNDHEIT!

We had a wonderful letter from Sal a few days ago-- first time in six or eight months; a very sane and frank epistle. Indicated that she understands her situation thoroughly; says she is entirely "off" alcohol (of course they won't let her have any!) and is now trying to get off of cigarrs; has decided to dedicate her life to painting and is going to buy the necessary materials there, since she left her own in g-a (we know why and how.) She asked us to send her a little book of Japanese Haiku poems, which she finds inspiring for her work; we had never heard of them but find they are well-known at Vroman's; "poems" of about four short lines that give pictures of simple life and Nature; we sent the first one by air mail and have a couple more to get off to her. She showed no feeling of hostility of any kind. If she can only keep on an even keel like this her future will be very different. She seemed to have friendly and confident feelings for her psychiatrist.

A couple of weeks ago Bets and I attended a day long mtg on Niacin etc., of wh I enclose a clipping. There is much more to be learned, but we're seeing a break-through all around the field of psychiatry.

Herbert and Lucile are starting out to spend the summer camping in Northern California and Oregon.

Emily has concluded 26 yrs of teaching at a C.S. school, with great acclaim and a check for \$500 from the trustees-- the most substantial kind of recognition!

Ernie Chamberlain et ux have been a all-expenses-paid assignment from somebody to go to the world's fair in Japan and report on nutrition, or something.

In the Shhwarzwald I hope you'll visit Friedenstadt; we stopped there briefly in 1959 and admired the town and surroundings greatly.

We've been struck ~~xx~~ by an unexpected hot spell-- 100° here yesterday bur 121 in Thermal!

We'll keep in touch with Sal and do everything we can at this distance to help. Meanwhile Betty joins me in warmest love to both of you.

Yours ever,

Ahuacatlan, Monday 27. 1970-1972

Dear Wilson:

On coming home we found your two letters and enc. of Marion's and Edith's, which brought us up to date. I'm sorry to report that we found Sal in bad shape. She is drinking again; isn't sleeping well or eating well; spends her time brooding over her misfortunes and debating with herself and anybody else who is around, philosophical problems of "right" and "wrong." She is attending some meeting led by a Roman Catholic priest who seems to have shown some interest in her, and may be helpful; but she needs to have some adult around part (preferably all!) of the time; she has nothing but the company of children, and her own thoughts. She is in frequent phone communication with Nancy and says that has kept her going; she called Nancy at 2:30 a.m. yesterday. Nancy agrees with our observation, that Sal is heading for a break unless she can get some help. Knowles has been in Palm Springs of somewhere else attending a meeting but was supposed to be back today and Nancy was going to phone him and see if he could not arrange with some agency or organization in Mill Valley to send a helper or worker in there, at least part time very day. If there is a visiting nurse, visiting homemaker, psychiatric social worker, or anyone else around there, we'll try to get her on the job. I wish I could give you a more cheerful report, but the situation certainly is not satisfactory.

Betty joins me in heaps of love.

April 24, 1965

Dearest Dad,

Things are really under way now for our trip. We have reservations for June 1st all confirmed and our vaccinations and tourist cards are also in good order. Enclosed is a letter regarding these and also a list of a few things that Annie and I will need for the trip.

We just had a nice visit with Edith over Easter. She seems to be so well and still full of her old vim and vigor. Uncle Parkie was up here for these days also, I believe he had marriage in mind! To Edith of course!

Some friends of ours are visiting Guatemala and plan to be in Antigua between April 30th and May 5th. Her name is Wood Johnson and he at one time owned all the land in our area - including the land that our house sits on. He plans to look you up so if he comes around to the house, maybe you would be so kind as to let them look at it. Thank you so much.

It was so good to talk to you on the phone! I was surprised that it was so clear at that distance.

We plan to go to Stockton Mex. to pick up our tickets and tourist cards. I also have to see the doctor. All is well here. I'll save things to talk with you when I get down there.

Always your devoted daughter,

Sal [Pepensee]

May 13, 1965

Dearest Dad,

I am wondering if you received my last letter with the price of the tickets enclosed? (Poor Dad, he always forgets money, isn't it!) I plan to go to Stockton next weekend, and I would like to pay for and pick up the tickets there so we will be all ready. It looks as if we will take either the train or plane down to S.A. on Sunday. Uncle Paul has an engagement in Hollywood Sat. night so he will not be here until Sun. morn. or Mon. morning. If all goes according to schedule, Annie and I will board the plane Sun. morning fine, 1st as you requested. So far I don't know the exact hour of arrival in Guatemala but, I shall find out and let you know. I have a little more shopping to do but, I have almost finished up on Annie. I got her three nice little dresses and am taking down some in a few others so she can wear them. I hope you won't mind if I bring one pair of pants for her just in case we go horseback-riding or hiking in the bush. She won't wear them otherwise - only dresses as you requested.

Uncle Paul said John saw you in Florida and said you are looking wonderfully well. That is

certainly good news to hear.

Jennie is here today and she is helping me with all the mending — bless her heart, I don't know what I'd do without her help and you for making it possible for me to have her come.

There is alot of building being done in this area now that the weather has improved so much. There is a house going up right next to us. Ed says it will increase the value of our property.

Ed and I celebrated our 12th anniversary Sat. nite. Had a fine dinner at the "Lond du Lac". We are planning a sailing trip (weekend only) for the 22nd of this month. Ed's father is not in very good health and I am sorry to say is in quite a bit of misery and pain. He is due for an exploratory operation soon as they can't seem to determine the cause of his discomfort.

Time is drawing near and we shall see you very soon. Tell me what kind of cigars you want. Ed can order them through the bar.

Your devoted daughter,

Sal

Jan. 23, 1964

Dear Dad,

Thank you so much for your letter. I'm glad to hear that you are well and in good spirits. We are all very well here. I have to do the housework go now and do all the work myself and also save some money. I feel so very much better now that I find keeping house no burden at all. In fact I enjoy it!

We had a lovely visit from Hugh Saturday.

He stopped here Sat. hrs. on his way to Vietnam and saw Nancy and children, Uncle Walter, and us. He is looking fine and it was so good to see him - that as it was. Nancy has accepted a part-time job at Stamford and started today. She will work 4 hrs. a day and can arrange them to fit her schedule. She will be home in the afternoon before any of the children come home from school, so it sounds like to going to work out for her just fine.

I enclose a letter that came for you from Boston. I haven't seen anything of the shoe dress for a while of that I'll be working for them.

How beautiful weather we were having when you were here has come to a halt. We've had occasional rain but I guess it good for the country side.

I'm still not my diet but it is for some say to lose. I guess one can put it on so much easier than take it off. A lesson learned, I guess.

Love to you from all of us, Ted

Jan. 28, 1967

Dearest Dad,

Your letter of Feb. 24 '67 arrived with much appreciated check for the month of Feb. included. By the way, you did mark it Feb. 24, but I'm quite sure you must of meant Jan. 24. Right? Thank you so much for both letter and check - I am all ready to launch forward into a new month in five more days. I am checking two medical bills that arrived last week. You did say to send them to you didn't you? I'm afraid within the next month or so I will have to send you a dental bill for myself. I had the children's teeth all cared for as you probably remember, but as yet have neglected to have mine done and they are getting to be greatly in need of care. I hope there won't be a lot of work to be done on them though. We have a fine dentist here. I am very pleased with him and he is located within walking distance for us.

We enjoyed a wonderful visit from Hugh on his way to Vietnam. Although the visit was much too short, we nevertheless loved seeing and talking with him again. In today's mail I received a quite long letter from him in Saigon. The things he talked about were most interesting and I hope to keep up a frequent correspondence between us now. The only one of the family that I am out of touch with now is Maria. I don't even have her present address.

All goes so very well here. I never really

believe that I could be so happy and easy once
in awhile I have feelings of anxiety that something
might happen to end it all. Do you know what
I mean?

Today I went out and bought a pattern and
material to sew a dress for Anne. All in all
the materials cost only \$3.75 which is a
pretty economical way to dress the children, you
couldn't buy a store bought one at that price!

I try to keep the home as clean and neat as
I can and keep the budget within the prescribed
limit. I am continuing with my diet and daily
exercising and am losing weight even though
it is slow business. Require patience! I
find I no longer miss having household help
and don't really need it. Eventually I plan to
get back into work but I am not ready for it
yet. I do some reading and studying though
and find that every week I am able to work
more efficiently and save valuable time here
and there. Nancy has been a tremendous inspira-
tion to me and sometimes I feel these men &
have been some plan that brought us close to-
gether at a time when my life was at such
a crisis and I so desperately needed understanding
and good advice. You've also helped me more
than I believe you know.

All good wishes for your good health,
Affectionately, Ed

Apr. 20, 1969

Dear Dad,

All here is all right so don't worry yourself at all. We're really being getting along well - I feel much better and think I managed to get over my ailment pretty well.

We've all been wondering about you since neither Nancy, Aunt Betty, or I have heard from you. Are you well? Is everything all right there in Antigua?

Do you know Dad, that you forgot to send me a check for the month of April? At least I didn't receive one. I have had to ask Nancy for money as I am completely out of money. With the help I have (\$6.60) a week I am finding it very hard to make ends meet on the money you give me. You did seem very eager for me to have help so I am wondering if you can send a little extra to help with it. You said to let you know when I needed money, so that is what I am doing!

What are your plans? How long do you plan to stay in Antigua?

There is no news so best I send love. I've been offered a job (volunteer, no pay) as a teacher's aid for 3rd grade. I am considering it and shall let you know.

Lots of love,
Sal

June 13, 1964

Dearest Dad,

How are you? How was your trip back East? Uncle Knobel phoned the other evening to tell me that he had talked with you and that you are back in Guatemala now. He also mentioned that you might ~~have~~ ^{make} a trip out here soon which would be just fine for all of us!

As you may have guessed by the fact that I am writing letters again, that I am feeling much better now! Really, I feel just as good as I did back in D.C. and Jan. I'm just hoping that my good health will keep it up because it is so much easier to take care of the house and the children when I'm feeling well.

From my last letter you probably know all about the situation as it stands. I want to know if you can continue to send money as usual for a few more months until he gets some of his debts paid off. He will be able to handle it himself pretty soon. He plans to move back here the end of this month. I guess he has given up the idea of a divorce, at least I hope so. If

we could stick together, it would be so much better for the children. Most juvenile delinquents come from broken homes and I am so much against divorce no matter how difficult the situation may be. I guess I'm just pretty much of an idealist.

The children are getting along just fine. I'm having a little trouble with Hugh though - he seems to be dying to demand more freedom than I think is good for him at this age. He's a little irresponsible I'm afraid, like his father. We're working hard to try to raise him right and as you would say 'make a man' out of him. The other children (I think) are so good and so easy to get along with. Hugh is impulsive though and I think he's going to turn out all right (at least I hope so). His attitude so much reflects the attitude that are so typical of teen-agers and society these days. I am so much against the immorality and irresponsibility that society seems to hold up to so many youngsters. How do you feel about this. I definitely would like to

clear your point of view. For instance, what
qualities in a youngster should be cultivated
in order to achieve good honest and solid
character? How can you teach a child to
be morally honest when he grows up?

If Ed continues to improve in his attitude
(and I also) the way he has been - the
future looks pretty bright and I almost
believe we can find some happiness in a
life together. He seems to have a will to
do the right thing for his children and
myself. Good bye and pray that all
continues to go so well.

Well, Dad, I guess I've more or less
covered the things I wanted to talk to
you about. I do keep in close touch with
Ed's father and he has been a lot of help
to me and seems to have a lot of sympathy
and understanding. I'm sure he would like
to see Ed make a success of his life just
as much as I do.

Much, much love,

Sal

[Mill Valley, Calif.]

[June 26, 1968]



Dear Grandfather,

How are things down there
I want to ask you about my
25 dollars. I would like it
back. I have a bank account
in wells Fargo. Dad is my
Trustee. I have a 100 and 45
dollars. I would love add
that 25 dollars to it. I add 10
dollar a month to my back
account that I get from my
paper route. Please send it.

Thank you. How is mom getting along
I hope she is having a nice time.
We have been having great
food here in Mill Valley. I can
cook a few good dishes myself.

Love,
Pete

Nov. 19, 1970

Dear Dad,

Your good letter of Nov. 1, I have here received and I'm glad to hear you are all well. All goes well here and I am trying still to stick by a daily schedule. At times I find it harder but it will all soon level out, I hope.

How proud we all are of Marion! She seems to be doing brilliant work and I shall write her soon to congratulate her. Nancy's job sounds good also but, I think she would like something a little more lucrative. But then, the job she has now may open the door to other opportunities and I'm so happy that Nancy, Marion and I all share an interest in common - Art History. And you also with your active interest in antique portraits and furniture. Nancy has sent me for Christmas, a book currently popular in Stanford on Art History. It has not arrived yet but I'm looking forward to reading it and refreshing my memories in Art History.

I was surprised by a short, but delightful visit from Hugh. He was in Costa Rica for 36 hrs. and was not sure he could get away from conference to see me, but he managed and we had a nice visit for about 2 hrs. He looks well but I was sorry to hear that at the end of Dec. he must enter the hospital for another operation on his leg. This means another nine months of recuperation - poor

Hugh, he was laid hit. Dad, I'm wondering if I could not be of some help to him during his recovery period? I thought I could perhaps manage his apartment for him and do the laundry and cooking. What do you think? I feel he'll need someone and I am free if I could possibly be of help. I have written him concerning this but have not heard yet. He will be in Costa Rica for a longer visit early in Dec. and perhaps we can discuss it then.

I would love to be with you at Christmas but I think going to Guatemala and returning will be too costly. Alice fixed up such lovely decorations and had last year. I know you will have another lovely Christmas this year. A friend from one of Costa Rica's most elegant families has invited me to dine with them and spend the night so I shall not be alone - don't worry.

I have not seen Anne Lane since she's back but heard through Hugh that she and Milton both had been sick. That's too bad, but I hope to see them soon.

No more news for now but I shall write again in a few days. Much, much love to you both, ~~and~~

Your loving daughter always,
Sally

Dec. 8, 1940

Dear old Dad,

I hope all is going well for you and Alice - I imagine that Kitty is probably there with you now.

I had a short but nice visit with Hugh last Sunday. He came to Costa Rica with 5 department heads from Fla. who spoke no Spanish and didn't know their way around San José. He had to more or less lead them by the hand and that along with the conference he had to attend gave him very little time with me but I was so happy to see him even for a short while. It looks like now that he won't have his operation until in the summer as he has too much travelling to do. This time he will be in the hospital only ten days and then on crutches for six months. I asked him if he needed my help and he said he would keep it in mind but that this operation is going to be much easier for him and he can take care of things on crutches all right.

I had another nice little letter from Annie saying they have been having rainy weather too. At times I get so fed up with this climate here in San José. It has rained steadily since I came here in May and now the rain is combined with cold winds making these open air buildings very uncomfortable. The cold makes my hands and cannot do too much

drawing and painting but I am still trying to do a bit. I really do need more study - even engineers have to learn to use their tools the doctor tells me. All seems to be going well for Annie - she sent me a nice drawing of houses as a Christmas present.

I had a nice day out with Anne Jane. She seems to be fine and we had lunch together. I really like her so much and she treats me like a daughter. I was sorry she couldn't bring the guitar - I don't have one! I was using one that belongs to the hospital but the other patients have ruined it.

I have written Scripps College but have had no answer yet. Nancy, Hugh and Edith all seem to feel I should enroll in the Univ. here and take credentials for teaching art to children. I just don't know if I can take any more of Costa Rica's horrible weather - I dream of a nice fire with you and Alice in the library!

Always your loving daughter,
Sally

Dec. 17, 1970

Dear Dad,

May this letter reach you in time to wish you and Alice a very Merry Christmas! All is going well here - I sold four paintings for small sums but still it was something, at least.

Both the doctor ^{and I} have been concerned that you haven't written for so long. I hope Dad, that you are feeling all right and I know you have a big correspondence to keep up with. Dr. Pucavado has been hoping you would answer his last letter - the most important letters that we get are from you because we can make better plans knowing your ideas etc.

Aunt Betty sent me some Christmas presents and good Dr. Pucavado went to the customs office personally and talked them into not charging very much. I was so relieved as I needed the clothes badly. He is really good to me and I'll always be grateful to him. If you at some time might have something to send, send it directly to Ann Lau ~~and~~ as her packages get through customs free. Send directly to

Mrs. Milton Lau

AID - AMEMB, Costa Rica,
APO New York, 09883.

The doctor agrees now that it is time to be making some future plans. He says in January we ought to be able to make something definitely plans. I, at the moment have three ideas and hope that maybe one of them will work out for me.

1.) Take out teacher's credentials at the Univ. of Calif. Berkeley with the hope of getting a teaching job. I would like to be near Nancy, Marion, and Edith and Knowles.

2.) Attend the Univ. of Costa Rica for further art training. Staying here has the advantage of have the Pucallpa near-by in case of difficulties that could arise.

3.) Stay in the house with you and Alice and perhaps take lessons from Garavito or another good artist there. There requires a few and I could commute by bus.

Well that, there are a few of my ideas - The doctor says each should be considered carefully and we also need to know what you think would be best.

All my love to you both,
Sally

Feb. 6, 1991

Dearest Alice and Dad,

By this time you are probably back in Andigena and I hope you are in good spirits and of good health. Mumma brought me the things you sent over - the raincoat and "extras" - the little blouses and nighties. Thank you so much - you can be sure I will be getting a lot of use out of all of them and that is to say out of all the things also that you bought for me when you were here. I guess with Dad, Debbie and I will never live down the "pony-hoos" will we Dad!? I think I'd like a pair of those 25¢ socks you advertised - I think they sound very practical! Yes! Alice, we did have ourselves a time didn't we? I must say all the things you bought for me had my head swimming and at a complete loss of words to thank you. All I could say was "thank you" but I wanted to tell you how very grateful I am to you both - I just had never expected all those things - the little watch is dear and ticking away faithfully. I've had compliments on all the clothes and as Dad would say, I'm the "best dressed gal in town"! Dad used to always say that when we wore something new, remember Dad? It was so good to see you again and you worked so hard to find me a place to stay - for that

I am also very grateful! Now I am waiting to go to the University with Herron and myself. I can hardly wait - it's all so exciting!

I spent the day with Alice Louise yesterday and we had a good time riding the buses. We are going to take a ride out to the convent and from there to the Univ. and back to familiarize me with the stops etc. We had a nice "non-fat" dinner at Alice Louise's. It was nice being with her and I shall see her again next week. By the way, Alice, Alice Louise says the "Nivea" cream in its liquid form is even better than the cream for Dad's arms - you might want to try it.

Dr. Pucavado will be gone a week and $\frac{1}{2}$ as he has to take his father to some medical clinics in the States. He has left me in Alice Louise's care!

A beautiful book on the history of Art arrived in good order from Nancy and it has already supplied me with many hours of pleasurable reading.

I hope you will both write often as your letters really spur me on, Alice - you're a real wonder! I wish I could be more like you!

Much, much love to you both.

Always your devoted daughter,

Sal

March 13, 1971.

Dearest Flice and Dad,

It ain't Cibás; it is Tibás! But don't worry, the Florente is the main part and your letters arrived just fine - I was so glad to hear from you both and you do sound so very happy. I just can't believe everything is working out so well! Just to share a little more happiness with you -

My teacher says in two weeks I have made rapid progress in drawing. She also says I have a fine, sensitive line stroke which is hard to find, isn't that wonderful?! If I can just make the grade in art, we shall really be "out of the woods" as Dad says.

I must say when I first started at the Univ., I wondered if I had any talent at all, but what my teacher says is very encouraging. Figure drawing is hard and exacting work but I love it and I'm beginning to worry less and feel more enthusiastic.

My other art teacher - Don Carlos Salazar was a close friend of Paravito's. He said that Paravito took him to see our house in Antigua but he said he unfortunately didn't get to meet you. He was very surprised, he said, to have one of your children in his art class. He is an artist and writes a lot of short stories.

Sunday, I went with Ann and Milton down to Sarchí on the road to Puntarenas. There they have a group of artists that paint the ox-carts and do much wood work also. Ann bought alot of things to take up to the States as gifts when she goes March 26th. It was a lovely ride - I got more acquainted with Costa Rican scenery. Pineapples near Grecia were being harvested and the roadside stands were loaded with them - I wished I hadn't forgotten my camera. We brought some to the home - they were large, sweet, and juicy. Had a nice luncheon at the same home complete with ham sandwiches, potato salad and ice-cream and strawberries. I came back loaded with all sorts of goodies that Ann so generously handed-out.

Heron received your letter Dad - he says your bulletin is excellent and he is translating it now. I went to the annual reunion of Zamorano graduates with Heron and Isabel. Heron got fairly put out because the students all got tight and didn't want to ~~get~~ any business done at the meeting - they

all wanted to make speeches (fear themselves
talk)! When they voted up they voted
Heman as President for the third time. By
the way, I believe Heman would make a
good candidate for Director of Zamorano
someday. Don't you? It would be nice to have
a graduate student as director and Heman
could definitely do the job. Just a thought.

Mrs. Bennett (incidentally, a dear person)
invited Alice Innes and myself to the Women's
Club Luncheon at the Country Club. It was
nice and they had beautiful Spanish dancing
for entertainment. I can see why Dad loves
Spanish dancing so. I am considering joining
the club but not right away. I want to
have plenty of time for art.

It turns out that Madre Amicini is ~~my~~
artist also and a wizard at Art History. We
enjoyed going through my book together and
she knew every picture. I find her an extremely
intelligent, cultured and fine person.

Alice, my sheets were changed Sunday and this
time they are embroidered with little blue
golondrinas!

I am very happy here! Hope you both are in

good health. Will write again soon.

Love always - Sally

By the way - yes! Herman has my passport. As
far as finances go - I believe you have it
all arranged perfectly.

They are calling me for lunch so I shall
close.

Sal

Aug. 15, 1941
Happy Mother's Day!

Dearest Alice,

It was so sweet of you to write me from Honduras and I
am glad to hear you are well and the work on the house is just
about completed. It'll be a job yet to get it rented though - I
hope you can get someone you really feel confidence in. I'll
be glad when you are back in Antigua though - I feel uneasy
when Dad is by himself - he gets so lonely.

I wish you could see my room now - it looks very pretty! Anna
Lau brought me from the States - two rugs and a bedspread.
As you remember the curtains are a green gold, the rugs are an
olive green flecked with light turquoise, the bedspread is light
turquoise and on the bed I have a pillow of embroidered ~~in~~ flowers
of varying shades of turquoise, purple and olive green leaves.
In the corner by the window stands my easel with a
large painting on it that I did at the University which
also lends color and texture to the room. I plan to
try to sell the painting but for a fairly high price as
my professor likes it very much and I do too!

I think you would be pleased with my progress in painting.
I let go a bit on color and now I just love to use
color - it really gives life to a painting doesn't it? When
I think back on my paintings that I did in Antigua
I see them as very drab! Maybe that's what discouraged
me so.

Margaret Nickel tells me she had a nice visit with
you in Teguc. She's a nice person isn't she? She also
has been very good to me.

Write when you have time. Much, much love,
Sally

June 22, 1972

Dearest Alice and Dad,

hoping both are well —

Dr. Ricavado has brought to me the copy of your letter to Dr. Halley. I have read it and find it very fine — we don't want them to feel that I am forcing my presence on them in any respect — I would just like to visit briefly with them and spend some time with the children. I believe you made this all very clear. I think it would be a fine idea to have Father Halley meet me if he will be so kind — we all can have complete confidence in him — he has always been a good friend to me. I hope you have mailed the letter and now will patiently await a response. Of course, as you mentioned, there is always the chance that they won't be there — we shall see.

Life goes a fairly routinely and I am being treated like a queen. Dr. Ricavado visits me every other day and takes care of any details that come up. As yet I haven't had any visitors and have not been allowed to go out except to the hospital dance which I do enjoy. I've done a bit of symbolic painting but not much. Costa Rica has been hit hard by strikes — one got quite violent last night but its under control today.

Let me hear from you and I hope you will continue to help me with letters as you have been doing so beautifully.

Always your devoted daughter
Sally

Dr. Ricavado gave me permission to have my parents' photo again — the way you likes it and me too!

July 20, 1962.

Dear Alice and Dad,

Dr. Ricardo brought your last letter and I was very happy to receive it. It sounds as if you have had some good times with Nancy and the grandchildren. I would love to see them myself.

I'm sorry you haven't heard from Father Halley yet. I was very pleased to receive a letter from Mother Halley but written before they received your letter. It was a very sweet letter giving me some news of the children. I believe they will cooperate if they can. It may be that Ed will not permit them to help out but I do have rights to see the children and I thought maybe Edick and Uncle Kenneth might drive me out there. After so many years I think it important to see the children and let them know I still care about them. I can't believe that they just wouldn't answer at all - one way or the other.

Here life goes on. Anne Law is bringing my paints over soon so I will get back to the drawing board so to speak. After going to California, I have been wondering what future plans I could make. ~~Do you~~ would you consider having me live there in Andigua with you and I could go on with my painting? Things are rather expensive now but I don't think I want to stay in Costa Rica any longer unless necessary.

Always your devoted daughter,
Sal

July 31, 1942

Dearest Alice and Dad,

Thank you for the nice letters from both of you in Zamorano. I'm glad you're enjoying yourselves and I hope you are in good health. Dr. Bucavado was hit hard by a virus - he's really been very sick but I've been in touch with him by phone.

I'm wondering if you've had any more word from the Holly family? I haven't heard anything. I guess Dad is right as usual - that they aren't going to cooperate, I guess. Why, I don't know for I really don't think I am a person of any bad intentions I hope not anyway. I had a nice letter from Emma and Edith and they definitely recommended that I not try to go to the States. Edith says that if I were to visit the children, they would get their hopes up that I had come back to stay permanently. They would only feel let down when I left again and she feels this would be damaging to them psychologically. They seem to feel it a much better idea to stay here in Costa Rica or with you in Antigua and let them come to visit us. She feels it would be a good educational experience for them to come here and they wouldn't love the idea that it would be permanent, but only a visit. Those poor children - my heart just breaks for them. Let me know what you think of this, will you?

Dr. Bucavado feels I'm all right now I just will have ^{to} and shall keep my distance from any alcohol. This I am prepared to do and I do think or rather I know there will be no more trouble with

Thank

I really would very much like to spend awhile with you in Antigua. I really will be good - I believe Dr. Rucavado can assure you of my exemplary behavior here. I could ~~get~~ keep occupied with painting and maybe sell some to the tourists. I've been considering taking up a more conservative vein of painting. I think they would sell better. I'd like to do a series of paintings of the houses.

I really must think of some future plans though. If you would rather not have me there I suppose I could find a humble and not too luxury apartment or house here. I suppose it would be all right to live alone here. What do you think? If I want to Antigua I would try to help Alice with the window also.

I try to stay in good spirits but this failure to get my help or response from the Hallys really breaks my heart. I know you understand.

I still see quite a bit of Anne Jan and Alice Louise Durr. I phone Alice Louise everyday. It lifts my spirits to hear her cheery and optimistic voice. We've had some difficult patients here; some can be quite trying but I try to be good to them all.

Always your devoted daughter,

Fally

Nov. 19, 1972
Costa Rica, C.R.

Dear Alice and Dad,

Thank you for your good, long and enthusiastic letter of Nov. 6th!
I'm glad to know that I have the very strong and very encouraging
backing of you both. I will try to do some paintings
of the ideas you suggested although avocados are not really
in season here, I understand and I have been able to find
no really ^{good} ones as good as the one from our friends here
in Antigua. That fruit looks to me like a good avocado
and mighty fine eating at that! Mangoes don't seem to
be in season either - just vendors on the streets
selling hot, oily pejuvallas! Also find stands selling
Calif. grapes and Guatemalan apples at exorbitant
prices! However, even if I have to wait awhile, I
will do those paintings for you. It's mighty hard to
get canvases made here now - everywhere I go they
seem to be out of material. I notice the girls in
my class seem to like to use a piece of plywood
but I've never cared much for it.

Don Francisco Alvarado Chella put on an exhibit
of his student's work and I exhibited one painting.
I was amazed to see he put my painting in a choice
spot - right in the center of the wall facing the entrance!
I went to the opening night, Alice, and wore my new
mask of Guatemalan material! Alice Trice Dunn was
there and said she thought it was very pretty. The
professor wants me to put in more time at the art
school so I have added on two more days to my
schedule.

A letter from Dick Chella me she has been trying

to get Dr. Hally on the phone to tell him of our Carter plans but no luck. She feels I should write him too. She is certain that such a plan will be agreeable to all concerned.

Dr. Bucardo put me through some days of deep distress by telling me that if he has to put me in the hospital again it will be for the rest of my life, as you can imagine, such an idea tormented me day and night until he convinced me, by telling me that you and Alice and all my good friends here in Costa Rica are doing their very best to prevent such a disaster from happening, I also am doing my very best to cooperate by avoiding everything that could possibly create a direct route to the hospital. As you know, to put me in the hospital would mean an end to all my illusions; all my hopes. I would never get back to you and Alice and the peace and security of the life in our beautiful home in Antigua. My children would not be able to visit me at the Chapin and my career in art that seems to look promising now would come to an end. Well, the whole thing has calmed down now and Alice, Louise and I are still optimistic and still laughing in the face of grave hazards! I know you both would be terribly upset too - Bless your hearts, but all we can do is try to be brave. Thank God, I feel fine but I need your prayers Alice. I haven't touched a drop of C_2H_5OH and am avoiding involvements in people's sentimental problems (especially those that have no solution) and am carrying as best I can with my art and social life here. This is what is recommended by the doctor and I am carrying through with his recommendations.

right to the letter. Dr. Pucavada seems to believe that if I continue to cooperate so well there's good reason to believe that such a tragedy can be avoided. Thank God! Those long, cold, shadowy halls of the insane asylum please believe me, are not pleasant and life there is extremely depressing. Also, please believe me, that I am doing everything possible and will not let you down, if I can help it. I guess the life I have to live with fear has to be brave and optimistic. I am getting along fine and with your support, the future looks bright.

Alvarado Abella is enthusiastic about selling you a painting ^{and} showed me quite a few for sale. The ~~one~~ one I like is a very conservative still-life of a white cloth and three multi-colored chili peppers. It's all framed (not your choice of frame, however) and I think it's very fine and very warm and ~~lovely~~ and colorful. I hesitate though - he says he will give me a smaller one as a gift to go with it and we can pay him what we want. What do you think? Shall we wait awhile? Perhaps I could bring it ~~over~~ over at Easter time although he says he can send it to you. I'm wondering if you might not prefer a landscape to a still-life. The landscapes are very romantic but he has none for sale at the moment.

Well, take heart and be of good cheer. One thing the Popeuse family has is courage and we get that from you, Dad. Keep writing - it means so much to me to get your letters.

Your devoted daughter,

A letter from Aunt Betty tells me

Sal

Thank you so much for the photos of yourself, Dad! I depend them on my wall.

P.S. I meant to tell you that my two Spanish friends that
are pensionados here at the moment were invited to
the Spanish Embassy to see slides of Guatemala. The
Ambassador - Ernesto de la Orden showed slides
that he had taken himself in our house and spoke
so much of Dr. Popovitch who had begun the current
wave of colonial reconstruction in Antigua. The
Ambassador knows you - do you remember him? Seems
to me he was Ambassador to Quetz. for awhile.
My Spanish friends were completely enchanted with
Antigua and our house.

Antigua, 24 Novbr 1972

Dearest Sal,

Mighty fine to have your long letter of the 19th, which has caught us just in time for me to answer it before we leave for Zamorano for a week or so - Graduation again, and since Mrs Armour (I mean Ric) has had to leave this week for Wisconsin, they asked Alice to come over and take care of the distinguished guests from Boston and New York. We get care much for that horrible Concha who now has charge of the "Casa Popenoe" where our beloved Paula ran things so well for so many years; the only other lady there is "Mrs Burges" as Ric always call's Arnaldo's wife. So Alice will take over, and I will tell jokes to the distinguished hembres from Boston while Bob gets the cows off the airplane landing field and sends Cutin up with material patch the punctured tire of the Minister of Agriculture - up at Joya Grande. You remember dont you?

About the fruit paintings: I forgot that this is not avocade and mänge season, but there is time, and anyway, I dont want just any avocade or any mänge - I want an interesting variety. I will probably have to wait until one of my friends down there can give you, next year, things which are worth painting. I might be publishing one or two of the pictures, if I live and keep my health, as my colleague Archie Shamel udes to say (and he didnt).

You are right about a painting by your maestro; I dont want a picture of three catfish he caught down at Ojo de Agua, nor a string of red hot chile peppers; we will wait until he has a landscape or two for us to look at. We are proud that he put your painting in the front window, at his exposition. Did he put a price tag on it, 500

colones, and then say to a potential customer, pere es trate, cuanto

About Doctor Rucavade's serious talk with you. I am glad that he didn't wait longer for it. I am reminded of the time you brought down that worthless half-Indian from Chimaltenango and when I went to the deer you said, Dad this is a matter of life or death. This poor man has cancer and I have to take him right away into the hospital in the City. And I said, Dr Behrherst has been handling his case, and if need to go into the City Dr Behrherst will send him. And you said, but the man has no money. And you took him into town and tried to sell your watch to get some money to give the man, and then borrowed some (and quite a lot) from an old schoolmate of yours, and gave it to the man and he doubtless took the next truck back to Chimaltenango and got some more Gallo. He didn't die of cancer. And then do you remember the day two men went by your deer, and one of them played drunk - the other was taking him home - and you invited them into your room and went out to lunch and when you came back your watch was gone - and so were they!

Sal, you have a soft heart and we all love you for it, but as Dr Rucavade told you, you must devote yourself to caring for your own mental well-being. The moment you begin to think you are going to save all the alcoholics in San José, and all the pobres de solemnidad, you are going to get emotionally involved to the extent that will lose control of yourself. Dr Rucavade has made you realize this; I could not do it at Chimaltenango, because you had lost control and couldn't leave the beer alone, and the people around like "Morss" here in Antigua would not cooperate but did everything could to get money out of me.

So you do as I have told you; if you feel you are slipping, you rush right to the doctor and tell him to straighten you out. When people come to you and tell you they are sick and you are the only one who can save their lives, send them to one of the official charities. Don't yourself get emotionally involved. You

and your family and all your real friends just cannot bear the thought of your spending the rest of your life in Chapui. Where was it I saw one time the motto over a reer, "You who enter here leave hope behind". That's the way it would be. And now lets' look at the other side: you were so happy here with us, and we with you. Nobody came to you and told you he was dying of cancer, or wanted you to cure him of alcoholism - you cant do either, you are not the type for it. You are out out to live in a happy environment such as you have here at your home in Antigua. As the years go by, you will see more and more of your brother and your sisters and all the rest of the family, and I am sure it will work out so that your children can come one at a time. Dr Halley has already committed himself to this. So just keep this in mind: you wont get to see them if you in Chapui. You would not want them to see you amidst such surroundings. We want them to come to see you in Antigua, so just grit your teeth, and keep out of bad com any (I mean the wrong kind of com any) and be very frank with the Doctor and with Alice Louise and with us and any other close friends, because they all love you, they understand you, and they want to help you. I urge you to go into church whenever you feel you are up against a problem, sit down there and things out. You get strength out of prayer and you find peace.

If you see de Ernesto de la Orden again ask him if he isnt the Ernesto de la Orden Miracle who writes for that excellent magazine Mundo Hispanice? I think he is.

Anne Lau was coming thru here on her way back to C R, but we havent heard from her. Her pal, Page Shrum, with whom se always stays in the City, has gone north and we suspect Anne has bye-passed Guate.

Alice joins in stacks of love, and says she is putting in a note for you.

Antigua, Guatemala, 22 January 1973

Our most precious Sally,

A fine letter has just come from your Guardian Angel, Alice Louise, which relieves our minds tremendously and makes me wonder if your troubles all came from having forgotten to stay on your medication. You remember that when you came to me in Guatemala what fun it was to meet you at Tampa and bring you down here? Doctor Halley sent some pills with you, and later sent down some more, and told ^{us} it was absolutely essential to stick to these pills on schedule. I knew we forget it at times, and it was a mistake. I suspect this may have happened again. I'll bet you still have plenty of these pills on hand ^{but} ^{not} as many as Alice's little medicine closet and you must get back on them right away. Write us and tell us if this is not the case. At best you will have to suffer like I do; three different colors of pills with bkfst, one at noon, one at night, and one BIG one when I wake up in the middle of the night.

Alice Louise mentions that you sometimes find the grub monotonous at the Neviciade. I used to find it monotonous at the Myrtle Bank Hotel in Jamaica, where we had Green Turtle Soup and Soft Shell crabs every day. And by the way, we have found a place in Guatemala City where they have great nig oysters from Salvador on the half shell. I put down 1 one dozen every time we go there. That makes a meal for me, but I remember the time Hugh and I ate 42, between us, at Cedar Key in Florida before we sat down to a good meal of broiled Red Snapper. So you line things up to get all the special food you want. Start out any way, and when we come back down there again we will finish lining things up. It will remind you of the time I got the 12 lb. wheel of requefort cheese in Jamaica and took it over to Santa Marta and staged a big buffet for the banana folks. I stood behind the table with a takk

Chef's hat on, dished out the cheese and let the folks help themselves to the mariscos. I suggest you get yourself, or have someone get for you, half a pound of Danish blue cheese (really Requefort) and a box of saltinas to start with. Then build up from there.

Maybe you might go down and ask Otén to recommend some choice tidbits and give you the money to buy them if you don't have enough on your monthly allowance at the Noviciado. Otén has been my loyal friend for 50 years and he will do anything for you. And you know these dear nuns will too and as for your Guardian Angel, Alice Louise you will never know a better Christian and you know why I have always liked that word - because I think what Christ taught us is to do unto others as we would have them do unto us, and if we live up to that I think we are the kind of people Jesus wanted us to be.

We have been so worried about you recently, Sal; we haven't wanted anything to happen which would interfere with our plans to have you come up here for Easter and we will see what we can do about having Dr Haxley send down our precious little Annie. You know how fond I am of here, and how wonder it would be if we could have her with all of us here for a week or ten days.

Gesh, it is four o'clock and here they come, rap, rap rap, on the front door. You know where I am sitting as I write to you; in 2 minutes and 13 seconds Concha will be over here, "Aquí vienen señoras de California who know your bether and he would be heartbroken if you didn't come out to saludar them. Babesadas!

Alice joins in stacks of love,