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RADIOGRAMA
(via Tropical Radio)

NLT (Night Letter)

TOM DUNN ALMIRANTE (Rep. de Panamá)

Just received sad news Paul Shanks death please convey my
heartfelt sympathy to Jennie and family.

POPENOE

Firma del responsable:

CHIRIQUI LAND COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICES, 80 FEDERAL STREET, BOSTON, MASS.

BOCAS DIVISION
ALMIRANTE, PANAMA

30 November 1957

Dear Doctor Foppenoe:

I do regret the delay in answering your kind letter of the 6th sooner but could not help it. There were several angles that had to be considered and a rather delicate question of timing, but the answer had to be no promise of anything for Ramon at the present time. I do appreciate your letting me know that he could be made available.

The future he is still uncertain and they are breathing down our necks from all angles to cut expenses to the bone. Quite a while ago we put in a bid for one of the trainees that Maritrop occasionally trains in N.Y. and send throughout the tropics but so far they have not come through with anything - I presume because they feel our activities have been so cut down.

That is a misnomer of sorts, though. Our volume is cut down and our stocks reduced, but we still handle as many and more items, just more of them. It costs just as much paper work and stock keeping recording to purchase a dozen items as a gross, but that point is hard to put over.

Both of us are fine. We appreciated the informative letter from Helen. As for news of this place, it is at times contradictory and confusing. After the big rush to plant Lacatans with seed from Honduras and Jamaica, there is some talk that the fruit will not even be harvested although the cultivations are doing fine and are shooting at about 6-1/2 months. They were planted in some of the areas that were hottest with Panama too. The objection to Lacatans seems to go all the way to the top at 80 Federal and Fruit Dispatch. The plantings were made with close plantings to provide for future seed for further acreage, but we can not get any go-aheads of further replanting of Lacatans. This is completely off the record, but will give you some idea of how the wind blows. (There are about 300,000 potential stems of fruit in Lacatans for first harvest)

We have been authorized to plant Project 5B which will eventually amount to about 4500 acres about 2/3 of which are virgin woodland near the old California cacao farm on the Panama side of the Sixaola River and between Guabito and the sea. Preliminary work is going on there now and the lower part of the project will be a pump drainage proposition.

All of the cacao farms on the Costa Rican side of the river are being leased out to former overseers, timekeepers, foremen, etc. The Panama cacao farms will all follow suit except the Nivecita area which is being sprayed with Bordeaux with very good results and increased yield. The Co. (locally) claims they will make money with lessors on the cacao farms and that the lessors will make money too. That seems entirely too elemental to me - if there were profits there for all concerned - why couldn't the Company make money on cacao running the farms itself. I guess the main answer is that the Company has to all intents and purposes let the cocoa run itself with no real supervision or cultivation for over 20 years. They talk of diversification now, but they already have some in cacao if they would just take it seriously and give it the supervision and cultivation it deserves. No type of diversification is going to run itself, and few, if any, of that sort of approach is enlightened a bit. -- But I think that that sort of approach and let us hear from you when you have time to write.

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30 November 1957

Dr. William C. Paddock, Director,
Escuela Agrícola Panamericana,
Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Dear Doctor Paddock:

I regret the delay in giving you an answer to Dr. Popenoe's letter of November 6th regarding Ramón Paredes. I do remember Ramón very well but at the present time we have nothing that we can offer him in Almirante M&S. Our activities are greatly reduced here due to the uncertainties of the immediate future and the life of our cultivations.

It is with regret that I cannot offer Ramón something here, but I am sure that a place can be found for him somewhere in the U. F. Co. organization if he still feels that he must leave Zamorano.

Yours very truly,

Thomas W. Dunn
Superintendent, Material & Supply Dept.

cc - Dr. Wilson Popenoe - Antigua

Almirante, Panama
5 September 1960

Dear Doc and Helen:

It was a pleasure to receive your letter of February 25th but one certainly would not think so by the date of this reply. But although our correspondence might be a little remiss, our memories of you are not and we often think of you. Alice Louise was telling someone about the clock repairs I attempted the last time I was there and that we had to put the clock under the bed in Hugh's old room to keep the chime from disturbing the quietness of the Zamorano nights. The first thing everyone asked, why the chimes in the first place if you had to hide the sound of them - but, as you recall, that was not the point.

Seems that there must have been some correspondence or a card since Feb. 25th for, as I recall, you were planning a trip to S.A. with Hugh and Kitty Coolidge about the time the earthquake hit Chile or thereabouts. We do not know if the trip materialized or not, but we hope that it did and that all of you enjoyed it.

Don't know if Alice Louise wrote Helen or not but I had a baby last January - or at least my younger sister did. Her husband died of a first heart attack in July, 1959, leaving her with four girls ranging from 4 - 12 years of age and a fifth child on the way. We went up to spend Christmas with them and to be with Mary when the baby was born. I took her to the hospital and sat out the early part in the Dad's Den as they now seem to call the place where the expectant fathers wait. There were about four fellows in there sweating out news from the delivery room, three for the first time, and two pros of two or more. These guys naturally assumed that I was the expectant father and not the expectant Uncle and they fired so many questions at me that I could not tell them that I was not the father. Some of the questions were a bit technical and to keep from showing how dumb I was about the technicalities of being a father, that I had to mumble something unintelligible about everything going according to plan. They wanted to know about what kind of medicines my "wife" had had, other indications, etc. etc. most of which I had never heard of since Alice Louise and I had not been blessed with children.

Well, to make a long story short, we were real baby sitters for 22 days and, believe it or not, enjoyed it. It certainly does broaden ones outlook to listed to four lovely little girls for that length of time. I don't know how Mary managed with all four of them, but they were sweet kids - full of beans, but well behaved and did what they were told. We had Mary stay in the Hospital for a full week, the longest we could wrangle with crowded conditions, so that she would have a chance to rest up and recuperate before going home to face the future alone. She did have a practical nurse come and stay with her for the first ten days to help with the girls and the house. The day after Mary came from hospital, we took off for five unexpected days in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

With this screw ball deal where the UFGO steamship people sell the limited passenger space to cruise passengers (on whom they claim the loose money - and who usually are so casually treated - or tolerated - on the ships that they leave sore at the Co.) and pay cash out of pocket to fly us back to Tropics, they ended up with no space for us and authorized air transportation. I wangled ticket from San Francisco to Panama with understanding I would pay the difference between N.O.-Panama and S.F.-Panama fare, so with only 12 hours advance notice, we took a Boeing 707 jet from Dallas to L.A. and had a wonderful time there with Alice Louise's cousins and an old Navy shipmate of mine, then to San Francisco by plane and 2-1/2 days there and another wonderful time, and then Pan American back to Panama. We stopped 15 minutes in Guatemala City but did not know far enough ahead of time that we would stop there to get word to you. We considered stopping over for a couple of days, but since they were supplying the air transportation and I was due back to work on the day we actually were to arrive in Almirante at noon, I did not feel that we should take advantage of the Co's generosity, so did not try to make the stopover.

Too bad to be so near and not be able to get out to see you - but if Co. had given us some decent advance notice, we could have done some planning. We received wire advising air transportation was authorized late Friday night and with the 40 hour week in US could not get anything done about the California deal until Monday and we took off on Tuesday, so it was touch and go. But after the seriousness of Mary's baby and the sadness of the new baby and the father already dead, we felt that we needed the 5 day chance to let our hair down - and we did.

Now as to Almirante, it is still here - but sometimes I wonder why. I guess research is necessary, but must it be so damn confusing, contradictory, evasive, disorganized, double talking, overstaffed, etc. etc. and I mean etc? Your old buddy, or I guess I should say colleague, Alfred Butler is in charge but he is just about as hard to pin down as any of the others so it is hard to find out what is being accomplished in their ivory tower. There are so many doctors out there that they stumble over each other.

Last year Almirante hung in a pretty precarious balance, or so we hear. One General Office faction headed by Mr. Sisto (so word filters down to us) was for writing Almirante off and taking the loss - but they finally decided to keep it alive for a while longer and see if they, or we, could make a go of lacatans. They will grow here, but you know all about them after that, so no use going into that. The latest gimmick is to box them. The box price alone has run from \$0.52 to \$0.83 per box. They hold 40 pounds of fruit, so in box cost alone, your fruit will have to bring from \$0.013 to \$0.02 per pound more just to pay for the box - not counting the cost of getting the banana into the box, the extra handling, packing facilities, etc. Crown rot has been an extremely difficult problem, among others, and the boxing situation is far from clear but we are still monkeying with it. Some see it is the saviour of the UFCo. I'll go along with UFCo needing a saviour, but I am not so convinced that boxing is the answer unless we get someone on the job who knows something about it and take it out of the hands of our research dreamers who think up new experiments before the results of the ones in progress or known. But enough of that. Maybe I'm just too dumb to see what they are trying to do - I don't think so, though. You can do some pretty serious thinking and planning without being so confused that you don't know which end is up.

You no doubt know all about George Munch going to Honduras from here. That left Blondie Gronblad as Asst. Manager for a couple of months and they then sent Blondie back to San Jose in more or less the job he formerly had up there as "Representative" and brought Guy Cantrell here from Progreso, Honduras. No other great changes have been made except that Dudley Linton retired effective September 1st. I did not realize it right after Cantrell came here, but as one ex-Supt. Agriculture to a Supt. Agriculture they did not hit it off so well. I think Dudley felt that he knew the local conditions a bit better than Cantrell and that his plans should have been given more consideration. They apparently had pretty violent difference of opinion, some not very reconcilable. So, I guess Dudley's retirement was a bit accelerated as he was only 63 or slightly under. Dudley is happy about the whole thing though as he "asked" for the early retirement but at full pay and the arrangements ended up giving him that. The pension plan will pay only what his pension comes to at the time of actual retirement but the division will pay the difference between that and what full retirement pay would have been at normal retirement.

Dudley and Phyllis left here in good spirits on Friday and were due to fly to Jamaica today where they will live. Dudley invested in a small banana farm a few years ago and also has a house there out near the Knutsford Park race track on the outskirts of Kingston.

And getting back to Almirante, we have a 5400 acre lacatan program "approved in principle" for 1961 but only a limited amount of funds have been released for preliminary work. Boston has written that the "formal approval will not be made until later this year or early next year" but that we are to submit the program in the usual manner. Everyone here is ultra-enthusiastic and feel that the program will go through on schedule without

any hold-up at all. I do not read the Boston letter quite that way and it leaves me with the idea that they are leaving the back door open in order to stop the program at any time prior to formal authorization based principally on the results of the commercial shipments of lacatans in boxes. Normal appropriations have always been approved in October and authority granted to start ordering materials around the middle of November. For the good of this place, I hope the approval comes through, but I am not going to count any chickens before they are hatched.

Twentyfive acres of Valery bananas are also being planted and smaller amounts of other varieties. I am not familiar with them. Have seen Valery (or Valerie) which is a low-growing variety supposed to be able to withstand blowdowns.

And speaking of blow-downs, weather was very unsettled today, probably due to action of Hurricane Donna now heading for Puerto Rico, and we lost by preliminary estimate 150,000 stems of fruit today. We have had a couple of blow-downs in the past six months one a bit worse and one not quite so bad - but it gives this place a black eye as it was a favored spot as "Almirante required no irrigation and did not have blowdowns".

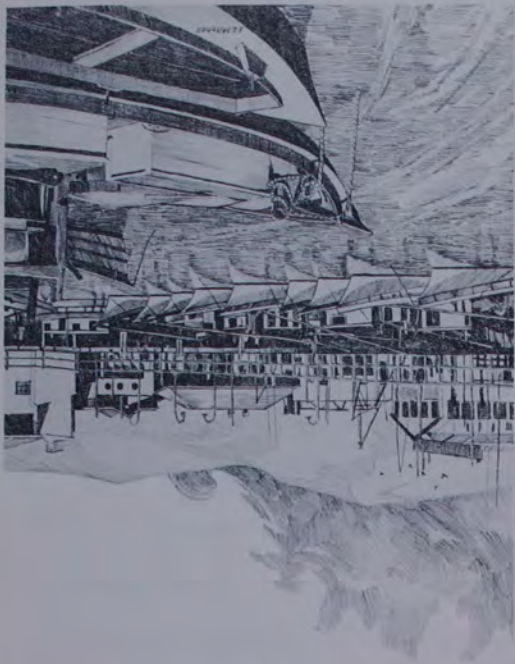
About 2 months ago the local management unloaded the Cacao Plant onto me. What relation it has with an M&S I still have not figured out, but I am a two-headed Superintendent now. What I knew about cacao you could put in your eye, but since being put in that job I have read all that I can get hold of on it and it is interesting. However, pecuniarily speaking, I'm worse off than before. As an economy measure, I did not receive any additional pay for the extra duty, but I have to pay about \$4.00 more a month for laundry as I get dirtier in the Cacao Plant than M&S and have to change more often. SO, I guess that is what the stock market analysis would call sideways advance.

We are both fine. Do a bit of skin diving when opportunity offers. Went out this morning and I found and speared a 42 pound grouper on the first dive. Got a 12 pound red snapper and a couple of smaller groupers and six lobsters before the squall that blew down the bananas chased us in. We love the lobsters and groupers. We filet the grouper and put it in the deep freeze in meal size packages. Also freeze lobster tails fresh and then broil when wanted. The local lobsters are delicious - so could put on quite a fed for you if you could come down this way. Everyone always asks about sharks, do they scare us. Hell yes, we'd be nuts if they didnt. But statistics say that chances of getting bitten are about same as being struck by lightning. Hope the fellow who figured that out has his numbers right. We do see a few sharks but luckily most are sand sharks and no bother. I've swam alongside one hammerhead, or rather he swam alongside me, and had the wits scafed out of me, but he kept on about his business and so did I - I got back in the boat.

Alice Louise joins me in sending best regards and love to both of you. Hope you are fine and let us hear from you when you have a chance to write.

Sincerely, *Tom* [Dunn]

P.S. A.L. says Caulerapis later back to May, 1958 - so he really is an old timer.



FISHERMAN'S WHARF, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
 Olmsted, Warren
 September 1962

Dear Louise [Barnes]

Appreciating
 how much you mean to me
 and remember me to Mary
 Give good evening
 well -
 please your probably from
 may it like the one of a
 Barbara - and put you
 I thought then in Paris
 always in a moment of time
 the artist who made this

Dear Nelson -

One of the light lights of Paris came near his brief visit
 with you and it was so good to have news of you and that
 you look so well and are your enthusiastic self and full
 of plans.

The crown of pearls is a treasure and I cannot
 tell you how much I appreciate it. Do accept my
 gratitude and love for making such a gift possible.
 Sam told me how you brought a selection for him
 and I'm sure you both made the choice that I would
 like best - and then to give it to me - you are too
 generous. Thank you.

You will never know how often I remember
 you at these times I think of you are more frequent

then that - but I wanted you to know you and Helen
are in my prayers.

Jennie Shank writes to me - and she is now in
Monroeville Pa (603 Oaklea Drive) just outside
Pittsburg with Sylvia and her husband and two
children. Paul Jr is in San Diego and Lloyd in
La Jolla.

The old matron Almeria is like an
impoverished person living amid the luxury of
the beautiful scenery and productive land, but
unable to make a go of it economically. The talk
is, the place is to be phased out within two
years with just a token group to hold the land
and fulfill our obligation to run rail and
launch service and the few other items in the
contract.

Tam returned on the first of September and
for the present is to stay here. He told me of your
suggestion about the school - it was and is so
good of you to remember him - we both appreciate
it. I am sure I can adjust and be happy
any place in the world he goes, so long as I
can be near him and he is content.

The only part of the trip I missed Tam was
his stop in Guatemala - he had hoped to have
a week end visit with you and I would have liked that.

MRS. THOMAS W. DUNN
CHIRIQUE LAND COMPANY
BOCAS DIVISION
ALMIRANTE, PANAMA

August 20, 1963

Dear Wilson:

To-day Sadot Venegas told us he had seen you in Guatemala City, and that you were going to Zamorano to stay for a while. It was good news to know that you appeared to him to be so well and that you are going someplace that is dear to you.

As soon as Tom returned to Almirante, I wrote to you in Florida, with a copy to Antigua, to thank you for the beautiful pearl cross you sent to me, it is truly lovely and I appreciate it so much, and want to thank you again. Have often wondered if either of my letters reached you because I so wanted you to know, that I thought it more than kind of you to remember me with such a treasure.

Tom returned on the 8th of August from Costa Rica, he had been making a survey of M and S materiel in Limon, Quepos and Golfito and had been gone since June 19th. It is very lonely in Almirante without him.

We have a beautiful year old Weimaraner dog, Silberne Heidi (Republican dog) if you are not familiar with the breed these dogs are descendants of the solidred bloodhound and were for over two hundred years bred as hunters and kept in Weimar Germany; in 1929 an American sportsman brought the first to the USA and this enthusiast established the Weimaraner club and owners pledged themselves to maintain standards of quality breeding. Our Heidi is a mink color with golden eyes and her fur has a silvery tinge, no markings at all. (President Eisenhower was an enthusiastic owner and we named our dog for his pet.)

Vacation this year began for us in New Orleans, where we spent Carnival week with Mrs. Goodell, I had never 'experienced' Mardi Gras and Tom thought it was time I did. Mrs. Goodell made our stay ever so pleasant, and enjoyed our tales of seeing the parades and attending the balls, which we did to the limit of our time and endurance, the highlight of it all was the big Rex Ball on Carnival night, and to Tom's delight and surprise, the shutter happy guests in tails made it possible and permissible for him to collect a series of colored pictures to show our Latin American friends just what a big thing Carnival is in the Southern USA.

You no doubt remember our District Attorney friend June Borina from Watsonville California, she is now married and lives in Hillsborough California, and is extremely active in the Republican party of California. Her husband is the former States attorney for the Northern District of California and now in private (corporation) practice. They visited us here in Almirante and we like him so much, do hope someday you will meet him. June always wishes to be remembered to you. Their seventh wedding anniversary is next month and I had just sent them a 'recuerdo' and thought you would be interested in knowing about her. (Mrs. Robert Schnacke).

Do hope someday you will come our way to see us too. When I heard you were in Zamorano, I suggested to Tom I needed a change of scene and we ought to take a jet and come up to see you. How long do you plan to be there, vacation will be here soon and we might stop over?

Hope you keep well and do let us hear about you,

Affectionately,

Tom joins me in all
good wishes.

Alie Laurie

MRS. THOMAS W. DUNN
CHIRIQUI LAND COMPANY
Bocas Division
ALMIRANTE, PANAMA

16 APRIL 1966

DEAR "Doc":

THE LARRY DRENNANS SPENT HOLY WEEK HERE, AND BROUGHT THE NEWS THAT YOU WERE WELL AND IN ANTIGUA. NEWS ABOUT YOU IS ALWAYS WELCOME, BUT WHAT WOULD BE BETTER WOULD BE A GLIMPSE OF YOU, REGRET WE ARE SO NEAR AND YET TOO FAR TO DROP IN ON YOU.

SURPRISING HOW FREQUENTLY WE MEET MEN WHO WERE BOYS AT THE ESCUELA TWENTY YEARS AGO, THEY ALWAYS SEEM TO REMEMBER US. WE WERE IN THE AIRPORT IN SAN JOSE EARLY IN THE YEAR, AND WILY CRUZ CAME ALONG AND WE HAD A GOOD VISIT WITH HIM.

DR. ALEXANDER WETMORE AND HIS WIFE BEA WERE IN ARMUELLES FOR SEVERAL MONTHS WHILE HE COLLECTED AND WORKED ON HIS BOOK THE BIRDS OF PANAMA. WE WENT OVER FOR A WEEK END WITH THEM. HE HAS NOW COVERED THE DARIEN COIBA, BOCAS PROVINCE, AND THIS LAST TRIP HIS COLLECTING TOOK HIM PRETTY WELL ALL OVER THE CHIRIQUI PROVINCE. HE IS PUBLISHING EACH SECTION AS HE COMPLETES IT, TO THE IMMENSE GRATITUDE OF ORNITHOLOGISTS. WE BECAME WELL ACQUAINTED WITH THE WETMORES WHEN THEY SPENT THREE MONTHS HERE ABOUT TEN YEARS AGO. LAST VACATION WE VISITED THEM IN WASHINGTON. WE ALSO SAW THE MATTHEW STIRLINGS WHOM WE MET AND MADE SOME TRIPS WITH DURING THEIR STAY IN ALMIRANTE, SOME YEARS AGO.

A COUSIN OF MINE WHO IS ONE OF MY "CLOSEST" RELATIVES IS VISITING HER GRANDDAUGHTER IN GUATEMALA CITY, "KAMI" (HELEN) AMESTOY IS TEACHING IN THE AMERICAN SCHOOL (GRADUATED FROM SMITH JUNE 1965) AND THIS IS HER FIRST JOB. COUSIN HELEN IS MRS. ORRA E. MONNETTE (A WIDOW) AND SHE HAS SPENT MORE THAN THE USUAL AMOUNT OF TIME WITH HER THREE GRANDDAUGHTERS AND ON ONE OCCASION CAME TO ALMIRANTE WITH SHELLEY AGED NINE AND SPENT A FEW WEEKS WITH US. I AM SURE YOU WOULD FIND BOTH OF THEM MOST ENJOYABLE. HELEN'S PLANS WERE SO UNCERTAIN ABOUT HER VISITING GUATEMALA I DID NOT KNOW SHE WAS THERE UNTIL YESTERDAY, SO I WANTED YOU TO KNOW, INCASE SHE COMES TO ANTIGUA, AND SHE MENTIONS ME, IN CASE YOU MEET. I AM SURE YOU WOULD MORE THAN ENJOY KNOWING EITHER OR BOTH OF THEM.

DO TELL US ABOUT MARIAN, SALLY, HUGH, AND YOURSELF SOMETIME, YOU KNOW WE LOVE AND THINK OF YOU ALWAYS,

SINCERELY,

Miss Laurie

TOM JOINS ME
IN WARM REGARDS,

KAMI'S ADDRESS IN GUATEMALA CITY

MISS HELEN AMESTOV
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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR

24 DECEMBER 1970
SAN JOSE, C. R.

DEAR WILSON:

YOUR LETTER CAME LATE ON THE 22ND, AND WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT WE MAY SEE YOU AND ALICE HERE SOMEDAY BEFORE LONG. BOTH OF US APPRECIATED YOUR LETTER.

YESTERDAY I WENT TO SEE SALLY AND I WAS VERY FLATTERED THAT SHE RECOGNIZED ME AFTER TWENTY ONE YEARS, SHE SAYS OTHER THAN MY WHITE HAIR I LOOK THE SAME. (DIPLOMATIC!) WE HAD A LONG VISIT AND SHE BROUGHT ME UP TO DATE ON NANCY, MARIAN AND HUGH, WHOM SHE SAYS WILL COME TO COSTA RICA EARLY IN 1971. I LEFT OUR PHONE NUMBER.

AND FOR YOUR TRAVEL BOOK I GIVE IT TO YOU

TOM CAN BE REACHED AT POLYMER UNITED 22 83 88 AND HIS OFFICE IS JUST TWO BLOCKS NORTH OF THE TEMPLO DE MUSICA IN MORAZAN PARK, IN A SMALL APARTMENT, (PENDING THE COMPLETION OF THE NUMAR BLDG, IN 1971 WHERE ALL OF THE BRANCHES OF UNITED BRANDS WILL HAVE OFFICES.)

WE LIVE IN LA GRANJA, A PART OF SAN PEDRO, JUST FOUR BLOCKS EAST OF THE SAN PEDRO CHURCH, 50 VARAS SOUTH IN A NEW FOUR STOREY APARTMENT BLDG, CALLED LA GRANJA.

TELEPHONE 25 07 69.

LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU, AND WILL DO ALL WE CAN FOR OUR DEAR SALLY,

AFFECTIONATELY,

Alice Lauri

7 FEBRUARY 1971

SAN JOSE, C. R.

DEAR ALICE AND WILSON:

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY ON ST VALENTINES DAY !!

SALLY WAS HERE FR LUNCH ON FRIDAY THE 5TH, I WENT FOR HER EARLY IN THE MORNING AND WE STAYED OUT SO LONG THAT SHE MISSED HER DINNER, SO GAVE HER A BIG MAC FROM MAC DONALDS HAMBURGER STAND AND SOME HOME MADE BANANA BREAD AND CAKE TO TAKE BACK WITH HER. I LEFT HER AT LA MERCED CHURCH, X SINCE SHE SAID THERE WAS NO NEED FOR ME TO TAKE HER TO THE DOOR, AND SINCE SOON SHE WILL BE ON HER OWN, IN THE BIG CITY THOUGHT IT A GOOD IDEA.

HOPE TO GO TO SEE HER TOMORROW AFTERNOON AND HAVE HER GO SHOPPING WITH ME. HAVE
SEEN HER ONCE OR TWICE A WEEK SINCE YOU LEFT. WISH I HAD MORE TIME, BUT WITH VIOLET
STILL SICK AND ALL THE KP DUTY AND THREE MEALS A DAY, PLUS THE OTHER ODDS AND ENDS I
FIND HAVE FALLEN TO ME. TIME GETS AWAY FROM ME.

DORA BENNETT CALLED YESTERDAY AND SAID THAT SHE WAS GOING TO THE FARM TO RETURN ON THE FIFTEENTH AND AFTER THAT WILL HAVE SALLY AND ME COME TO TEA WITH HER AT THE TALA INN AND SHE WANTS SALLY TO FEEL FREE TO STOP IN ANYTIME. DORA WILL HAVE HER NEICE LIVING WITH HER THERE. (HER BROTHER HAS BEEN ILL AND SHE HAS BEEN VERY BUSY SINCE YOU LEFT.)

SALLY TALKS TO ME A LOT, AND SHE IS VERY GRATEFUL TO BOTH YOU AND ALICE FOR ALL YOU ARE DOING FOR HER, AND HAVE DONE FOR HER. HERNAN HAD NOT CONTACTED HER YET, FOR ENROLLMENT IN THE UNIVERSITY, SHE THOUGHT HE MIGHT HAVE CALLED AND SHE DID NOT GET THE MESSAGE, BUT HE IS ON VACATION AND COULD EASILY BE OUT OF TOWN, SO SHE SAID SHE WOULD WAIT ANOTHER WEEK, BEFORE CALLING HIM, TO ASK IF HE HAD COME BY OR CALLED AND SHE HAD NOT RECEIVED THE MESSAGE. HER LIFE IN THE HOSPITAL HAS BECOME HER HOME AND SOME OF THE PATIENTS HAVE QUITE A DEPENDENCY ON HER, AS WELL AS THE NURSES ARE SO FOND OF HER, SHE HAS QUITE A FULL LIFE THERE. HAVING EXPERIENCED THE LOST FEELING PATIENTS WHO HAVE SPENT LONG PERIODS OF HOSPITALIZATION HAVE (THOSE WITHOUT MENTAL PROBLEMS) EVEN THOUGH SALLY WILL BE WITH THE NUNS, WHO WILL PROVIDE SOMETHING IN THE WAY OF COMPANY FOR HER, I DO THINK SHE NEEDS SOMETHING MORE. DORA BENNET, SAID SHE WOULD PROPOSE HER NAME FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE WOMENS CLUB, IF YOU SO APPROVE, THIS CLUB IS ONE THAT OFFERS YOU AS MUCH OR AS LITTLE SOCIAL LIFE AS YOU WISH, (THE DUES THIRTY COLONES ANNUALLY.) DORA AND I THINK THAT SUCH A MEMBERSHIP WOULD PROVIDE SALLY WITH SOME WORTHWHILE CONTACTS, THEY MEET ONLY ONCE A MONTH, AND DIVIDE THEMSELVES INTO STUDY GROUPS, SOME BOOKS, ART, MUSIC, HANDICRAFTS, ETC. THE ANNUAL LUNCHEON IS ABOUT 12 COLONES, AND IS A BIG BLAST IN THE AFTERNOON AT THE COUNTRY CLUB. THEN THERE ARE RIPS TO SCENIC SPOTS ON BUSESSES (ALL OPTIONAL) FOR ABOUT 12 COLONES INCLUDING LUNCH. THESE HAPPEN ABOUT FOUR TIMES A YEAR, DORA WOULD BE GLAD TO SPONSOR SALLY. (I HAVE NOT JOINED BECAUSE WITH THE AUDUBON SOCIETY ORGANIZATION, THE GARDEN CLUB, WHICH I AM PLEDGED TO JOIN, AND ALL THE OTHER ODDS AND ENDS, LOVING FRIENDS THINK WOULD BE GOOD BUSY WORK FOR ME AND TRYING TO BE A HOUSEWIFE, I DO NOT HAVE THE TIME. BUT I DO ATTEND SOME OF THE FUNCTIONS AS THE GUEST OF FRIENDS, (I PAY MY OWN WAY.) THE MEMBERSHIP DOES NOT OBLIGATE ONE TO ATTEND ANY OR ALL OF THE FUNCTIONS. SALLY WILL FIND SHE HAS LOTS OF TIME ON HER HANDS AND THIS WILL NOT BE TOO GOOD FOR HER, BECAUSE AT THE HOSPITAL SHE VISITS WITH THE CONTESSA THE NURSES, AND THEY HAVE DANCES WEEKLY WHICH SHE ATTENDS (AT THE DOCTORS INSISTENCE) AND HAS FOUND PEOPLE SHE CAN TALK TO. THIS RUG WILL BE PULLED OUT FROM UNDER HER ON MARCH FIRST WHEN SHE MOVES, SHE DID NOT MENTION THIS, BUT THIS IS MY OWN IDEA, SINCE I HAVE EXPERIENCED THE LONELINESS PATIENTS HAVE WHEN THEY ARE RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL, AFTER EVEN SEVERAL MONTHS OF CONFINEMENT. NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT, BUT WE WANT TO PROVIDE HER WITH ALL THE HELP WE CAN, SHE WILL NEED IT, BECAUSE COMPOUNDING HER MENTAL STATE, MUST BE SOME REAL HEARTBREAK, WHICH SHE NEVER MENTIONS, THE LOSS OF HER FAMILY, AND THE REJECTION BY HER HUSBAND. THANK GOODNESS SHE HAS YOU BOTH, AND WE ARE ALL GOING TO TRY TO HELP HER OVER THESE ROUGH SPOTS. WISH I KNEW THE BEST WAY TO DO IT ????

ALICE I GAVE HER THE ROSARY WITH THE STORY OF THE BISHOP WHO LOST EVERYTHING AND FOUND EVERYTHING ALL OVER AGAIN. SO WILL KEEP ON TRYING.

IT WAS WONDERFUL TO SEE YOU, AND TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOURSELVES, SALLY TOLD ME ALICE HOW GRATEFUL SHE IS HER DAD HAS YOU, AND HOW BEAUTIFUL THE GARDENS ARE IN ANTIGUA

AFFECT IONATELY,

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY WILSON!!!!

DEAR ALICE AND WILSON:

TRUE TO MY PROMISE TO MYSELF TO WRITE TO YOU MONTHLY ABOUT SALLY, THE TRANSITION WAS MADE, AND SHE TOLD ME SHE GAVE YOU THE DETAILS, WE WERE OFF ON A THREE DAY FISHING TRIP TO QUEPOS AND COULD NOT BE OF ANY ASSISTANCE, REGRETFULLY.

I SUGGESTED TO SALLY THAT SHE CALL ME DAILY, AND IF SHE IS LONELY MORE FREQUENTLY BECAUSE I KNOW THE TRAUMA THAT FOLLOWS LONG HOSPITALIZATION, EVEN WHEN NO MENTAL PROBLEM IS PRESENT. SO SHE DOES AND WE VISIT AND SHE TELLS ME WHAT TROUBLES HER. SHE IS REALLY MORE THAN PLEASED WITH HER NEW HOME. AND PRAISES EVERYTHING ABOUT IT. THE SOLICITUDE AND THE LOVING INTEREST OF THE NUNS IS MORE THAN WE COULD HAVE ANTICIPATED, AND AM SURE IT WILL CONTINUE. I CANNOT THINK OF BETTER ENVIRONMENT FOR HER FOR THIS PERIOD IN HER CONVALESCENCE. I SPENT A FEW HOURS WITH HER THERE THIS WEEK AND WE VISITED THE DINING HALL, THE RECREATION ROOM, AND THE CHAPEL WITH THE SISTERS. DORA BENNETT HAD CALLED AND TOLD ME THAT THE ANNUAL LUNCHEON OF THE WOMENS CLUB WILL BE ON THE 10TH AND THAT SALLY AND I COULD GO WITH HER IF WE WISHED. I TOLD SALLY AND SHE VERY MUCH WANTS TO GO, SO WE WILL ALL GO TOGETHER WITH MATTY KELLEY AND SUE PITNEY (SALLY'S AGE, DAUGHTER OF JOHN TAYLOR FORMER POST MASTER IN CANAL ZONE.) I TOLD SALLY ABOUT MY FEELINGS FOR ~~not~~ JOINING THE CLUB, AND FOR HER NOT TO RUSH INTO MEMBERSHIP. I SHARE YOUR UNCERTAINTY ABOUT WHAT IS GOOD FOR HER, BUT DID NOT WANT HER TO MAKE FRIENDS FROM LONELINESS LIKE SOME YOU DESCRIBED SHE MADE IN ANTIGUA. I THOUGHT IT WILL ~~be~~ OFFER HER THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AND HAVE SOCIAL LIFE WITH WOMEN OF HER SOCIAL AND MENTAL STATUS. SOME OF THEIR STUDY GROUPS ARE WORTH WHILE.

SHE TELLS ME SHE HAS WRITTEN IN DETAIL ABOUT HER LIFE AT THE UNIVERSITY AND HOW VERY ATTENTIVE THE FONSECAS HAVE BEEN AS WELL AS ANN LAU.

HAVE ASSURED HER SHE MAY CALL ON US AT ANYTIME, DAY OR NIGHT THAT SHE FEELS SHE NEEDS US, AND THAT WE WILL DO ALL WE CAN TO HELP HER. AT THE PRESENT, YOU SHOULD HAVE A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY, KNOWING THAT SHE IS AS HAPPY AS CAN BE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES (SHE WANTS TO HEAR OF HER CHILDREN) BUT I TELL HER NOT TO WORRY, TO TAKE LIFE AS IT IS AND WE WILL MAKE THE MOST OF IT AND THANK GOD SHE HAS BOTH OF YOU WITH

YOUR LOVING AND WISE INTEREST,

PLEASE TAKE A BREATHER, AND ENJOY YOUR
RELEASE FROM ANXIETY ABOUT HER, ALL SEEMS
BETTER THAN I ANTICIPATED,

NED AND KATHLEEN SALISBURY ARE ARRIVING
FOR A VISIT WITH US ON THE 26TH, BOTH ARE
FINE BUT THE WEATHER IN LONG ISLAND IS SO COLD
THEY WANT A RESPITE, AS WELL AS A CHANCE TO
VISIT THEIR MANY FRIENDS IN THIS PART OF THE
WORLD.

ALL THE BEST,

AFFECTIONATELY,

Alice Lauri and Sam
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SAN JOSE, C. R.

DEAR ALICE AND WILSON:

YOUR LETTER OF 13 MAY WAS SO FULL OF APPREHENSION, AN ANSWER SHOULD GO TO YOU IMMEDIATELY. FIRST OF ALL, IT IS MY OBSERVATION THAT SALLY IS IN GOOD CONDITION, AND AT THIS TIME MOST CO-OPERATIVE. MY EXPERIENCE WITH ANYONE IN HER CONDITION IS NIL. BUT I AM MAKING AN EARNEST EFFORT TO COPE WITH HER ANXIETIES, HER MISGIVINGS AND ALL THE FEELINGS SHE EXPRESSES TO ME, AND IF THEY EVER BECOME ALARMING, YOU KNOW THAT I WILL CALL DR. RUCAVADA IMMEDIATELY. MY ONLY PROBLEM IS THAT I NEVER WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO MADRE ASUNCION ALONE, SO THINK IT A GOOD IDEA FOR YOU TO ALERT HER ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF SALLY REVERTING TO ALCOHOL. (I HAVE NEVER SEEN ANY INCLINATION IN THIS DIRECTION.) SHE TOLD ME THAT SHE HAD HAD AN ALCOHOLIC PROBLEM IN THE PAST, AND ON MY BIRTHDAY SHE SUGGESTED WE HAVE A DRINK, AND I BROUGHT OUT MY FAVORITE COCA COLA AND SHE LAUGHED, AND TOOK IT, (HAD SHE MEANT A HI BALL I IGNORED IT.) SHE DID MENTION THAT AT MILLIE EDGERTONS WHEN SHE WENT THERE ON SUNDAY THEY SERVED HI BALLS, I DID NOT INQUIRE IF SHE HAD ONE. YESTERDAY, AT THE WOMENS CLUB SHE HAD A COUPLE OF RUM COCKTAILS WITH THE OTHER LADIES AT OUR TABLE (I WAS IN THE KITCHEN HELPING TO SERVE THE FOOD) HOWEVER WE HAD COFFEE TOGETHER AND WE TOOK HER TO THE POST OFFICE AND SHE CAUGHT THE BUS FROM THERE, I CALLED HER TO SEE IF SHE ARRIVED SAFE AND SHE HAD, BUT THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF THESE AFFECTING HER IN AN ADVERSE WAY.

MILLE EDGERTON IS THE WIDOW OF OUR FORMER COMPANY PILOT AND SHE STUDIES ART WITH SALLY, PAUL HOLDEN (MILTON LAU'S STAND IN) LIVES IN ONE OF HER HOUSES NEAR HER, AND CAN IMAGINE FROM WHAT EVERYONE SAYS SHE IS A VERY FINE WOMAN.

MY TACK WITH SALLY IS THAT I OFFER HER THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO PLACES WITH ME, AND IF SHE WANTS TO GO, SHE CALLS AND TELLS ME, (THIS WILL OBTAIN THE ACCUSATION THAT I AM TRYING TO RUN HER LIFE.) THIS WAS TRUE ABOUT THE WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING, SHE SAID THE DOCTOR TOLD HER SHE SHOULD ENTER INTO SOME SOCIAL LIFE, AND WHEN SHE THOUGHT I WAS NOT GOING TO ATTEND SHE PLANNED TO GO WITH A FRIEND OF MINE CLARA MURPHY. I TRY TO SELECT THE PEOPLE FOR SALLY TO MEET THAT I KNOW ARE NOT INCLINED TO DRINK OR TO DO ANYTHING THAT MIGHT START ANY BAD HABITS.

I KNOW THAT YOU AND ALICE HAVE BEEN WORRIED, BRUISED AND HURT OVER SALLY'S CONDUCT IN THE PAST, AS WELL AS DISCOURAGED ABOUT HER PROGNOSIS GIVEN TO YOU BY ANYONE AS EXPERT AS DR. BOWMAN, BUT, THERE IS ALWAYS THE POSSIBILITY OF THE MIRACLE.

ALICE YOU REMEMBER I ASKED YOU IF I COULD GIVE SALLY THAT ROSARY THE SPANISH BISHOP GAVE ME WITH THE STORY CONNECTED WITH IT, HOW THE WHOLE BOTTOM DROPPED OUT OF HIS WORLD (CHURCH, BLEW DOWN IN A FREAK STORM, WHEN HE WAS IN ROME) BUT HE LIVED TO SEE A FINE ONE RISE IN ITS PLACE, AFTER I GAVE HER THE ROSARY I NEVER MENTIONED RELIGION, UNTIL SHE CALLED ME AND ASKED ME IF TOM AND I WOULD BE HER GODPARENTS (THE WEEK BEFORE EASTER) ALL THE INSTRUCTIONS ETC, HAD BEEN ENTIRELY ON HER OWN. I THEN GAVE HER A LITTLE BOOK OF RELIGIOUS THOUGHTS. SHE WAS A LITTLE OVERPOWERED DURING HOLY WEEK WITH THE CHURCH GOING AND THE RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION, AND I ADVISED HER TO MODERATE IT A LITTLE, AND NOT HAVE SUCH A CONCENTRATION WHICH SHE SAYS SHE DID, SHE EVEN CUT OUT ONE RELIGION CLASS, BUT SO FAR AS I KNOW SHE ATTENDS MASS AND RECEIVES THE SACRAMENTS, AND DOES THESE THINGS IN MODERATION.

SHE DOES SEEM TO BE STICKING WITH THE ART, AND LIKES IT, GAVE MADRE ASUNCION A PICTURE SHE PAINTED OF SOME FLOWERS.

MADRE ASUNCION GAVE HER THE GUITAR (I REMEMBERED YOUR FEELINGS ABOUT IT) AND MADRE SHE TELLS ME ~~SHE~~ HAS THE TAPE RECORDER TO MAKE THE TAPE SHE ONCE PROPOSED TO MAKE FOR HER CHILDREN, NO MORE ABOUT THIS LATELY. I TRY TO PERSUADE HER TO LET THE INITIATIVE OF CONTACT COME FROM THEM, BUT ANY MOTHER WOULD EXPECT TO HEAR FROM HER CHILDREN, SHE SENT SOME GIFTS TO BE MAILED BY ANN LAU AND IS FRETTING A BIT ABOUT THEIR LACK OF THANKING HER, I TELL HER MANY OF OUR GIFTS TO OUR NEICES GO UNACKNOWLEDGED AND ONE WISE OLD RELATIVE TELLS ME THAT "GOOD MANNERS SEEM TO BE OUT OF FASHION".

DR. MUNOZ AND HIS WIFE HAVE TAKEN SALLY ON A COUPLE OF OUTINGS, SINCE HIS VISIT TO GUATEMALA, HOPE HE SENDS YOU THE BREAKDOWN THEN WE CAN HAVE SOMETHING TO COMPARE IT TO. IF HE DOES LET ME KNOW AND WILL TRY TO GET SOME INFORMATION FROM MATTY KELLEY ON THIS DR. KRIEBEL'S COSTS.

IN THE MEANTIME, WHY NOT TAKE A BREATHER FROM WORRY ABOUT HER, I AM DOING MY LEVEL BEST TO WATCH OVER HER, AND WILL ALERT YOU OF ANY CHANGE FOR THE WORSE, LETS PRAY THERE NEVER WILL BE ANY, INSPIRE OF PROFESSIONAL OPINIONS. YOU DESERVE A BREAK, AND IF IT TAKES A

MIRACLE, MAYBE IT WILL COME.

LOVE,

Alice Lau

3 JUNE 1971
SAN JOSE, C. R.

DEAR ALICE AND WILSON:

SALLY WAS REALLY HAPPY YESTERDAY, WITH THE LONG LONG LETTER SHE RECEIVED FROM YOU, AND CALLED AND TALKED TO ME A LONG TIME. I FORGOT TO MENTION IN THE LAST LETTER SHE CAME FOR LUNCH ONE DAY AFTER CLASSES AND BROUGHT SOME OF HER DRAWINGS, I THINK THEY ARE EXCELLENT, AND SHE SEEMS TO RETAIN HER INTEREST AND ENTHUSIASM FOR HER ART, AND KEEPS AT IT. THE LAST TIME SHE WAS HERE, I THINK SHE SEEMED THE BEST I HAVE EVER SEEN HER (MAY 28)

I AM SURE SHE TELLS YOU OF HER ACTIVITIES SO WILL NOT REPEAT ABOUT THEM, WE WILL LEAVE ON VACATION TO THE STATES ON JUNE 8, TOM NEEDS TO GO TO NEW ORLEANS FOR POLYMER (TWO DAYS) THEN WE WILL GO TO OHIO FOR TWO WEEKS, BACK TO DALLAS, AND THEN HERE ARRIVING ON JULY 5.

MY FIRST THOUGHT WAS TO CALL OR GO BY AND SEE DR. RUCAVADA AND TELL, HIM WE WERE LEAVING, THEN, CONSIDERING IT, SALLY SO RESENTS SURVEILLANCE, HE MIGHT TELL HER OF MY CALL, AND SHE WOULD BE OFFENDED. AT THIS TIME, HER BIGGEST ADVANCE IN HER MIND IS MAKING HER OWN DECISIONS, AND KEEPING ON AN EVEN REEL. REPEATING, I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT PSYCHIATRY, BUT IF YOU WERE TO SEE HER AND BE AROUND HER, SHE SEEMS AS NORMAL AS YOU OR I AND HAS IDEAS, FOR INSTANCE ABOUT MOVING INTO AN APARTMENT, SO SHE CAN ENTERTAIN, WHEN I POINTED OUT TO HER THE WORK IT ENTIALS, FROM WASHING WINDOWS TO CLEANING AND ORDERING FOOD ETC, SHE CAME AROUND TO AGREEING THAT LIFE AT LLORENTE IS MUCH MUCH SIMPLER, AND SHE IS ABLE TO DEVOTE HER TIME TO HER ART, AND THE THINGS SHE WANTS TO DO. SHE SPENT THE NIGHT WITH A FRIEND WHO TOOK HER TO THE NATIONAL THEATER, AND REALIZED FROM THE CHORES IN HER SMALL APARTMENT THAT THIS CAN NOT ONLY BE WORK, BUT LONELY AT TIMES. (MARGARET NIKEL WAS THE FRIEND, SHE KNOWS YOU, BUT I HAVE NEVER MET HER.)

I WILL GIVE YOU OUR ADDRESSES IN THE STATES, DOUBT IF YOU WILL WANT THEM BUT YOU MIGHT, SALLY SAYS YOU ARE GOING TO FLORIDA THE END OF THE MONTH, WE WILL GO AND COME THROUGH MIAMI.

THE NACION CARRIED A PICTURE OF YOUR HOUSE THIS MORNING, AND A FULL PAGE ABOUT YOU MR. WILLIAM POPENOE, AM SURE SALLY WILL SEND IT TO YOU, ENCLOSED IS A CLIPPING FROM MIAMI HERALD THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST.

SALLY RECEIVED HER GUITAR, (SHE TAKES LESSONS WITH THE NUNS ON SAT, MORNINGS) NO MORE ABOUT MAKING RECORDINGS FOR HER CHILDREN.

SHE REFUSED TO GIVE ENGLISH LESSONS TO THE POSTULANTS (25 OR MORE) AND I QUITE AGREE WITH HER, THAT WOULD BE A FULL TIME JOB, AND KNOW YOU WANT HER TO TAKE IT EASY THIS YEAR, UNTIL SHE IS ENTIRELY WELL. SHE DOES TEACH ENGLISH A FEW HOURS A WEEK TO THE CHAPLAIN OF THE CONVENT.

WE HAD A LETTER FROM THE LUTZ JAFFES IN HAMBURG, AND THEY SEND WARM GREETINGS TO YOU, TOLD THEM OF YOUR VISIT EARLY IN THE YEAR.

I FEEL LIKE I AM ON A PERMANENT VACATION, BUT TOM NEEDS ONE, THEY NO DOUBT WILL MOVE INTO THE NEW NUMAR BUILDING IN OUR ABSENCE, QUITE A PLACE, YOU WILL APPRECIATE SEEING IT.

SALLY SAYS ANN LAU AND HER DAUGHTER ARE DUE TO RETURN HERE THE FIFTEENTH, IN THE TWO WEEK INTERVAL WILL TRY TO MOBILIZE SOME OF OUR MUTUAL FRIENDS TO TAKE SALLY OUT AND CHAT WITH HER.

HOPE ALL IS WELL WITH YOU,

AFFECTIONAGELY,

Alice Laurie

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YOUR LETTER CAME WHILE THIS WAS WAITING FOR MAILING.

FRANKLY I WAS MORE THAN GLAD TO HAVE IT, DEALING WITH THIS EXTREMELY DELICATE MATTER I WORRY FOR FEAR ~~AT~~^I SAY THE WRONG THING AND MIGHT OFFEND SOMEONE. YOU BOTH HAVE BEEN SO BATTERED EMOTIONALLY ABOUT SALLY AND ALL THE UNBELIEVABLE THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED, AND I TOO SUFFER THINKING OF IT, AND FINDING HER IN CHAPUI, THE ONLY WAY I COULD DERIVE ANY COMFORT WAS THAT SHE WAS "SAFE" THERE, FROM THE HURTS AND INJURIES THAT HAD COME HER WAY ON THE "OUTSIDE", BUT I NEVER PASSED THERE IN THE CAR, THAT I DID NOT PRAY THAT SHE WOULD RECOVER AND MAKE A PERMANENT ADJUSTMENT TO LIFE OUTSIDE. AND STILL, EVERY TIME WE PASS THE PLACE, I ASK GOD TO PLEASE KEEP HER WELL.

KIND FRIENDS, THAT HAVE MET SALLY HERE AND AT THE WOMEN'S CLUB WILL CALL HER AND INVITE HER DURING OUR ABSENCE, SO GO TO FLORIDA AND TEGUC, WITH THE FAITH THAT YOU ARE DOING ALL YOU CAN DO, AND TRUST, AND TRUST THAT ALL WILL BE WELL. WE ALWAYS HAVE THE GOOD NUNS, WHO WILL BE EVER WATCHFUL OVER HER,

GOD BLESS YOU BOTH AND MAY YOU NOT HAVE ANY

MORE ANXIETIES IN HER REGARD,

LOVE,

Alice Lousi

SAN JOSE, C. R.
13 August 1971

DEAR ALICE AND WILSON:

YESTERDAY I SPENT MOST OF THE DAY WITH SALLY AT LLORENTE, AND HAD LUNCH WITH HER, IT HAS BEEN SOMETHING I HAVE WANTED TO DO FOR A LONG LONG TIME, SHE SEEMED SO CONTENT, AND WE EVALUATE HER LIFE THERE AS COMPARED TO THE RESPONSIBILITY OF KEEPING UP AN APARTMENT, AND BOTH OF US FEEL SHE IS VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE SO MUCH LEISURE TIME TO DEVOTE TO HER ART, WRITING AND MUSIC. WHILE I WAS THERE THE SISTERS ASKED HER TO COME AND SPEAK WITH A NEW WOMAN WHO IS TAKING UP RESIDENCE THERE, SALLY CAME BACK AND SAID SHE WAS A VERY INTERESTING PERSON, SPEAKS BOTH ENGLISH AND SPANISH AND TAUGHT IN THE LINCOLN SCHOOL AND FEELS SHE WILL BE AN ASSET TO THE PLACE. NOTED THAT SALLY HAS ADDED A FEW POUNDS, BUT WITH THE CHOW THEY OFFER THERE, CAN UNDERSTAND WHY, EVERY TIME I SEE THAT PLACE, I THINK IT WAS MADE TO ORDER FOR SALLY.

THE DUNNS HAVE BEEN A LITTLE OCCUPADO. WE LEFT ON VACATION THE FIRST WEEK IN JUNE, NEW ORLEANS THREE DAYS, OHIO TWO WEEKS, DALLAS TEN DAYS, AND RETURNED TO C R WITH NEICE AGE 16, NEPEHEW AGE 10 AND COUSIN AGE 10, THE FIRST MENTIONED HAD BEEN TO PANAMA SEVERAL TIMES, BUT THE OHIO COUSIN, NO, SO WE REALLY COVERED THE COUNTRY SHOWING THEM C. R. DURING THE TIME TOM WAS AT THE OFFICE WE BUSSED HERE AND THERE, AND WHAT WITH THE PREPARATION AND SHOPPING FOR THE EXTRA CHOW, ETC, WHEN THEY LEFT ON AUG. 3, I WAS A BIT SPENT, ALTHOUGH WE BOTH HAD ENJOYED EVERY MINUTE OF THEIR VISIT. SALLY MET THEM AND SPENT THE DAY WITH US, AND SHE WAS READY TO GO BACK TO THE TRANQUILITY OF LLORENTE, ALTHOUGH SHE DID ENJOY THEM AND THEY REALLY LOVED HER, ~~CH~~ THE TEN YEAR OLD THOUGHT SHE WAS ABOUT THE NICEST PERSON HE HAD MET.

THE AUDUBON SOCIETY WAS FROTHING AFTER OUR RETURN, AND WONDER HOW I EVER WAS AS THEY ^{WAS} ~~CON~~ INTO INVOLVEMENT IN THAT. MY INTEREST IN BIRDS IS SINCERE, AND SOME OF THE HAPPIEST TIMES TOM AND I HAVE HAD WERE WITH BEA AND ALEX WETMORE, THE A S IS ANOTHER ~~KEE~~ THING. WARRING FACTIONS, PRESTIGE HUNGRY, AND BORED FEMALES LOOKING FOR AN OUTING, UNTIL I WISH I HAD NEVER HEARD OF THE OUTFIT. THE CARRS SONS TOM AND DAVID WERE IN TORTUGERA AND PLAYED HOSTS TO A GROUP THAT WENT DOWN THERE FOR A WEEK END (WHAT CONNECTION WITH BIRDS ???) BILL CRUZ ~~ARRANGED~~ FOR THEM TO GO. SALLY HAD TOM ~~ME~~ IN STITCHES TELLING ABOUT MARGIE MOUNTING THE PODIUM IN FAVOR OF THE CHEAP HAIRCUTS FOR THE KINKY WOOLS. I GUESS PEOPLE DO NOT CHANGE. SO I GAVE SALLY SOME OF THE STORIES WE HAVE CARRIED FROM ZAMORANO ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CARRS SOME YEAR S AGO. TOM AND I WERE A BIT TOO ~~SQUAW~~ SQUARE FOR THEM THEN AND STILL ARE, FROM ALL REPORTS. THEY WERE OFF ON ANOTHER TACK IN THOSE DAYS, ~~BUXXXIUM~~ AND REMEMBER ARCHIE TELLING US WE OUGHT TO GET ON THE WAGON AND RIDE, INSTEAD OF BEING SO SERIOUS.

THE DAY WE SAW OUR GUESTS OFF, WAS THE DAY SALLY WAS AT THE AIRPORT TO MEET HUGH, SO IT WAS OUR REAL PLEASURE TO SEE HIM, OUR FIRST GLIMPSE SINCE WE LEFT ZAMORANO. HE REALLY LOOKS MUCH THE SAME, AND I WAS SO PLEASED TO NOTE, HE HAS SO LITTLE CRIPPLING EFFECTS FROM HIS OPERATIONS AND ACCIDENTS, MAYBE HE SUFFERS, BUT HE LOOKED SURPRISINGLY WELL, AND FIT. WISH WE HAD HAD TIME TO HAVE THEM TO DINNER BUT HE WAS WHISKED OFF AND SALLY SAID SHE ONLY HAD A TELEPHONE CALL, LATER IN THE DAY. DO ENCOURAGE HIM WHEN YOU WRITE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH US WHEN HE COMES AGAIN, AND WE WILL HAVE BOTH OF THEM HERE FOR A MEAL AND VISIT, IF YOU THINK HE WOULD ENJOY IT.

CHANGES AT POLYMER, THEY MOVED INTO THE NEW NUMAR BLDG, WHEN TOM WAS ON VACATION, HAVE THE ENTIRE EIGHTH FLOOR. SOME OF THE NEW MEN ARE ACCUSTOMED TO WORKING ONLY FIVE DAYS A WEEK SO HAD BEEN KICKING, SO THE PRES. CAME UP WITH THE FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENT 7:30 AM 12 HALF HOUR FOR LUNCH 12:30 TO 5PM AND NO WORK SAT. OR SUN. SO TOMAS AFTER ALL OF THESE YEARS GOES WITH HIS LITTLE LUNCH PAIL AND EATS ON HIS DESK, SINCE HE IS NOT A SANDWICH MAN, IT HAS BEEN QUITE A CHALLENGE FOR ME TO HAVE A HOT MEAL FOR HIM, SINCE HE ALSO DOES NOT LIKE HIS BIG MEAL AT NIGHT. WE HAVE MANAGED, BUT THE OTHER WIVES ARE RAISING CAIN. IT IS NICE TO HAVE HIM HOME BEFORE DARK, AND TO HAVE TWO WHOLE DAYS FREE.

WILY HUG AND LIGIA AND LIMEY LITTLETONS WIDOW TAKE OFF FOR ENGLAND NEXT WEEK THEN WILY AND LIGIA WILL GO TO SWITZERLAND, THEN SAN DIEGO TO SEE SPIKE GILMORE AND SAN FRANCISCO, HOPING TO SEE G. D. MUNCH, THEN HOME AFTER A COUPLE OF MONTHS, TO TRAIN THEIR NEW ARABIAN STEEDS. WILY LOOKS FINE.

AND I AM THE COOK, SO SO LONG FOR NOW, AFFECTIONATELY, *Alice Laurie and Tom*

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY ON THE FOURTEENTH!

4 Feb 1972
SAN JOSE, C. R.

DEAR ALICE AND WILSON:

TWO LETTERS FROM YOU (JAN 3 AND 21) IT WAS MY INTENTION TO ANSWER LONG ERE THIS, BUT MUCH HAS HAPPENED.

WE MADE A QUICK TRIP TO DALLAS JAN 12-17TH, TOM'S MOTHER DIED ON THE 12TH AND WE GOT THE WORD AT NOON AND WERE ON PAN AM AT 3PM SAME DAY, BEAUTIFUL FLIGHT STOPPING AT MANAGUA, SAN SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, MEXICO CITY, HOUSTON, ARRIVING AT 2:30 AM A FEW HOURS IN THE AIRPORT HOTEL THEN ON TO DALLAS. WE CAME BACK THE SAME ROUTE, WE HAD A CLEAR NIGHT, AND THE LIGHTS OF THE CITIES WERE BEAUTIFUL. BELIEVE ME WHEN WE FLEW OVER YOUR GUATEMALA, YOU WERE IN OUR PRAYERS, SO GLAD THAT THE OPERATION IS BEHIND YOU AND THAT ALL WENT WELL.

SALLY CAME HERE WEDNESDAY FOR LUNCH, SHE LOOKED PARTICULARLY WELL, AND MADRE ASUNCION HAS ARRANGED FOR HER CONFIRMATION ON SATURDAY AT 5PM AND ASKED TOM AND ME TO BE PRESENT AT THE CATHEDRAL. THOSE GOOD NUNS ARE WONDERFUL, THEIR LOVE AND UNDERSTANDING AND KINDNESS AND AS MUCH VIGILANCE AS THEY CAN MANAGE FOR HER IS AN ANSWER TO ALL OF OUR PRAYERS AND HOPES. I THINK SHE HAD GONE TO GUATEMALA, AFTER SHE HAD DEMONSTRATED TO YOU HOW MUCH IMPROVED SHE IS, THAT SHE ~~WOULD~~ WOULD BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO RETURN TO HER HEAVEN HERE. SALLY HAD ANXIOUS DAYS, WHEN SHE DID NOT HEAR FROM YOU AND WAS SO WORRIED ABOUT YOU, THE FACT THAT SHE WEATHERED THIS ACUTE AND KEEN DISAPPOINTMENT SO WELL, TO ME AND TO HERNAN FONSECA (TO WHOM I SPOKE AT CHURCH THE OTHER DAY) IS A REAL TEST OF HER IMPROVED MENTAL HEALTH. LET'S HOPE IT CONTINUES.

SINCE DORA BENNETT RETURNED FROM PUNTARENAS, FEB 1 SHE HAS BEEN QUITE ILL AND HAS BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL FOR TESTS, DORA IS NOT AT ALL WELL, BELIEVE SHE PLANS A TRIP TO VISIT HER SISTER IN LOS ANGELES IN MAY. BLESS HER! SHE IS SO THOUGHTFUL AND GOOD.

ANN LAU IS IN MILWAUKEE, SALLY THINKS SHE WILL SHOW UP HERE FOR MILTON'S BIRTHDAY ON THE 14TH OF FEB. I REALLY MISS HER, WE TALK ONCE IN A WHILE ABOUT SALLY AND WHAT WE CAN DO FOR HER THAT IS REALLY CONSTRUCTIVE AND HELPFUL. THOSE LAUS ARE REALLY FINE PEOPLE, AND THE INTEREST IN SALLY, IS SO GREAT AND CONTINUED AND SO GENEROUS, YOU WILL NEVER KNOW, HOW REALLY MUCH THEY CARE AND TRY TO HELP HER IN EVERY WAY.

THANK YOU FOR THE CLIPPING ABOUT CHIQUITA, TOM IS WORKED TO THE BONE WITH THE CHANGES IN THE DUTIES IN HONDURAS ON RAW MATERIELS. THE CHANGES FROM ONE TYPE OF PACKAGING TO ANOTHER AND STOPPING SHIPMENTS ENROUTE FROM GERMANY, JAPAN ETC. AND ONLY ONE TO DO IT ALL!! HOWEVER HE IS WELL, A GALL BLADDER OPERATION PENDING, AS SOON AS HE HAS TIME, INDICATED BECAUSE HE HAS GALL STONES AND KEEPS TO A STRICT DIET, WITH NO NOTICEABLE WEIGHT LOSS. WHO WANTS TO HAVE ELECTIVE SURGERY???

SALLY SEEMS TO BE HAPPY WITH HER PLANS TO STUDY UNDER ALVARADO, AND HER OTHER PROJECTS ONE, TEACHING ART APPRECIATION TO CHILDREN, TELLS ME SHE HAS WRITTEN TO BETTY FOR MATERIEL. AS YOU KNOW, I DEPEND ON YOU FOR GUIDANCE IN HOW TO TREAT HER, AND TRY TO FOLLOW YOUR GUIDELINES. I ONLY TALK TO DR. RUCAVADA, WHEN HE CALLED ME SUGGESTING THE TRIP TO GUATEMALA AS URGENT, THEN WHEN IT FIZZLED OUT, AND DORA OFFERED PUNTARENAS, I CALLED HIM TO ENCOURAGE SALLY TO GO, IF HE THOUGHT IT WAS INDICATED, HE THOUGHT IT A GOOD IDEA. DO HOPE THAT ALL FURTHER SUGGESTIONS COME FROM HIM, BECAUSE I DO NOT FEEL QUALIFIED TO BE GIVING ADVICE AND RESENT BEING THE GO BETWEEN, SINCE THERE IS REASON IT MIGHT GIVE RISE TO MISUNDERSTANDINGS BETWEEN US, AND WE BOTH VALUE YOUR FRIENDSHIP TOO HIGHLY TO RUN ANY RISKS OF ANYTHING HAPPENING AT THIS LATE DATE, THAT WOULD MAKE YOU FEEL I INTERFERED OR TRIED TO 'MANAGE THINGS', YOU KNOW ME WELL ENOUGH TO KNOW, I WOULD NOT WANT TO BE GUILTY OF THIS. I JUST WANT TO BE HELPFUL AS I CAN.

TOM WILL MISS HIS MOTHER VERY MUCH, HAD WRITTEN TO HER FREQUENTLY ALL OF THESE THIRTY SOME YEARS WE HAVE BEEN MARRIED, AND BELIEVE THEIR RELATIONSHIP WAS UNUSUALLY CLOSE. HE IS SUCH A KIND THOUGHTFUL PERSON, HER NINETEEN GRANDCHILDREN WERE PRESENT FOR THE FUNERAL. FOUR CHILDREN, THEIR WIVES AND HUSBANDS, AND A FINE GROUP, DENTISTS, COLLEGE PROFESSORS, BUSINESSMEN, SCIENTISTS, STUDENTS, NOT A HIPPIE IN THE LOT, AGE RANGE FROM 6 TO 31!! SHE MUST HAVE BEEN PROUD, SHE HAD BEEN A WIDOW FOR THIRTY YEARS. (CAUSE OF DEATH WAS NOT CANCER, BUT A SUCCESSION OF STROKES AND HEART FAILURE.) SHE WAS CARED FOR IN HER HOME BY NURSES UNTIL DEC. 5TH WHEN THE NURSING SITUATION BECAME SUCH WE HAD TO MOVE HER TO QUITE A FINE CATER, AND WHAT WE DREADED TURNED OUT TO BE GOOD, BECAUSE SHE SAW SO MANY OF HER CONTEMPORARIES THERE SHE HAD NOT SEEN IN YEARS, SHE WAS QUITE CONTENT.

DO KEEP WELL, AND WE SEND OUR AFFECTIONATE GREETINGS FOR YOUR SPEEDY AND COMPLETE RECOVERY.

Alice Lau

*found a pair of pants on of Sally's paintings
he would try to get more of the same production*

Dear Nelson:

Yesterday we saw Sally - she looked
good - (had her hair cut and a permanent)
and we had a visit - Tom and I took
a gift of a silver plated 14" x 18" plaque
of the Last Supper (made in Spain)
for the Hacienda. Madre Amador
is not well - indeed a frail person
I had a long talk with her last
week met her in the house and
really her love, interest and dev-
otion to Sally is admirable as
well as a great comfort to her -
Sally tells me she has her niece

Happy Birthday
and

Many many more -

am sure she will write you about
this - so don't mention it since she
likes to take care of her own affairs.

Nora Bennett is moving to
the Hacienda - so much nicer
than the Tala Inn -

Both Madre and I are happy
Sally seems to be able to handle
situations as they arise and we
help her all we can - but try to
leave decisions to her to build her
confidence - Sally is so happy

that Nancy plans to visit her in
June - this will help her more
than all of our efforts since she
so much needs family recognition
of her progress -

We've had visitors in our apartment
for two weeks so many things to
catch up - but wanted you to
know we are still on the vigilante
committee and to send you our
warm greetings on your day -

Affectionately,
Alice Lavin and Sam



Holmes

22 APRIL 1972
SAN JOSE, C. R.

DEAR ALICE AND WILSON:

MY BIRTHDAY WAS A VERY SPECIAL DAY THIS YEAR, MADE SO BY THE UNTIRING EFFORTS OF SALLY, SHE PRESENTED ME WITH A BEAUTIFUL PAINTING OF THE CALIFORNIA COAST, 19 x 25 INCHES, AND FRAMED IN A PLAIN BLACK FRAME, THAT SETS IT OFF BEAUTIFULLY. I AM NOT QUALIFIED TO APPRAISE HER WORK, BUT HELEN ALWAYS TOLD ME IF I LIKED IT THAT WAS THE IMPORTANT THING. SALLY HAS A STYLE THAT MARKS HER WORK, IT IS A GENTLENESS AND ETHERIAL QUALITY THAT EMANATES PEACE, I HUNG IT NEAR MY BED, FIND IT RESTFUL TO LIE AND LOOK AT IT. SHE INVITED ANN LAU AND MARGARET NICKLE TO LUNCH AT THE NEW RESTAURANT, HERE THE VAN GOGH, (TOM AND I FIND THAT ALL ARE THE SAME PRICE, GOOD AND BAD, AND IF YOU OMIT THE POOR DRINKS THEY SERVE, THE COST IS THE SAME WHEREVER YOU EAT.) BUT THE SURROUNDINGS IN THIS NEW PLACE ARE REALLY EXCEPTIONAL FOR SAN JOSE, AND WE ALL HAD A VERY HAPPY TIME. THE INTEREST THAT BOTH MARGARET AND ANN TAKE IN SALLY IS REMARKABLE, JUST AS IF SHE WERE THEIR OWN DAUGHTER. MARGARET WANTED SALLY TO GO ON A SHORT TRIP OVER THE LABOR DAY WEEK END WITH HER, BUT SALLY THOUGHT SHE WAS SPENDING TOO MUCH MONEY, (ANN AND I URGED HER TO GO AND TOLD HER WE WOULD TAKE THE BLAME, BUT THAT YOU HAD TOLD US YOU WANTED HER TO GO AROUND THE COUNTRY TO AVOID ENNUI.) TO GO ALONE IS NOT POSSIBLE AND MARGARET IS NOT EXTRAVAGANT, AND IS GOOD COMPANY, SO TOOK THE LIBERTY TO DO THIS. ALSO MARGARET IS WILLING TO TAKE HER TO INTERESTING PRODUCTIONS AT THE NATIONAL THEATER, BUT WE WONDER AT HER ALWAYS BUYING THE TICKETS, WOULD YOU ADVISE SALLY ON THIS ?? IT IS GOOD THERAPY FOR HER TO BE IN THE COMPANY OF MARGARET AND HER FRIENDS AND MARGARET IS SINGLE AND FREE TO GO AND COME AS SHE WISHES.

DORA BENNETT IS COMPLETELY DISCOURAGED WITH HER LIFE IN THE NOVICIADA AFTER A FEW MONTHS, SHE SAID IT IS BEING LIKE BURIED ALIVE, AND FOR THE FEW YEARS SHE HAS LEFT SHE WANTS TO GET OUT OF THAT ENVIRONMENT AND EVEN BACK TO THE CONFUSION AND NOISE OF THE TALA INN. LLORENTE IS SILTING UP WITH THE ELDERLY AND THE INFIRM, AND THE CONVERSATIONAL TOPICS ARE THE AILMENTS AND THE LONELINESS OF THE INFIRM AND FORGOTTEN. SALLY SAYS IT SOMETIMES GETS TOO MUCH FOR HER, AND SHE WONDERS WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS FOR HER. IF DORA CANNOT TAKE MORE THAN TWO MONTHS, IT GIVES YOU AN INDEX TO SALLY'S MENTAL HEALTH TO KNOW THAT SHE 'TAKES' IT FOR ALL OF THIS TIME. SHE APPRECIATES THE SECURITY, THE QUIET, AND THE CLEANLINESS, AND THE KIND AND LOVING INTEREST OF THE NUNS (DORA CANNOT EVEN APPRECIATE THIS IN HER COMPLETE ENNUI) SO WOULD SAY THAT SALLY SCORES A BIT HIGHER THAN DORA, AND AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW MADRE ASUNCION HAS GONE TO PUNTARENAS (PERMANENT TRANSFER) AND HAS BEEN REPLACED DO NOT KNOW HER REPLACEMENT. KNOW THAT SHE WILL BE KIND AND GOOD, BUT MADRE ASUNCION IS SPECIAL. SALLY IS NO DOUBT 'OUTGROWING' THE NOVICIADA AND WANTED YOU TO KNOW, AND REALLY FEEL IT IS ENTIRELY NORMAL, HER REACTIONS.

WHEN SHE CAME TO LUNCH WITH ANN, DOROTHY LANKASTER (CARLOS DAUGHTER) AT OUR HOUSE ON HER BIRTHDAY, SHE LOOKED SO PRETTY WE URGED HER TO HAVE A PHOTO TAKEN FOR YOU, SHE SAID YOU DID NOT APPROVE OF PHOTOS BUT WE INSISTED, AND HOPE SHE OVERCOMES HER FEAR OF DISAPPOINTING YOU AND SENDS YOU ONE SO YOU CAN SEE THE NEW SALLY. I TOLD HER WE HOPED AND PRAYED IT WOULD START THE GLORIOUS FORTIES FOR HER, AND THIS IS A SINCERE WISH FOR WHICH I PRAY DAILY. I HAVE LEARNED TO LOVE SALLY VERY VERY MUCH, AND SHE APPRECIATES THE LOVE AND APPRECIATION AND THOUGHTFULNESS OF YOU AND ALICE --- DO WISH THERE WAS SOME COMMUNICATION BETWEEN HER AND HER SISTER AND BROTHER, SHE WONDERS WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN, YOU ARE NO LONGER ABLE TO TAKE AN INTEREST IN HER, AND OF COURSE YOU KNOW THAT ANN AND I ARE NOT PERMANENT FIXTURES IN COSTA RICA.

SALLY TELLS US YOU HAVE BEEN AT THE SCHOOL AND ARE TRAVELING AROUND HONDURAS AND WELL, YOU KNOW HOW GLAD WE ARE, THANK YOU FOR FINANCING MY BIRTHDAY PARTY AND LET US HEAR FROM YOU,

WE LEAVE FOR THE STATES ON VACATION MAY 13TH FOR A MONTH IN OHIO, AND TEXAS WITH A STOP IN ROGERS ARK, WHERE LOUIS WILLIAMS BOUGHT SOME PROPERTY (HE OFFERED TO SHOW US THE PLACE) WITH A VIEW TO PURCHASING A RETIREMENT SITE,

AFFECTIONATELY,

Elise Lanni

20 JUNE 1972

SAN JOSE, C.R.

DEAR ALICE AND WILSON:

WE ARRIVED IN SAN JOSE ON THE ELEVENTH AFTER AN ABSENCE OF A MONTH IN THE STATES. WE WERE GRIEVED TO LEARN OF WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO SALLY. SHORTLY BEFORE OUR DEPARTURE WHEN SHE TALKED TO ME, SHE WAS REJECTING ME, AND I TOLD ANN LAU TO TELL YOU OF MY CONCERN FOR HER SINCE SHE PLANNED TO WRITE TO YOU AT THE TIME. IT IS NOT EASY TO BELIEVE THE SALLY THAT I KNEW OVER THE PAST YEAR, WAS BEHAVING AS SHE DID, BUT THEN YOU TOLD ME TO EXPECT THIS, AND THAT EVEN THOUGH SHE WAS SEEMINGLY NORMAL, NEVER TO FORGET SHE WAS NOT.

BEFORE THE TRIP TO PUNTARENAS WITH DORA, I EXPLAINED TO DORA THAT SALLY WAS NOT TO HAVE ANY ALCOHOL, UNFORTUNATELY I BELIEVE THAT MRS. BENNETT HAD A CEREBRAL ACCIDENT IN PUNTARENAS, SINCE ON HER RETURN, HER MEMORY FAILED HER SO FREQUENTLY AND I NOTED A GREAT CHANGE IN HER. DORA WAS NEVER AN ACQUAINTANCE OF MINE PRIOR TO COMING TO SAN JOSE, AND OUR SOCIAL CONTACTS WERE LIMITED TO ATTENDING THE WOMENS CLUB TOGETHER AND THE AUDUGOON SOCIETY AND AN OCCASIONAL FOURSOME OF BRIDGE. AT THESE MEETINGS, NONE OF US HAD DRINKS, SO I WAS UNPREPARED FOR THE REPORT ANN LAU GAVE ME. IT SEEMED TO ME SUCH A NATURAL THING FOR DORA, WHO HAD SIMILAR SOCIAL BACKGROUND AND KNEW SALLY'S MOTHER AND A WOMAN WHO HAD LOST HER ONLY DAUGHTER SALLY'S AGE, THAT IT SHOULD NORMALLY RESULT IN A FRIENDSHIP BENEFICIAL TO BOTH OF THEM. AND THEY GRAVITATED TO EACH OTHER.

I CALLED DR. RUCAVADA TO INQUIRE ABOUT SALLY LAST WEEK, AND HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO LEAVE AN ORDER THAT SALLY COULD LEAVE THE HOSPITAL FOR OUTINGS WITH ANN LAU AND ME. IN VIEW OF PAST EVENTS, I DO NOT WISH TO DO ANYTHING UNTIL I HAVE HAD YOUR ADVICE ON THE MATTER. THE SITUATION HERE IN SAN JOSE IS GREATLY CHANGED FOR SALLY SINCE SHE KNOWS HER WAY AROUND THE CITY VERY WELL NOW, AND HAS ACQUAINTANCES THAT I DO NOT KNOW AND SEEMINGLY VERY UNDESIRABLE ONES. THE THOUGHT OCCURS TO ME, IF WE WENT TO LUNCH, THERE IS NOTHING TO PREVENT HER GOING TO THE LADIES ROOM AND DISAPPEARING, AND CAUSING ME ANXIETY AND EMBARRASSMENT. SO WILL AWAIT YOUR SUGGESTIONS.

MY FEELINGS ABOUT SALLY ARE ONES OF EXTREME COMPASSION FOR HER, AND ALSO FOR YOU BOTH. PARTICULARLY YOU, WILSON, I FEEL AT YOUR AGE, BEING THE GOOD FATHER YOU HAVE BEEN THAT YOU SHOULD BE AT PEACE WITH THE WORLD, AND NOT HAVE THIS ADDED WORRY, AND RESPONSIBILITY, AND IT WAS IN A SINCERE EFFORT TO HELP YOU, AS WELL AS SALLY THAT I GAVE SO MUCH OF MY TIME TO HER. AND TOM AND I WANT TO DO ALL WE CAN TO HELP SUCH A DEAR OLD FRIEND AS YOU, BUT CERTAINLY NOT TO GO OFF IN SOME DIRECTION THAT WOULD MAKE MATTERS WORSE FOR YOU. MORE TALKING OR WRITING WILL NOT CHANGE THE POSITIVES, SO I LEAVE IT TO YOU.

THE HIGH LIGHT OF OUR VACATION WAS THE FIVE DAYS WE SPENT IN THE OZARKS WITH RUA AND LOUIS WILLIAMS, THEY HAD INVITED US TO THEIR LOVELY HOME IN FLOSSMORE, BUT WE WERE COMMITTED TO SPEND TWO WEEKS WITH MY RELATIVES ON LAKE ERIE, AND MET LOUIS AND RUA IN ARKANSAS TO LOOK FOR SOME LAND NEAR WHERE THEY HAVE BOUGHT A HILLSIDE. WE WERE OVERWHELMED BY THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF THE OZARKS, WILD LIFE, WILD ROSES, AND COUNTLESS WILD FLOWERS, BEAUTIFUL OLD TREES, AND A LAKE IN THE BACKGROUND. WE BOUGHT FOUR LOTS. WHETHER WE WILL BUILD A HOUSE REMAINS TO BE SEEN, BUT TOM WILL BE SIXTY IN OCTOBER AND WE WANT TO HAVE A SPOT WE CAN CALL OUR OWN IN CASE WE DO WANT TO BUILD A HOME. LOUIS AND RUA WERE FINE, AND LOOKING FORWARD TO A SOJOURN IN MEXICO AND CENTRAL AMERICA AT THE END OF THE YEAR. WE WERE GLAD TO SEE THEM APPEAR SO WELL, AND LOUIS IS AS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT PLANTS AS HE WAS WHEN WE FIRST MET THEM IN 1946. THEY TOLD US OF SEEING YOU AND HOW WELL YOU LOOKED, WE WERE HAPPY ABOUT THIS, AND THEY LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU TOO ON THIS TREK. WE HOPE THEY WILL STAY WITH US HERE IN COSTA RICA. *ami July*

DORA BENNETT TELLS ME SHE IS GOING TO VISIT HER SON IN NEW MEXICO AND WILL BE GONE THREE MONTHS, I HAVE NOT SEEN HER, BUT HAD A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH HER THIS MORNING TO TELL HER OF THE DEATH OF AN OLD FRIEND OF HERS FROM PANAMA. SHE INQUIRED ABOUT SALLY BUT I TOLD HER I HAD NOT SEEN HER, AND THAT I WAS CRUSHED OVER THE TURN OF EVENTS.

FROM YOUR APRIL 30TH LETTER RECEIVED HERE, SHORTLY BEFORE OUR DEPARTURE AND UNANSWERED TO DATE, I SEE THAT NANCY AND HER DAUGHTER WILL BE VISITING YOU THIS MONTH, DO HOPE THAT THE JOY OF HAVING THEM THERE WILL COMPENSATE YOU IN SOME MEASURE FOR YOUR GRIEF ABOUT SALLY,

AFFECTIONATELY,

Alice Lau

9 October 1972
San Jose, C. R.

DEAR WILSON:

SALLY CAME AND HAD LUNCH WITH ME, WE HAD STEAK AND MASHED POTATOES AND GRAVY, WHICH THEY DO NOT SERVE AT THE NOVICIADA, SHE CAME AT 11:30 AND STAYED UNTIL THREE, AND HAD SOME ERRANDS TO DO, AND WANTED TO GET BACK BEFORE THE RUSH HOUR ON THE BUSES.

IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I HAVE BEEN AS CONTENT AND ENCOURAGED ABOUT SALLY AS I AM TODAY. HER VISIT TO ANTIGUA WAS THE GREATEST THING THAT HAS HAPPENED TO HER IN A LONG LONG TIME, AND THE FACT THAT YOU AND ALICE, APPRECIATED HER PROGRESS, AND WENT SO ALL OUT TO SHOW YOUR LOVE AND AFFECTION WHICH WE ALL KNOW IS THERE, BUT, IN HER FEELINGS OF REJECTION, NORMAL INDEED AFTER HER UNHAPPY MARRIAGE, THE REASSURANCE AND THE SEEING AND FEELING OF BEING NEAR YOU, AND THE HOPE THAT SHE WILL EVENTUALLY COME TO LIVE IN ANTIGUA, WITH GLIMPSES AND VISITS OF HER CHILDREN, SHE IS SO HAPPY; IT HAS BEEN A GREAT MOMENT IN MY LIFE, BELIEVE ME. ALSO YOUR GOOD LETTER OF ASSURANCE TO ME THAT YOU KNOW WHATEVER MY SHORTCOMINGS I AM TRYING TO DO ALL I CAN FOR HER, AND YOU CAN SEE FROM SOME OF MY LETTERS I GET PRETTY DEPRESSED AND CONCERNED THAT CARRIES ME BEYOND THE GOOD JUDGEMENT THAT ALL OF US NEED TO DEAL WITH THIS SITUATION, FOR HER COMPLETE AND PERMANENT RECOVERY. I TELL SALLY, AS YOU DO WHEN PROBLEMS ARISE, IF SHE WILL TAKE THEM TO DR. RUCAVADA AND TO BELIEVE AND TRUST HIS SUGGESTIONS, SHE WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE AND IMPROVE, BESIDES SHE HAS MY LOVE AND PRAYERS, DAILY.

SHE SAYS THAT THE FIRST DAY SUNDAY WAS QUITE LONELY SHE MISSED THE TALKS WITH YOU AND ALICE AND THE ATMOSPHERE OF HOME.

MILTON LAU WAS CALLED TO THE STATES BECAUSE OF THE CONDITION OF HIS BROTHER, WHO WANTS TO TALK TO HIM, (HE HAS WHAT IS BELIEVED TO BE A TERMINAL CARCINOMA.) MILTON TRIED TO GO ON SUNDAY SO HE COULD MEET SALLY ON SATURDAY, BUT THERE WERE NO PLANES THAT WOULD CONNECT TO HIS ULTIMATE DESTINATION, SO HE HAD TO LEAVE BEFORE SHE ARRIVED. TOM AND I WERE BOOKED FOR THE WEEKEND OUT OF TOWN, SO MILTON HAD HIS FAITHFUL CHAUFFEUR RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ MEET THE PLANE, SMOOTH THE CUSTOMS AND TAKE HER TO THE NOVICIADA (HE HAS TAKEN SALLY TO AND FROM THE HOSPITAL, TAKEN LOTS OF PKGS FROM LABS TO THE HOSPITAL AND TO THE CONVENT,) SO AS USUAL THE LAUS HELPED OUT EVEN IN ARGENTIA. I CALLED HER SATURDAY PM TO CHAT WITH HER, I HAD ALERTED THE SISTERS (MADRE CAROLINA NOW IN CHARGE) AND HAD CALLED DR. RUCAVADA AT HIS HOME, AND HE WAS VERY CONCERNED THINKING SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED FOR HER TO BE RETURNING SO SOON. I TRIED TO REASSURE HIM, ALTHOUGH I DID NOT KNOW ANY OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES. HE NEVER OBJECTS TO BEING CALLED AT HIS HOME ANY HOUR AND IS VERY INTERESTED IN SALLY.

THERE IS NO WAY TO TELL YOU WHAT THAT VISIT DID FOR HER. SHE FEELS LOVED AND WANTED AS SHE NEVER HAS BEFORE. (YOU SEE, THE REMORSE SHE FEELS (EVEN THOUGH SHE CANNOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR HER BEHAVIOUR) IS OVERWHELMING AND TO HAVE IT DEMONSTRATED BEYOND ANY DOUBT THAT SHE IS STILL ACCEPTED BY HER FAMILY IS THE BEST MEDICINE IN THE WORLD FOR HER, AND TO BE ABLE TO LOOK FORWARD TO RETURNING TO VISIT AGAIN, AND THAT EVENTUALLY SHE WILL SEE HER CHILDREN. SHE IS SO VERY VERY CONTENT.

I TOLD HER THAT YOU IN YOUR WISDOM WERE RIGHT ABOUT THE CHILDREN COMING TO GUATEMALA, THEY WOULD SEE THEIR MOTHER IN HER NORMAL ENVIRONMENT AND HAVE AN UNFORGETTABLE VISIT, WHEREAS THE ASSOCIATION OF PREHAPS UNPLEASANT TIMES IN THE STATES, MIGHT BE REVIVED IN CALIFORNIA, SO IT SEEMED TO ME THAT THINGS WERE REALLY HEADING IN THE DIRECTION OF THE GLORIOUS FORTIES FOR HER.

SHE SAYS NOW, SHE IS READY FOR SOME CONTACTS ON HER OWN SOCIAL LEVEL, AND WANTS TO JOIN THE WOMEN'S CLUB, SINCE THERE WILL ONLY BE A FEW MORE MEETINGS, THE RATE WILL BE ONLY FIFTEEN COLONES. SHE THINKS SHE WILL APPRECIATE GOING TO THE BOOK CLUB, WHERE THEY HAVE AUTHORS OR LOCAL CELEBRITIES REVIEW BOOKS OR DISCUSS THEM, AND SHE THINKS THE FOLK DANCING GROUP MIGHT BE INTERESTING, (THESE ARE HELD IN THE AFTERNOONS AT THE VARIOUS WOMEN'S HOMES, NO CHARGE AND ALL FEMALE.) AFTER TWO YEARS, I AM GETTING INTO THE SWING OF ENJOYING SOME OF THE INTERESTING WOMEN I HAVE MET, AND BELIEVE ME I WAS A HARD SELL ON ANY CLUB WOMEN ACTIVITIES AFTER THIRTY YEARS IN A FRUIT CO. DIVISION. BUT REALLY THE PAST YEAR I HAVE APPRECIATED SOME OF THE WOMEN I HAVE LEARNED TO KNOW IN SOME OF MY 'CLUB ACTIVITIES' NAMELY DOROTHY LANKESTER, WHOM I CONSIDER ONE OF OUR DEAR FRIENDS. (I KNEW HER FATHER). AND CLEM LOBELL, A COSTA RICAN (DAUGHTER OF FORMER PRES. PICADO OF C. R. WHO IS MARRIED TO A RETIRED AMERICAN MARINE BIOLOGIST, WHOM TOM GREATLY APPRECIATES. SO SALLY WILL FIND INTERESTING WOMEN IF ONLY ONE OR TWO, AND IT WILL FILL THE NICHE, THAT HAS ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS LED HER TO UNWISE FRIENDSHIPS. YOU SEE, WILSON, ALL OF THE POPENOS ARE ACHIEVERS, AND ALL HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES, EXCEPT SALLY, AND POOR DEAR, SHE HAS THE INTELLECT, BUT I FEEL WAS DEFEATED BECAUSE OF THE UNFORTUNATE SITUATIONS THAT SHE FOUND THRUST UPON HER. (REFERENCE IS MADE ENTIRELY TO THIS HUSBAND, AND HIS FAMILY WHICH WAS INDEED AN ALIEN GROUP TO THE ONES SALLY HAD BEEN EXPOSED AND FOR WHICH SHE HAD NO PREPARATION FOR UNDERSTANDING OR ACCEPTING.) SHE CAME FROM A DIFFERENT CULTURE, AND WILL EVER REMAIN SO. (SHE DOES NOT SEEK THE COMPANY OF SOME OF THE INFERIOR CHARACTER (QUEST FOR RECOGNITION ??))

ERS, THAT HAVE WORRIED ALL OF US IN THE PAST. LET US HOPE IT IS THE PAST. FOREVER BURIED.

DID MY COUSIN KAMI EVER COME TO ANTIGUA ? DID SHE MAIL OR BRING A LETTER TO YOU AT THE END OF AUGUST ?? NOT THAT IT WAS AN IMPORTANT LETTER, BUT I WAS REALLY FULL OF ANXIETIES FOR SALLY, AND THOSE VISITS TO CHAPUI, REALLY HAD ME UPSET, AND THE FINANCIAL BIND SHE FOUND HERSELF IN, AND NO WORD FROM YOU FOR SO LONG. ALL A SET OF UNFORTUNATE CIRCUMSTANCES ALL THE WAY AROUND. WE HAVE NOT HEARD FROM KAMI SINCE HER RETURN TO LOS ANGELES, AND DO NOT KNOW WHAT HAPPENED ON HER VISIT TO ANTIGUA.

REGARDING THE LETTER YOU GAVE HER TO DELIVER TO MILTON ON ARRIVAL. AT MY SUGGESTION SHE SENT IT TO THE ADDRESS ANN HAD GIVEN ME OF THEIR ELDEST DAUGHTER WITH A NOTE TO MARCIA THE DAUGHTER, THAT THE LETTER WAS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT IF HER FATHER WAS NOT THERE TO CALL HIM ON THE PHONE AND READ IT TO HIM. HOPE THIS WILL BE SATISFACTORY. MILTON HOPES TO RETURN TO COSTA RICA ON OCTOBER 15TH, SO YOU CAN REPEAT THE INFORMATION TO HIM HERE IF THAT WAS UNWISE. SALLY WANTED SO MUCH TO COMPLY WITH YOUR WISHES, AND I DID NOT FEEL I SHOULD OPEN THE LETTER AND READ IT AND CALL HIM IN THE STATES. I DID NOT FEEL EITHER THAT I SHOULD TURN IT OVER TO HIS SEGUNDO, SINCE IT MIGHT HAVE SOME PERSONAL DATA IN IT MEANT ONLY FOR MILTON.

THANK YOU AND ALICE FOR THE LOVELY REMEMBRANCE WE DO NOT OWN A PAIR OF BRASS CANDLE HOLDERS, AND SALLY HAD OBSERVED WE HAVE LOTS OF BRASS IN OUR APARTMENT. IT WAS VERY KIND AND THOUGHTFUL OF YOU.

SALLY LOVES HER NEW WARDROBE, HER HAIR DO, AND HAS MANY MANY HAPPY MEMORIES OF HER VISIT, EVEN TO THE PURCHASE OF THE PONCHO, WHICH SHE WANTED ABOVE ALL ELSE AND WAS AFRAID IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE. REALLY, ALICE AND WILSON, SHE HAS BEEN A LONELY LONELY PERSON HERE, AND WITH OVERWHELMING FEARS THAT SHE WAS NOT FORGIVEN FOR HER MISTAKES (OVER WHICH SHE HAD NO CONTROL, BUT MEMORY.) NOW SHE IS TURNING OVER A NEW PAGE, IN HER BOOK, AND BELIEVE ME I WILL DO EVERYTHING I KNOW HOW TO DO TO KEEP HER ON AN EVEN KEEL, AND BELIEVE ME IN HER FUTURE, AND HOPE AND TRUST THAT SHE WILL NEVER NEED TO RETURN TO ANY HOSPITAL, BUT FIND HERSELF ABLE TO COPE WITH THE PROBLEMS AS THEY COME.

PLEASE KNOW THAT ANYTHING WE DO FOR SALLY IS MOTIVATED BY OUR SINCERE LOVE AND RESPECT FOR OUR FRIENDSHIP WILSON, AND THE FACT THAT SALLY IS TRULY LOVED BY US,

TRY TO KEEP WELL KNOW THAT ALICE DOES ALL SHE CAN TO KEEP YOU THAT WAY, AND BOTH OF YOU SLEEP CONTENT TONIGHT KNOWING THAT SALLY CAME BACK FULL OF HOPE AND HAPPINESS, IN HER FUTURE.

TOM JOINS IN SENDING YOU HIS BEST, HE WILL BE 60 ON THE 11TH AND I PERSUADED HIM TO HAVE SOME OF OUR OLD PALS IN FOR A TOAST, HE CONSENTED, WILY HUG AND LIGIA, BEA AND BLONDY JOHN AND MATTY KELLEY, CHUBBY AND SANDY, OUR NEW FRIENDS THE MARINE BIOLOGIST, THE NEW PRES. OF POLYMER LLOYD JONES OUR FRIEND AND NEIGHBOR, WISH YOU AND ALICE COULD BE HERE WITH US TOO,

ALL THE BEST,

Marcia Lau

MARCIA LAU IS MRS. C.S. ROTH
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OCTOBER 25, 1972
SAN JOSE, C. R.

DEAR WILSON:

SALLY IS REALLY ON THE BEAM THESE DAYS. HER ART TEACHER JUAN FRANCISCO ALVARADO ABELLA, HAD HIS ANNUAL ART EXHIBIT AT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM, AND HE ASKED ALL OF HIS PUPILS TO ATTEND, WITH STRESS ON SALLY BEING PRESENT SINCE HE CONSIDERS HER THE ONE WITH THE GREATEST PROMISE. MARGARET NIKEL HAD CRISTINE PRICE (A WRITER VISITING HER AND SHE AND SALLY AND THE GUEST WERE TO ATTEND TOGETHER, WITH SALLY WEARING ONE OF HER NEW LONG DRESSES, AND SPENDING THE NIGHT AT MARGARET'S APARTMENT.

TOM CAME HOME DEAD TIRED, BUT AFTER DINNER, I TOLD HIM ABOUT THE EXHIBIT AND I FELT IT WOULD MEAN A GREAT DEAL FOR SALLY TO SEE US THERE, AND TO HAVE SOMEONE TO RECOGNIZE HER AND CHAT WITH HER BESIDES HER TEACHER. SO TOM, BLESS HIM, SHAVED, AND DRESSED UP IN HIS BEST, AS I DID (WE ARE GO TO BED EARLIER HEREIN SAN JOSE, AND SOCIAL LIFE IS VERY LIMITED, SINCE WE ARE OUT OF THE DIVISIONS AND FREE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN OUR LIVES.) WE WENT, AND IT WAS QUITE A SOCIAL EVENT, MARTINIS, MANHATTANS, BOOZES, UNIFORMED WAITERS, AND THE REPRESENTATIVE ELITE OF THE COUNTRY MILLING ABOUT. NO SALLY, WE LOOKED AND LOOKED AND FINALLY I ASKED WHO WAS THE HOST, AND HE INTRODUCED HIMSELF, AND I TOLD HIM WE CAME ESPECIALLY TO SEE HIS PAINTINGS, AND SALLY. AT THIS HE LAUNCHED INTO AN ENTHUSIASTIC ACCOUNT OF HER TALENT, HER GENTLENESS AND THAT HIS FINEST HOPE WAS TO BRING OUT HER GREAT ABILITY, BUT HE HAD NOT SEEN HER. WE STAYED FOR ABOUT TWO HOURS AND NO SALLY. BUT TOM ADMIRE ONE OF HIS PAINTINGS AND I BOUGHT IT FOR HIS BIRTHDAY PRESENT, SINCE WE DO NOT HAVE THE HABIT OF RUNNING OUT AND BUYING SOMETHING JUST BECAUSE A BIRTHDATE ROLLS AROUND. WE WAIT UNTIL SOMETHING COMES UP, WE WANT AND THAT IS IT. WE CAME HOME HAPPY WITH THE ENCOUNTER WITH ALVARADO, SOME OLD FRIENDS, AND OUR PRIZE (WHICH WE WILL LEAVE IN THE EXHIBIT UNTIL IT CLOSES ON NOV 3.) SALLY WAS SPENDING THE NIGHT SAT. WITH MILLIE EDGERTON TO USE THE THEATER TICKETS MARGARET HAD GIVEN HER, SO I DID NOT TALK TO HER UNTIL MONDAY. SHE TOLD ME THAT ANOTHER FRIEND OF MARGARET'S CAME AT THE LAST MINUTE, AND THE GALS BACKED OUT OF THE VISIT TO THE EXHIBIT, IN FAVOR OF GOING TO SEE A FILM ON ISRAEL, WITH COMMENTARY BY BILLY GRAHAM, QUOTES FROM THE BIBLE ETC. BUT THIS WAS PREFACED WITH SOME OLD TIME RELIGION WITH HAND CLAPPING, FLOOR THUMPING AND SINGING, WHICH SALLY FAILED TO APPRECIATE. ON THE WAY HOME, (THEY PASS THE MUSEUM ENROUTE TO MARGARET'S) THEY STOPPED AND SHE ^{drove} RAN IN TO TAKE A LOOK (OF COURSE THE LONG DRESS WAS NOT WORN) AND SHE RECONNOITERED AND ALVARADO DID NOT SEE HER BUT SHE SAW THE PAINTING WE HAD PURCHASED AND WAS SO SORRY SHE HAD NOT COME WITH US. (I DO NOT LIKE TO RACK UP THINGS FOR TOM TO DO AFTER WORK (HIS DAYS ARE VERY STRENUOUS) HIS FREE TIME VERY VERY SHORT.) AND WHEN I MAKE A PROMISE TO SALLY I LIKE TO KEEP IT, SO FOR THAT REASON I DO NOT COMMIT TOM FOR HIS SPARE TIME, BUT PLAY IT BY EAR. SALLY HAD SOME MISGIVINGS ABOUT HER FAILURE TO APPRECIATE THE FILM, AND THE OLD TIME RELIGION, I TOLD HER I THOUGHT IT A VERY NORMAL REACTION.

I HOPE TO HAVE HER TO LUNCH TO-DAY, IF SHE FEELS LIKE COMING. SALLY IS A NEW PERSON BUOYED UP BY THE HOPE YOU WILL AGAIN RECEIVE HER AT ANTIGUA, AND, THE THOUGHT OF A VISIT THERE WITH HER CHILDREN -- WHATEVER OUR MENTAL STATE, BEING LOVED AND WANTED IS SO VITAL, NOW THAT SHE HAS THAT TO LOOK FORWARD TO LIFE TAKES ON A GOLDEN HUE, FOR ALL OF US. TO QUOTE HER: "I JUST CAN'T BEAR BEING SWEEPED UNDER THE RUB" AND SHE HAS NO FEAR OF THAT NOW.

AFFECTIONATELY,

Alicia Lauer

*Please never let her know I told you of this fear
so expressed!*

*Margaret's friends
waited outside
in the car.*

THE 23RD I WENT FOR A VISIT TO MY M.D. DR. VASALIO GUZMAN (MARRIED TO DOCTORA MARY STEIN, JOHN STEIN (FORMER MANAGER OF COLOMBIA DIVISION'S DAUGHTER). HE IS THE LEADING LOCAL SURGEON HEAD OF ASSOC. OF SURGEONS, (THE DEBAKEY OF C. R. DOING OPEN HEART SURGERY) AND HE ALSO TEACHES IN THE UNIV. OF C. R. A VERY DEDICATED MAN, AND A GREAT HUMANITARIAN, BY REPUTATION, HIS WIFE HAS AN EQUALLY FINE POSITION IN THE PROFESSIONAL WORLD, GYNECOLOGIST, OBSTETRICIAN AND PLASTIC SURGEON, THEY HAVE EIGHT CHILDREN.

VASALIO WAS PARTICULARLY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT HIS SON WHO WAS AT ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA (SINCE VASALIO IS A PART TIME RANCHER, AND LIKE MOST DOCTORS, WAS HAPPY AT THE PROSPECT THAT ONE OF HIS SONS WOULD DO SOMETHING IN THE AGRICULTURAL FIELD.) HE WAS VERY VERY SAD AND SPENT OVER AN HOUR TELLING ME ABOUT IT. I ASKED HIM IF I MIGHT TELL YOU, AND HE AT FIRST WANTED TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS, BUT I TOLD HIM, I COULD NOT DO THAT TO YOU, YOU WERE OUR FRIEND FOR MANY MANY YEARS, AND IF I HAD ANYTHING TO TELL YOU, I HAD TO GIVE YOU ALL THE DETAILS YOU WANTED WITH NO HOLDS BARRED. SO HE CONSENTED.

HE PREFACED IT WITH TELLING ME HIS SON WAS A 'PAIN IN THE NECK' BUT A GOOD BOY BASICALLY, NO REALLY BAD HABITS, FAILS TO WASH HIS CLOTHES TO THE LAUNDRY, CARELESS ABOUT STICKING WITH THE RULES, BUT BY PRESENT DAY STANDARDS IS A CLEAN GOOD BOY. WITH EIGHT KIDS, HE SAYS THEY HAVE DISCIPLINE IN THE FAMILY, AND BEING OF THE OLD SCHOOL HE FEELS IF YOU ACCEPT A POSITION (STUDENT AT THE SCHOOL) YOU ARE OBLIGED TO STAND BY THE RULES, OBEY, AND TRY TO GET ALONG. IN VIEW OF THE FACT HIS SON HAD THREE MINOR INFRACTIONS OF THE RULES TO HIS CREDIT, DOCTOR MADE A TRIP TO ZAMORANO TO TALK TO THE DIRECTOR, TO SEE WHAT WAS WRONG WITH THIS BOY AND WHY HE DID NOT CO OPERATE, BETTER. HE WAS GRANTED AN INTERVIEW WITH THE DIRECTOR, WHO KEPT HIM STANDING AND SPOKE ONLY IN SPANISH, (DR. GUZMAN IS COMPLETELY BILINGUAL, AND ALWAYS ADDRESSES ENG. SPEAKING PEOPLE IN ENGLISH, HIS GOOD MANNERS.) HE EXPLAINED THAT HE WAS THE FATHER OF EIGHT THAT THE KIDS HAD DISCIPLINE AT HOME, AND THAT HE TAUGHT IN THE UNIV. AND HAD PROBLEMS, PROBLEMS WITH YOUTH, BUT OPTIMISTICALLY SAID: "PROBLEMS MAKE LIFE INTERESTING, AND ARE A CHALLENGE I TRY TO MEET" AT THIS POINT THE DIRECTOR, SUGGESTED HE CONTINUE HIS DISCOURSE WITH HIS SUBORDINATE (UNNAMED), AND DISMISSED THE DOCTOR. (FOR A MAN OF HIS STANDING, I CAN IMAGINE THIS WAS QUITE AN OFFENSE) BUT HE IS WILLING TO FORGET THIS, ALTHOUGH HE FELT IT WAS A RELEVANT PART OF THE PICTURE. HE TRIED TO TALK TO THE GO BETWEEN BETWEEN THE STUDENTS AND THE DIRECTOR, NONE SEEMED TO EXIST, IT SEEMS THE DIRECTOR DOES NOT REQUIRE ANY ADVICE OR ASSISTANCE IN HANDLING ANY AND ALL PROBLEMS OF DISCIPLINE. THE UPSHOT OF IT WAS THE BOY DID A COUPLE OF OTHER THINGS HE SHOULD NOT HAVE DONE, AND WAS DISMISSED FROM THE SCHOOL. VASALIO CANNOT EXCUSE HIS SON FOR THIS, HE FAILED TO OBEY THE RULES AND FORFEITED HIS RIGHT TO CONTINUE AS A STUDENT, WITH GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT TO ONE AND ALL.

VASALIO IS NOT SORE AT THE SCHOOL. BUT HE SAYS IT HAS BEEN SUCH AN OUTSTANDING ADVANCE IN THE EDUCATIONAL FIELD IN CENTRAL AMERICA, HE HAS BEEN THINKING AND THINKING ABOUT IT. AND TALKING TO MANY PEOPLE WHO KNOW THE SCHOOL AND HAS COME UP WITH THE FOLLOWING CONCLUSIONS. IT NEEDS TO HAVE A REVALUATION BY SOME PSYCHOLOGISTS, AS ALL UNIVERSITIES DO THESE DAYS, TO GOPE WITH PRESENT DAY REQUIREMENTS.

SOME SORT OF COMMUNICATION SHOULD EXIST BETWEEN THE DIRECTOR, AND THE STUDENT BODY, THE INDIVIDUAL STUDENT.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SEEM TO CONCERN THEMSELVES, ONLY WITH THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS, AND DO NOT HAVE ANY CONCEPT OF HOW THE SCHOOL IS OPERATED, IN REGARD TO DISCIPLINE, (WHICH TO PRESENT DAY THINKERS CORRESPONDS TO 19TH CENTURY ENGLISH SCHOOL BOY TREATMENT, REMINISCENT OF THE TALES OF CHARLES DICKENS.

I THOUGHT HE SHOULD WRITE TO YOU HIMSELF, BUT HE DID NOT FEEL HE SHOULD, SO I TOLD HIM THAT I WOULD BRING THESE THINGS TO YOUR ATTENTION, JUST SO YOU MIGHT HAVE A PICTURE OF WHAT THE SCHOOL LOOKS LIKE TO PARENTS AND PEOPLE OUTSIDE LOOKING IN. HE SAYS ACADEMICALLY IT HAS BEEN REGRESSIVE, FROM THE STANDPOINT OF MANY.

DIRECTORS ARE HARD TO COME BY -- TOM AND I SPENT TWO AND A HALF YEARS THERE AND WE KNOW THE PROBLEMS OF TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO. I REALLY SUFFERED AT THAT PLACE, I TOOK MY JOB AND HIS SO SERIOUSLY, AND TOM DID TOO, YOU WILL SADLY REMEMBER THE TURMOIL IN THE PLACE, AND IT WAS ONLY OUR DEEP REGARD FOR YOU THAT KEPT US THERE, TRYING. I THINK AT YOUR AGE, (SORRY TO MAKE THE REFERENCE) YOU SHOULD BE GIVEN A REPRIEVE FROM THE PLACE, BUT THEN WHEN YOU STARTED SOMETHING SO OUTSTANDING, HOW CAN YOU PIGEONHOLE IT ?? IT IS JUST LIKE A LOVE FOR ANYTHING, YOU CANNOT BRUSH IT ASIDE. I SHARE YOUR PRIDE IN THE PLACE AND BLESS THE YEARS WE SPENT THERE FOR THE LASTING FRIENDSHIPS IT BROUGHT TO TOM AND ME, YOU AND HELEN, LOUIS WILLIAMS, THE SHANKS, SO FOR ALL OF THESE REASONS, I REPEAT THE OPINIONS OF THIS MAN WHO IS LOVED AND RESPECTED IN THIS COUNTRY, AS IS HIS DEAR WIFE. CONSIGN THIS TO THE WASTE BASKET IF IT HAS NO PLACE IN YOUR CONSTRUCTIVE THINKING ABOUT THE SCHOOL, AND KNOW WHY I TOLD YOU.

21 November 1972

SAN JOSE, C. R.

DEAR WILSON AND ALICE:

YOUR LAST LETTER I TOOK TO DR. GUZMAN AND HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO WRITE TO YOU, CANNOT REFER TO THE DATE SINCE HE STILL HAS IT. SUCH A VERY FINE PERSON AND WAS SO INTERESTED IN THE ESCUELA.

SALLY IS FINE. YOUR LETTERS TO HER ARE THE BEST MEDICINE SHE HAS. DR. RUCAVADA HAS BEEN HIS INTERESTED OLD SELF, AND SHE TELLS ME SHE TOLD YOU ABOUT THE LAST CRISIS SHE HAD WHEN SHE FELT HE SCARED HER TO PIECES TELLING HER IF SHE DID NOT TOE THE MARK SHE WOULD LAND BACK IN CHAPULI. I DID THE BEST I COULD DURING THIS EPISODE, AND FINALLY PERSUADED HER TO TELL THE DOCTOR HOW SHE FELT. (MEANWHILE I CALLED HIM AND EXPLAINED HER FEELINGS.) I THINK HE WAS RIGHT, BECAUSE IT SEEMED TO HELP, IN THE END. I KEEP TELLING SALLY SHE HAS NOTHING TO CONTRIBUTE TO WELFARE CASES, ALCOHOLICS ANONOMOUS, SHE IS NOT SUITED TO THAT TYPE OF WORK, BY TEMPERMENT NOR DOES SHE HAVE THE KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH THEM. I HOPE I CAN CONTINUE TO ALIENATE HER FROM THESE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO DRAG HER DOWN, EMOTIONALLY, WITH THEIR TROUBLES. I TELL HER SHE NEEDS ALL THE HELP SHE CAN ACCEPT FROM HER REAL FRIENDS, YOU, HER FAMILY, THE LAUS, DR. RUCAVADA DOROTHY LANKESTER (WHO TAKES A BIG INTEREST) MARGARET NIKEL, AND MYSELF AND TOM. THE FONBECAS HAVE BEEN CONSPICUOUSLY ABSENT FROM THE PICTURE, I CALLED ISABEL AND INVITED HER TO AN INTERESTING MEETING OF THE AUDUBON SOCIETY, AND TOOK THAT OPPORTUNITY TO REMARK THAT SHE HAD NOT SEEN SALLY, SHE PROMISED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HER, BUT TO DATE, I DON'T BELIEVE ANYTHING HAS HAPPENED.

MADRE ASUNCION IS STILL IN PUNTARENAS, SOR MADRE ELENA IS REALLY INTERESTED IN SALLY AND I TOLD HER ANY TIME SHE ACTS STRANGELY TO ALERT THE DOCTOR, AND IN THIS LAST PERIOD OF DEPRESSION SHE CALLED HIM, WHILE DOROTHY AND I TOOK SALLY OUT TO SPEND THE DAY AT LANKESTER'S. I REALLY FEEL THE NOVICIADA IS A GOOD PLACE FOR SALLY TO STAY HERE, AND DON'T THINK SHE CAN BETTER IT, THE ONLY THING IS THE UNFORTUNATE NEIGHBORS WHO PLAY ON HER SYMPATHY, BUT SHE IS MAKING AN EARNEST EFFORT TO TURN A DEAF EAR.

SHE IS INTERESTED IN THE WOMEN'S CLUB INTEREST GROUPS, BUT THE CLUB IS IN A REST PERIOD UNTIL MARCH NOW, BUT SHE CAN STILL JOIN SOME OF THE WOMEN FOR MUSIC AND BOOK REVIEWS. I HAVE ALERTED A FEW OF MY CLOSE FRIENDS IN EACH TO WELCOME HER DR. CARLOS SAENZ WIFE JULIETA, CLARA MURPHY (WHO BOUGHT ONE OF SALLY'S PAINTINGS) AND A FEW OTHERS, ALL ARE GOOD WOMEN AND WANT TO HELP PEOPLE, SINCERELY, SALLY NEEDS COMPANIONSHIP. THE INTEREST THAT JUAN FRANCISCO ALVARADO ABELLA TAKES IN HER IS ADMIRABLE, TOM AND I GOT CARRIED AWAY WITH HIS INTEREST IN SALLY AND ATTENDED BOTH OF HIS EXHIBITS, AND BOUGHT TWO OF HIS PAINTINGS AND TOOK SOME OF OUR FRIENDS. HE GAVE SALLY'S PAINTING THE MOST PROMINENT PLACE IN HIS EXHIBIT OF STUDENT WORK. AND SHE REALLY LOOKED BEAUTIFUL THAT NIGHT, SO HAPPY AND IN THAT LOVELY BLUE AND SILVER GUATEMALAN DRESS ALICE SELECTED AND DESIGNED.

IT SEEMS TO ME AT THE PRESENT TIME, YOU HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT, AND KEEP THOSE INTERESTING CHEERFUL LETTERS COUNTING ON HER TO ACHIEVE SOMETHING WITH HER ART, AND IT IS THE NEXT BEST THING TO BEING WITH YOU AND ALICE TO KNOW SHE IS LOVED AND WANTED.

TOM IS GOING TO HAVE HIS GALL BLADDER REMOVED ON DECEMBER 5TH, IT HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS, AND DR. GUZMAN THINKS HE SHOULD NOT PUT IT OFF ANY LONGER. THANK GOODNESS FOR THE DEAR LATIN CUSTOM OF THE WIFE SLEEPING IN THE HOSPITAL ROOM, THAT IS WHERE I WILL BE. TOM IS TO BE AWAY FROM THE OFFICE FOR THREE WEEKS, SO MAYBE HE WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO WRITE.

LOUIS AND RUA STARTED DOWN TO MEXICO ON NOV 17TH WILL SPEND A COUPLE OF WEEKS THERE, AND THEN COME ON DOWN FOR CHRISTMAS IN PANAJACHEL AT HOTEL REGIS WITH ANTONIO MOLINA AND WIFE. THEY WILL BE AT HOTEL COLON IN MEXICO CITY DEC 3-5TH (HE GIVES HIS TALK) PLAN TO SPEND SOME TIME IN GUATEMALA, NICARAGUA AND SALVADOR, THE TRIP TO C. R. IS DOUBTFUL.

[1973]

SUNDAY THE TWENTY FOURTH, SAN JOSE, C. R.

DEAR WILSON AND ALICE:

IT WAS A SAD SHOCK TO SEE MADRE ASUNCION YESTERDAY. AFTER I HAD YOUR LETTER I CALLED HER TO SAY HELLO, AND TO TELL HER ALL WAS WELL AT CASA POPENOE, YOU SEE AFTER THESE YEARS OF SHARING RESPONSIBILITIES, WE FELT VERY CLOSE TO EACH OTHER. SHE SAID SHE WAS LEAVING FOR SPAIN ON JULY 9TH, SO I TOLD HER I WOULD TRY TO SEE HER BEFORE HER DEPARTURE. SINCE TOM HAS PLANS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEK ENDS AND I AM DEPENDENT ON HIM FOR TRANSPORTATION, AND ALSO WANTED HIM TO SEE HER, WE WENT YESTERDAY TO SEE HER. THE BORTRESS AT THE CONVENT TOLD US THAT SHE WAS IN VERY VERY DELICATE HEALTH, AND WAS DOUBTFUL IF SHE COULD GET UP TO SEE US. SHE DID, AND OF COURSE SAID NOTHING ABOUT HER CONDITION.

SHE TOLD US WITH THE RESTLESSNESS OF TO-DAY'S YOUTH THE SISTERS ARE HAVING A CONFERENCE IN SPAIN TO COME UP WITH SOME OF THE ANSWERS TO GIVE THESE YOUNG PEOPLE AND THAT SHE IS ATTENDING THIS WITH THE MADRE PROVINCIAL, AND WILL THEN GO TO HER HOME IN VALENCIA TO RECOVER HER HEALTH AND NOT RETURN TO COSTA RICA UNTIL OCTOBER 19TH. SHE SPOKE IN SUCH GLOWING TERMS OF BOTH OF YOU AND WHAT REMARKABLY FINE AND NOBLE PEOPLE YOU WERE AND OF HER SINCERE LOVE AND INTEREST IN SALLY, AND WANTED TO BE REMEMBERED TO YOU. I PROMISED I WOULD TELL YOU.

IT WORRIED ME SO WHEN I HELPED HER BACK FROM A VISIT TO THE STREET TO SEE OUR NEW CAR AND THE BOLD FRONT SHE HAD PUT ON FOR US, WITHOUT A WORD ABOUT HER FRAIL HEALTH, I THOUGHT IF I DROPPED YOU A NOTE TO-DAY YOU WOULD HAVE TIME TO SEND HER A CHEERY NOTE AND WISH HER BON VOYAGE. YOU SEE, BOTH OF YOU HAVE BEEN A BIG PART OF HER WORLD THESE PAST FEW YEARS AND I KNEW YOU WOULD WANT TO KNOW.

NOT ONE WORD ABOUT HER HEALTH PLEASE.

BUT FROM A PROFESSIONAL STANDPOINT, IT WILL BE A MIRACLE IF SHE EVER MAKES IT TO RETURN TO COSTA RICA,

AFFECTIONATELY,

Alice Lauri

THE COMPANY BOUGHT TOM A NEW OPEL REKORD 1900, FOUR DOORS, SO WHEN YOU NEXT COME HERE I HOPE TO BE A QUALIFIED CHAUFFER, AND WE WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE YOU AROUND IN STYLE.

DID YOU READ THE APRIL 15 TH ISSUE OF FORBES MAG, REGARDING OUR MR. BLACK. DO HAVE HUGH SEND YOU A COPY AND READ IT !!

ALSO, THE MARCH ISSUE OF FORTUNE ABOUT VESCO AND FIGUERES ?

WILY HUG ARRIVED IN LONDON A FEW WEEKS AGO ON HOLIDAY AND IN HIS PLUSH HOTEL TURNED ON THE COLORED TV THINKING HE WOULD HAVE SOME WORLD NEWS, CULTURE OR SIMILAR PROGRAM, AND TO HIS AMAZEMENT HERE WAS ~~XXXX~~ PEPE DEFENDING HIMSELF IN THE VESCO SCANDAL !!

4 JANUARY 1973
SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA

DEAR WILSON AND ALICE:

YOUR TELEGRAM REACHED ME LAST NIGHT AT NINE PM. THANK YOU FOR REPLYING TO MY TWO LETTERS WITH THIS. I DO NOT FEEL IT COVERS THE SITUATION. AND I AM NOT GOING TO DISCUSS YOUR TELEGRAM WITH DR. RUCAVADA, THIS WOULD BE TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY I TOLD YOU I COULD NOT TAKE NOW OR AT ANY TIME IN THE FUTURE. IT WILL BE WHOLLY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SOMEONE OF THE POPOENOE FAMILY TO INFORM DOCTORS AND SALLY OF THE COURSE TO BE FOLLOWED.

I HAVE NOT DISCUSSED THE CHANGE OF PHYSICIANS WITH SALLY SHE TELLS ME THE FOLLOWING: DON OTONE JIMINEZ IS IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH HER CHANGING PSYCHIATRISTS AND HAS ONE THAT YOU HAVE APPROVED OF.

SHE HAS HIRED A LAWYER TO CORRECT THE INJUSTICES DONE TO HER TO ARRANGE FOR THE FOLLOWING: SHE HAS NEVER SIGNED HER DIVORCE PAPERS, HENCE IT IS NOT LEGAL, THE LAWYER HAS WRITTEN TO YOU TO GET A COPY OF THESE, SO THAT SHE CAN BECOME LEGALLY DIVORCED, IN CASE SHE WISHES TO REMARRY. ALSO, SHE WANTS VISITING RIGHTS WITH THE CHILDREN, THAT HAS BEEN DENIED HER TO DATE. 'FABIO' THE LAWYER IS A NEPHEW OF ONE OF THE WOMEN LIVING AT THE NOVICIADA. SHE IS ALSO HAVING HER PAPERS REVIEWED SO THAT SHE CAN GET A PERMANENT RESIDENCE FOR C. R. THE LAWYER IS HANDLING THIS. *and is in contact with you.*

DON OTONE IS IN AGREEMENT WITH ALL OF THIS AND ALVARADO ABELLA FEELS THAT SALLY'S CASE HAS NOT BEEN HANDLED PROPERLY AND IF NECESSARY WILL GO TO COURT ABOUT RUCAVADA'S TREATMENT OF SALLY, *she states*

FURTHERMORE, *all* OF THESE MATTERS ARE BEYOND MY COMPREHENSION, AND THAT I DO NOT FIGURE IN ANY OF HER PLANS.

SHE DOES NOT KNOW I HAVE TOLD YOU THIS, AND I AM NOT GOING TO TELL HER THAT I HAVE.

WE HAD SALLY HERE FOR CHRISTMAS DINNER, SHE WAS POLITE, BUT BORED WITH BOTH OF US. BELIEVE ME IT DID NOT ADD MUCH TO OUR ANXIETY NOT ONLY ABOUT HER, BUT TOM HAS NOT BEEN WELL, AND IT WAS REALLY STRETCHING A POINT TO EXPOSE HIM TO THIS.

I REPEAT, I REGRET VERY MUCH TO WRITE TO YOU AND TO TELL YOU ALL OF THIS, I THINK THAT YOU SHOULD HAVE PEACE, AND QUIET AND THAT IT IS HIGH TIME THAT ONE OF YOUR CHILDREN MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR YOU AND ALICE TO HAVE SOME RESPIRE FROM THIS RESPONSIBILITY, BUT SINCERE AS OUR FRIENDSHIP IS FOR YOU AND AS MUCH AS I WOULD LIKE TO HELP, IN FAIRNESS TO MYSELF AND MY HUSBAND, I CANNOT DO MORE THAN BE KIND TO SALLY, MAKE HER FEEL SHE IS LOVED AND INVITE HER HERE AND DO KIND THINGS FOR HER, LISTEN TO HER VIEWS THAT I MAY TRANSMIT THEM TO YOU, BUT TO ENTER INTO DIRECTING HER CARE, AND ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY, I REFUSE TO DO THIS.

SHE HAS NO INTEREST IN THE LAUS OPINIONS AND MAKES AN EFFORT TO HAVE THE MINIMUM TO DO WITH THEM, WHICH LEAVES THEM PRETTY MUCH OUT OF THE PICTURE, AND BELIEVE ME IF YOU EVER HAD GOOD FRIENDS AND SALLY HAD LOVING INTEREST, SHE HAD IT IN THEM.

MARGARET NIKEL ONCE EXPRESSED IT LIKE THIS "WE DO NOT HAVE ASSIGNED DUTIES", SO HER KINDNESS IS FROM A HUMANE VIEWPOINT, BECAUSE SALLY IS SO ALONE HERE.

THE FONSECAS HAVE BOWED OUT OF THE PICTURE.

I DO NOT KNOW DON OTONE JIMINEZ AND DO NOT INTEND TO CONTACT HIM, SINCE IT WOULD BE TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY TO SALLY THAT I FEEL I CANNOT TAKE.

SO THE ENTIRE SITUATION IS IN YOUR HANDS FOR HANDLING. I AM REALLY SORRY THAT SALLY HAS THIS MENTAL CONDITION, AND I HAVE SPENT TWO AND A HALF YEARS DOING WHAT I COULD TO HELP HER, AND WILL CONTINUE TO REMEMBER HER IN MY PRAYERS AND BE A LISTENING POST FOR HER OUTPOURINGS, BUT ALL MATTERS MUST BE HANDLED BY SOME MEMBER OF THE POPOENOE FAMILY, RELATED TO DECISIONS ABOUT HER CARE, (PSYCHIATRIST, PLACE SHE LIVES ETC, FINANCES).

AND ADD, THAT IT SEEMS TO ME THAT SOMETHING SHOULD BE DONE AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE, SHE TELLS ME SHE IS WITHOUT A DOCTOR, AND HAS REFUSED TO SEE DR. RUCAVADA AND HE IS UNABLE TO FORCE HER TO SEE HIM (TO QUOTE HIS CONVERSATION WITH ME BEFORE MY LAST LETTER.) SALLY TELLS ME THAT MADRE ASUNCION IS BACK TO STAY AT THE NOVICIADA.

AFFECTIONATELY,

SAM JOSE, JAN 6, 1973

DEAR ALICE AND WILSON:

LAST NIGHT YOUR LETTER REACHED US - MY LETTER TO YOU OF THE FOURTH WAS NO DOUBT DISTURBING BECAUSE I WAS VERY VERY ALARMED THINKING THAT YOU HAD NOT HEARD FROM EITHER DR. RUCAVADA NOR DON OTONE, AND WANTED ME TO TELL SALLY TO GO BACK TO DR. RUCAVADA.

SHE TOLD ME YESTERDAY, THAT I WAS NICE AND SHE WOULD CONTINUE TO TALK TO ME AND TO SEE ME, BUT THAT I SHOULD NOT GIVE HER ANY ADVICE, I DID NOT KNOW WHAT HER NEEDS WERE ETC. BUT I INTEND TO CONTINUE TO DO ALL I CAN TO HELP YOU AND HER, BELIEVE ME. SHE STILL TOLERATES ME !! ALTHOUGH ADMITS I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE FACTS OF LIFE NOR WHAT WILL HELP HER.

REALLY, I THINK YOU ARE RIGHT TO STAY IN ANTIGUA, AND TO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF. TWENTY FIVE YEARS OF THIS HAS BEEN MORE THAN ENOUGH, AND ALICE SUFFERS GREATLY I AM SURE TO HAVE YOU DISTURBED. I REPEAT, I THINK YOU SHOULD TAKE VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT FROM THE WHOLE BUSINESS AND BE ON A CONSULTING BASIS, WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY TURNED OVER TO SOME YOUNGER MEMBER OF THE FAMILY. AFTER ALL HUGH IS ONLY TWO HOURS AWAY BY PLANE. I KNOW HE IS BUSY, BUT SO IS EVERY ONE ELSE. AND MOST OF US HAVE FAMILY AFFAIRS THAT TAKE OUR TIME AND FINANCES, SO IT SEEMS IN ORDER THAT HE SHOULD SURFACE AND ASSUME SOME OF THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOU AND ALICE. AFTER ALL, WILSON, YOU ARE IMPORTANT TOO, AND I KNOW THE DRAIN THIS IS ON ME, SOMETIMES I CAN'T SLEEP, EAT AND AM JUST NOT WITH IT TO HANDLE MY OWN RESPONSIBILITIES, MOSTLY I WORRY ABOUT YOU. I MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BE GUIDED ENTIRELY BY WHAT YOU TELL ME TO DO IN MY REACTIONS TO THESE SITUATIONS, BECAUSE I HAVE NEVER HAD ANY EXPERIENCE IN A PROFESSIONAL WAY WITH SUCH CASES. THE CASE WE HAD FOR NINE YEARS WAS COMPLETELY NON CO OPERATIVE WITH HER FAMILY, PSYCHIATRIST ETC, AND HER DOCTOR, AND HER FAMILY WANTED THE MINIMUM TO DO WITH HER -- WITH VERY DISASTROUS RESULTS FOR TOM AND ME.

MY CONVERSATION WITH DR. R (HE CALLED ME TO TELL ME HE WAS LEAVING EARLY NEXT DAY AND THAT SALLY WOULD NOT COME TO SEE HIM.) I URGED HIM TO SEND YOU A RADIO, OR TALK TO DON OTONE (HE BEGGED TO TALK TO OTONE) AND SAID HE WOULD NOT HAVE TIME TO SEND A RADIO; I URGED HIM TO DO SOME. HE SAID YOU HAD NOT ANSWERED HIS LETTERS.

TOM AND I HAVE MET ABELLA, AND HAVE ONLY SALLY'S WORD FOR HIS INTEREST, BUT SHE IS ON CDODU NINE BELIEVE ME, HAVING SHUCKED SUCH PEOPLE AS THE LAUS AND US, AND HAS SOMEONE WHO UNDERSTANDS HER, TO GO TO BATTLE FOR HER; I AM LIKE YOU, I WOULD LET HIM HAVE A TRY. (AT LEAST IT CAN'T BE WORSE THAN IT HAS BEEN, AND HE HAS PRIDE, A SOCIAL POSITION HE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO SAFEGUARD, A BEAUTIFUL WIFE, A NICE FAMILY, AND SHE SAYS HE IS A BETTER PSYCHIATRIST, LAWYER, ARTIST, FRIEND THAN ANYONE SHE HAS EVER KNOWN.) THIS SITUATION MAY NOT BE IDEAL, BUT IT IS BETTER THAN THE DREGS OF HUMANITY THAT SHE FOUND INTERESTING LAST YEAR. AND HE MAY FEEL THAT SHE HAS A TALENT WHICH THROUGH HIS EFFORTS HE CAN DEVELOP HE TOLD THIS TO TOM AND ME, AND WE WERE SO CARRIED AWAY WITH HIS PERSONALITY THAT WE BOUGHT TWO OF HIS PAINTINGS AND SENT MANY FRIENDS TO HIM, AND CONSIDER STUDYING ART IF WE HAVE THE TIME. QUITE A PERSONALITY.

CHANGING PSYCHIATRISTS SEEMS TO BE NORMAL (DR. R SAYS) AND SO FAR AS I KNOW THE CONSUMING INTEREST SALLY HAS NOW IS ART, ABELLA, DON OTONE. THE NUNS KNOW THAT SHE IS CHANGING PSYCHIATRISTS AT LEAST I CALLED THE ONE IN CHARGE AND TOLD HER SHE WAS NOT SEEING DR. R. SALLY SAYS MADRE ASUNCION IS BACK AT THE ENOVICAIADA TO STAY - SO IF YOU WRITE HER OF THE CHANGES, SHE WILL DO ALL SHE CAN TO HELP. YOU SEE I AM HANDICAPPED, IF I GO TO TALK TO HER SALLY MIGHT KNOW AND TO TALK TO HER ON THE PHONE, SALLY COULD LISTEN, OR KNOW AND THIS WOULD COMPLETELY ALIENATE HER FROM ME. FOR NOW, SHE THINKS I AM NOT TOO BRIGHT BUT STILL CONFIDES IN ME, AND I TALK TO HER DAILY.

WHATEVER YOU WROTE TO HER IN YOUR LAST LETTER, KEPT HER AWAKE ALL NIGHT AND SHE DOES NOT AGREE WITH YOU, BUT I AM IN THE DARK AS TO WHAT IT IS ALL ABOUT.

I BELIEVE LIKE YOU THAT AS LONG AS SHE IS ON THIS CLOUD OF FAITH IN AA YOU CAN COAST AS LONG AS MADRE KNOWS ABOUT THE CHANGES BEING AUTHORIZED BY YOU. THE LAWYER WILL COOL OFF ON HIS ACTIVITIES, IF HE KNOWS THE FUNDS ARE NOT FORTH COMING FOR HIS PURSUITS, AND HE DOES HAVE TO WRITE TO YOU FOR DIVORCE PAPERS ETC, (SO SALLY SAYS.)

I KEEP THE LAUS INFORMED ABOUT THE CHANGES-THEY HAVE AN INTEREST, BUT SALLY IS NOT FRIENDLY WITH THEM, AND THEY ARE WILLING TO LEAVE IT THIS WAY.

KNOW MY FIRST INTEREST IS IN YOU, YOUR PEACE OF MIND, AND I WILL CONTINUE TO HELP SALLY AS BEST I CAN.

SENT THE FOLDER ON EAP TO DR. VESALIO GUZMAN, SUCH A FINE MAN.

TOM IS BETTER, WE HAD AN AUTO ACCIDENT ON DEC 29, CAR COMPLETELY SMASHED TOM KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS, BUT DR. S. SAY WE ARE BOTH OK BUT WE HAD AN ANXIOUS TIME - AND WITH THIS ANXIETY ABOUT YOU NOT KNOWING WHAT WAS HAPPENING HERE, I WAS BESIDE MYSELF,

16 JANUARY 1973
SAN JOSE, C. R.

DEAR ALICE AND WILSON:

ABOUT TEN THIRTY THIS MORNING DOROTHY LANKESTER CALLED ME TO TELL ME THAT THE SISTER CALLED HER FROM THE NOVICIADA AND THAT SALLY HAD NOT COME TO HER MEALS IN SEVERAL DAYS AND WAS LOCKED IN HER ROOM AND WOULD NOT GO OPERATE WITH THEM, THAT SHE MENTIONED DOROTHY'S NAME AND THOUGHT IT MIGHT HELP FOR HER TO COME OVER. DOROTHY TOLD THEM THAT SHE PREFERRED NOT TO BECOME INVOLVED, SHE IS IN THE THROES OF HELPING GLADYS WEEKS AND HER DAUGHTER SINCE GLADYS HAS BEEN ILL AS THE RESULT OF A FRACTURED HIP AND GLADYS IS LIKE FAMILY TO DOROTHY. THE SISTERS HAD TRIED TO CALL ME BUT I WAS NOT AVAILABLE. SO DOROTHY CALLED ME AND WE AGREED THE THING TO DO WAS TO NOTIFY DON OTONE (WHICH SHE DID) AND HAVE HIM GET IN TOUCH WITH THE PSYCHIATRIST HE HAD IN MIND, TO REPLACE DR. RUCAVADA. HE PROMISES TO CALL YOU TO NIGHT, BOTH DOROTHY AND I FELT HE SHOULD DO IT EARLIER.

SALLY HAS BEEN ACTING STRAGELY AND TELLS ME THAT SHE IS GOING TO HAVE A NEW DOCTOR, AND NOT TO WORRY, SHE DOES NOT SEEM VERY INTERESTED IN ME NOR IN MY COUNSEL AT THIS TIME, WHICH YOU HAVE EXPLAINED TO ME HAPPENS. I FEEL SHE NEEDS THE ATTENTION OF A PSYCHIATRIST URGENTLY, AND THAT ALL THE WELL MEANING FRIENDS IN THE WORLD CAN DO LITTLE TO ALLEVIATE HER TROUBLED MIND.

SHE POINTED OUT TO ME THAT SHE HAS DONE EVERYTHING ALL OF US SUGGESTED, NOT ANY DRINKING ETC, NO BAD COMPANIONS AND STILL HER PLIGHT IS THE SAME. I DO BELIEVE THIS TO BE TRUE, BUT THEN I DO NOT SEE SALLY DAILY, AND HAVE NOT HAD ANY CONTACT WITH THE SISTERS SO YOU WILL HAVE TO RELY ON THEIR REPORTS.

THE MONTH OF DECEMBER WAS QUITE A MONTH FOR ME, AND I FIND MYSELF VERY TIRED, AND REALLY UNABLE TO COPE WITH SALLY, IT PUTS AS YOU KNOW A DRAIN EMOTIONALLY TO TRY TO SORT OUT HER TROUBLES AND GIVE HER ADVICE, WHEN MY SUGGESTIONS WERE SUPPLEMENTED BY DR. RUCAVADA, AND ANN LAU WAS IN THE PICTURE THERE WAS A DISTRIBUTION OF THE LOAD, AND IT WAS NOT SO BAD, BUT AS YOU KNOW ANN HAS BEEN IN THE STATES, FOR ABOUT FIVE MONTHS, AND SINCE HER RETURN, SALLY HAS NOT BEEN VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN HER. SO I HAVE BEEN CARRYING THE LOAD, FOR A LONG TIME. NOT THAT I MIND, BUT I CANNOT COPE WITH THESE EMERGENCIES, ALL THE TIME. I LIKE YOU, DREAD TO SEE SALLY BACK IN CHAPUL, AND FEEL SHE CAN BE HELPED, AND SHOULD BE WHERE SHE HAS UNDERSTANDING PEOPLE AROUND HER. THE NOVICIADA IS FINE, AND THE SISTERS ARE DEARS, TO BE SURE, BUT SOME MEMBER OF HER FAMILY SHOULD BE ON TAP TO COPE WITH THESE THINGS ON THE SPOT.

IT HAS BEEN IN MY MIND TO SEND YOU AN SOS BUT I DON'T LIKE TO DISTURB YOU, ON HUNCHES, BUT THIS HAS TURNED OUT TO BE A REALITY THAT NEEDS SOME MEMBER OF THE FAMILY TO STEP IN AND TAKE SOME ACTION FOR HER OWN SAFETY AND TO KEEP HER FROM HAVING ANOTHER BREAKDOWN.

WE ALL SUFFER FROM FEELINGS OF GUILT, FOR NOT RUSHING OVER AND 'DOING SOMETHING' BUT THAT IS NOT THE ANSWER--SHE NEEDS TO BE UNDER THE SURVEILLANCE OF A PSYCHIATRIST AND WHAT HAPPENED TO A. ABELLA, I DON'T KNOW, EXCEPT SHE HAS NOT BEEN GOING TO HER ART CLASSES, AND PREHAPS OUT OF SIGHT OUT OF MIND, OR HE DOES NOT FEEL HE CAN TAKE THE INITIATIVE, HIS REACTIONS ARE ANYONE'S GUESS.

EXPERIENCE HAS TAUGHT ME TO LEAVE THE ADVICE TO THE EXPERTS, AND TO GO ALONG UNDER THEIR GUIDANCE, WHICH I DID WHEN DR. R WAS IN ATTENDANCE, THE LAST TIME I TALKED TO HIM WAS WHEN I ADVISED HIM TO TELL YOU THE SITUATION AND ASK FOR YOUR OPINIONS, AND YOU CAME BACK WITH THE AUTHORIZATION FOR DON OTONE TO CHANGE PSYCHIATRISTS, IT WOULD SEEM HE DID NOT IMPLEMENT YOUR PERMISSION TO DO SO.

REPEAT THAT YOU NEED TO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF WILSON, AND ALICE HAS SALLY IN THE SAFEST PLACE AVAILABLE HERE, WITH THE NUNS, BUT THERE ARE SITUATIONS THAT ARISE WHEN PROFESSIONAL HELP IS NEEDED, AND FAMILY TO OFFER ADVICE AND SUGGESTIONS, SO CANNOT SOME YOUNGER MEMBER OF THE POPENOE FAMILY, TAKE SOME SMALL INTEREST TO SAVE YOU BOTH THIS UNFAIR BURDEN, TO BE YOURS ALL THE TIME.

HOPE THAT SOMETHING WILL BE DONE TO BRING HELP TO SALLY SOON,

AFFECTIONATELY,

Alice Lankester



San Jose, C.R.

9 February 1973

Happy Anniversary to our
Valentine!

Dear Alice and Nelson:

Thank you for your kind letter of 22 January which explained many things I did not know and I know that Otón was authorized to take care of all correspondence I would not have picked the paper bucket since then trips for you at time of crises I dread. I don't think it just that you should carry the burden.

Margaret Hebel has been in close contact with Madre Accencian (since she is a heavy executive) we decided one of us would keep informed and advise the other. Dr. Alfaro (?) Otón's gal has been calling at the hacienda to see Sally - Mgt. understands Becavada has helped him on the history. Sally stays in bed (say) she is tired, eats and at last communicates with Madre Accencian, and at this time the latter does not feel our visits would be beneficial. I promised Sally I'd paint a picture for her so plan to do so and take it and flourish and come. Sincerely friendlier as soon as Madre gives me the green light. I feel guilty I have not gone over there - but if she is in a negative mood perhaps it's best she has complete dependency on the good sisters and this may make her realize

they are a constant (like north and compass) and
she will turn to them in time of need. Because
as you know our stay in C.R. is subject to the
uncertainty of business conditions. Somewhere Mgt.
said Leibel Thomsen came to talk to Madre - but did
not see Sally.

In short - don't worry - Sally is in the loving
hands of the people who want to help her - spare
you anxiety. The Marxins stand by - (Margaret
and the Deenahs). ready for action as required.

So keep well - so glad you have each other
and I'll keep you posted.

I'll go to see Sally when Madre says she thinks
it acceptable.

Louis Williams' brother in law died and he
and Rena rushed back to Chicago - so he collecting
for the present is just paid in C.A.

Dr. Heyman pronounced Sam in good
shape yesterday (down in weight from 198 to
171 and lacking an to his knees.) Dr. Heyman
has not heard from Casar as yet. He may be
travelling - but he has confided to Dr. H. He
wanted to leave Chile and return to Central
America to live and work.

Our love

Alice Laurie and Sam

SAN JOSE, C. R.
2 MARCH 1973

DEAR WILSON:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND MANY MANY MORE !!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF THE 21 WHICH CAME ON TUESDAY
I UNDERSTAND THAT SALLY WAS ADMITTED TO CHAPUI YESTERDAY.

ISABELLE FONSECA CALLED ME LAST NIGHT AND TOLD ME, AND TALKED
FOR FORTY MINUTES. SHE SAID THAT FERNAN WAS GOING TO WRITE TO
YOU.

I CALLED ANN LAU TO TELL HER WHERE SALLY WAS, AND OF COURSE
MARGARET NIKEL AND I TALK FREQUENTLY ABOUT SALLY, ALSO DEAR
DOROTHY LANKESTER, WANTS TO KNOW AND HELP. SO YOU STILL HAVE
SOME LOYAL FRIENDS HERE, IN SPITE OF THE FACT WE ARE POWERLESS
TO DO ANYTHING AT THIS TIME. IT ALL DEPENDS ON HER PSYCHIATRIST
WHEN I KNOW THE HEARTACHES AND ANXIETIES THAT HAVE BEEN MINE
SINCE I HAVE HAD CONTACT WITH SALLY, I FEEL FOR YOU, WHO HAVE
HAD THIS SORROW AND WEIGHT FOR SO MANY YEARS. I ONLY WISH THERE
COULD BE A MIRACLE CURE, FOR HER, SINCE SHE IS SO LOVABLE AND
BRIGHT WHEN SHE APPROACHES HER NORMAL SELF. ONE CONSOLATION
FOR ME DURING THESE PAST MONTHS WAS THAT SHE WAS IN THE
NOVICIADA, AND NOT INTERESTED IN THE OUTSIDE, AND SAID SHE WAS
BRINGING HER CARES TO GOD, THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD HELP HER,
AND THAT SHE WAS NOT DOING ANYTHING WRONG. AND SHE DID NOT
DRINK, NOR DO ANYTHING WRONG. BLESS HER HEART, SHE HAS TRIED
SO HARD. I UNDERSTAND YOUR LETTERS WERE NEVER OPENED BY HER.

THIS IS NOT GOOD TALK FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY, BUT HOW CAN I AVOID
IT? YOU WANT TO KNOW.

CHAPUI, MAY NOT BE A CHEERFUL PLACE, BUT AT LEAST WE CAN
SLEEP AT NIGHT KNOWING SHE IS SAFE, BLESS THE DEAR NUNS, THEY
HAVE BEEN WONDERFULLY PATIENT, JUST DOING THEIR BEST TO CARE
FOR HER, SO SHE WOULD NOT HAVE TO GO BACK TO CHAPUI.

TOM AND I ARE EXPECTING MARYANN AND RAFAEL RADOVICH FROM
WATSONVILLE CALIF. TO VISIT US, MARCH 4 TO 13 INC. MARYANN IS
THE YOUNGER SISTER OF JUNE BORINA SCHNACKE (DIST. ATTORNEY)
AND NOW WIFE OF FED. JUDGE ROBERT H. SCHNACKE, (YOU MET JUNE
IN ZAMORANO AND THEY MADE THE TRIP TO DALLAS VIA THE PAN AM
HIGHWAY WHEN YOU HOSTED US IN ABSENTIA AT THE HOUSE IN ANTIGUA.
MARYANN IS AN ORCHARDIST AND ABLY MANAGES THEIR RANCHES IN
CALIF. VERY VERY INTERESTING INTELLIGENT GAL, (GRAD. OF STAN-
FORD) NOW A DIRECTOR OF A NUMBER OF UNIVS IN CALIF.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR VISIT IN LATE MARCH, AND DR.
RESALIO GUZMAN, AND WIFE MARY STEIN (DAUGHTER OF JOHN STEIN
FORMER UFCO MGR COLOMBIA) WANT TO HAVE YOU TO DINNER AT THEIR
HOME AND WANT TO BE ADVISED IN ADVANCE OF YOUR VISIT IF POSSIBLE
(BOTH ARE BUSY SURGEONS.)

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELVES,

AFFECTIONATELY,

Olivia Fonseca and Tess

MARCH



Holmes

30 APRIL 1973
SAN JOSE, C. R.

DEAR ALICE AND WILSON:

KNOW YOU ARE BUSY BUT WILL ANXIOUSLY AWAIT WORD OF YOUR SAFE ARRIVAL IN GUATEMALA AND HOPE THAT THINGS ARE GOING ALONG WELL WITH ALL OF YOU. REGRET THAT YOUR VISIT WAS SUCH A BUSY ONE THAT YOU DID NOT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME TO OUR HOME AND ENJOY THE CAPON, THAT IS STILL IN THE DEEP FREEZER, RESERVED FOR A SPECIAL TREAT FOR THE POPEÑOES, TOGETHER WITH CRANBERRY SAUCE WE HOARDED FROM OUR LAST VISIT TO PANAMA. BUT LET US HOPE THERE WILL BE HAPPIER TIMES FOR US TOGETHER.

WE HAD WORD FROM RUA WILLIAMS THAT SHE AND LOUIS HAD BOUGHT A HOME IN THE ZOARKS- AND THAT HOLY WEEK THEY MOVED A LOT OF THEIR PERSONAL EFFECTS DOWN THERE AND PLANNED TO LEAVE THEIR CAR THERE AND FLY BACK TO CHICAGO, TRY TO SEEL THE HOUSE IN FLOSSMORE ILL, AND RENT AN APARTMENT AND LIVE IN IT UNTIL DECEMBER WHEN LOUIS WILL RETIRE FROM THE MUSEUM, HE WILL STILL WORK ON THE FAUNA AND FLORA OF GUATEMALA AND SPEND SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR IN CHICAGO, BUT AFTER DECEMBER 1973 HIS HOME BASE WILL BE ROGERS ARK.

ON MAY 5TH WE LEAVE FOR TAMPA, A FEW DAYS IN VENETIAN GARDENS FLA, TO VISIT A RETIRED EXEC OF MOBIL OIL, A CLOSE FRIEND OF TOMS, THEN TO NEW ORLEANS ON BUSINESS FOR TWO DAYS, ON TO DALLAS TO VISIT TOM'S SISTER AND TAKE CARE OF SOME AFFAIRS THERE, AND THENCE TO ROGERS TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THE PLACE AND TRY TO DECIDE IF WE WANT TO BUILD OR BUY A HOME THERE. OUR OHIO COUSINS ARE DRIVING TO ARKANSAS, TO LOOK THE PLACE OVER TOO, AND TOM'S SISTER AND HUSBAND MAY DRIVE US THERE FROM DALLAS TO SATISFY THEIR CURIOSITY ABOUT THE PLACE. WE ARE NOT COMMITTED TO ANYTHING, BUT IT IS A BEAUTIFUL PLACE, BELIEVE ME.

WE HAVE SPENT SO MANY YEARS IN LATIN AMERICA, AM SURE WE WILL MISS IT VERY VERY MUCH, THINK ANTIGUA IS DREAMY AND BEAUTIFUL AND WE LOVE THE QUIET LIFE, IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN VERY MUCH IN OUR HEARTS. HAVING LIVED IN SO MANY FRUIT COMPANY DIVISIONS SO MANY, PLACES LOOK GREAT TO US.

SSORRY THAT TROUBLES BESET THE SCHOOL, WAS IT NOT TRUE WHAT DR. FAIRCHILD TOLD YOU WILSON, IT WOULD BE ONE BIG HEADACHE !! FRANKLY I AM GLAD THAT IT IS NO LONGER YOUR DOLOR DE CABEZA, SINCE YOU DID MORE THAN YOUR SHARE TO BUILD THE PLACE TO ITS FINEST HOUR, AND ISN'T IT TRUE OF MANY INSTITUTIONS ALL OVER THE WORLD, THAT THE CHANGES ARE DIFFICULT TO ACCEPT. JOHN KELLEY IS SO DISGUSTED WITH DARTMOUTH HE WITHDREW HIS SUPPORT. TOM AND I DO NOT GO ALONG WITH THIS, WE SUPPORT LOYOLA UNIV. AND AUDUBON SOCIETY ETC EVEN THOUGH WE DO NOT AGREE WITH ALL OF THEIR 1973 METHODS, BUT JUST KEEP THE FAITH, AS THE IRISH SAY.

YOU MUST ADMIT, THAT YOUR TEAM AT THE ESCUELA, GAVE YOU THEIR FULL SUPPORT, I SPEAK ONLY FOR TWO MEMBERS WHICH I KNOW VERY WELL (TOM AND ME) AND SUBSEQUENT EXPERIENCES HAVE TAUGHT ME THAT PEOPLE RECEIVING FREE OR ALMOST FREE MEDICAL CARE CAN NEVER BE PLEASED, AFTER SOME 27 YEARS OF WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE PUBLIC RELATIONS AND SERVICE END OF UNIFRUITOO MED. DEPT, I FEEL MY OPINION HAS SOME MERIT. IF YOU HAVE A NURSE TO ATTEND TO THE STUDENTS AND STAFF, SHE WOULD HAVE TO BE A RETIRED ONE, PREFERABLY OLD AND ABOVE REPROACH AND THERE MIGHT BE JUST SUCH A PERSON SOMEWHERE, BUT DOCTORS, MEN SPENDING THEIR YEAR IN RURAL SERVICE, MOST COUNTRIES REQUIRE A YEAR IN THE BOONDOCKS AND WE WERE ABLE TO KEEP OUR ALMIRANTE HOSPITAL STAFFED WITH THESE YOUNG MEN, CHANGES WERE UNCOMFORTABLE, BUT THEY LIKED THAT SALARY AND FRINGE BENEFITS BETTER THAN A GOV. HOSP. WITH LITTLE OF THE FORMER AND NONE OF THE LATTER. THIS, MIGHT BE YOUR ANSWER AT THE SCHOOL, THEN HE WOULD NOT BE THERE LONG ENOUGH, TO BECOME ENTRENCHED, AND CHANGE WOULD GIVE EVERYONE A CHANCE TO FEEL THEY HAD A MD, HIS SALARY WOULD NEVER GET VERY BIG, AND HE COULD REFER EVERYONE OF ANY CONSEQUENCE CLINICALLY OR (PRESTIGIOUSLY) TO THE SPECIALISTS IN TEGUC. AM SURE ANYONE YOU HAVE WILL DO THIS ANYWAY. AND EAGER YOUNG DOCTORS ARE SOMETIMES VERY GOOD AND INTERESTED, AND NOT STAY LONG ENOUGH TO BECOME DISINTERESTED. ADVICE IS GIVEN APPROP OF OUR CONVERSATION AND IS GIVEN WITH INTEREST AND LOYALTY TO THE ESCUELA, WHICH I HOPE WILL EVENTUALLY GET ON ITS FEET IN THE WAY YOU FEEL IT CAN BEST SERVE THE ORIGINAL IDEALS.

MISS, SALLY, SHE HAD BEEN VERY MUCH A PART OF MY LIFE DURING ALL THE TIME SHE WAS HERE AND REGRET I COULD NOT DO MORE FOR HER, BUT REMEMBER HER DAILY IN MY PRAYERS, AS DO HER GOOD FRIENDS THE SALISBURY'S WHO GO TO MASS DAILY IN MANHASSETT, AND ASK FOR HER AND YOU IN THEIR MONTHLY LETTERS TO US.

DO YOU KNOW THE AVERAGE NORTH AMERICAN CONSUMES 18 LBS OF BANANAS ANNUALLY AT 1948 PRICES (QUOTE LOWELL THOMAS)

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LET US HEAR FROM YOU TAKE CARE OF YOURSELVES, AFFECTIONATELY,
Alice Howell

SAN JOSE, C. R.
14 JUNE 1973

DEAR ALICE AND WILSON:

YOUR GOOD LETTER OF MAY 15TH GREETED US ON OUR ARRIVAL FROM OUR STATESIDE VACATION ON JUNE 6TH. IT WAS GOOD TO HAVE WORD FROM YOU, AS YOU MAY KNOW, OUR CONCERN AND INTEREST IN SALLY CONTINUES, AND AFTER THESE FEW YEARS OF HAVING HER BE DAILY IN OUR MINDS AND HEARTS, TO KNOW SHE IS MAKING A GOOD ADJUSTMENT TO LIFE IN ANTIGUA AND RESPONDING TO HER MEDICATION, AND THAT YOU HAVE A PLACE THAT IS REASONABLY PRICED WHERE SHE CAN RECEIVE PERSONALIZED TREATMENT IN CASE OF NEED, WAS A GREAT WEIGHT LIFTED FROM US. BECAUSE THINKING OF YOU TWO GOOD PEOPLE RETURNING TO YOUR HAVEN IN ANTIGUA WITH A PROBLEM THAT HAD NO SOLUTION ON YOUR DEPARTURE, TO HAVE IT RESOLVING ITSELF WAS INDEED AN ANSWER TO OUR PRAYERS. COST OF HOSPITALIZATION IS UNREASONABLE IN THE US FROM WHAT I HEAR, AND UNLESS YOU HAVE CONNECTIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT PROHIBITIVE, I AM SURE THAT IN TIME REMEDIAL MEASURES WILL ALLEVIATE THIS, BUT THE HEARTENING THING TO ME WAS THAT THE CITY AND STATE INSTITUTIONS ARE SO IMPROVED. I VISITED AN OLD FRIEND IN WHAT WAS KNOWN AS THE POOR HOUSE IN MY CHILDHOOD, AND REALLY HER ACCOMMODATIONS AND TREATMENT WERE EXCELLENT. MODERN NEW BUILDING, WITH EVERY CONVENIENCE, AND PROGRAMMED RECREATION AND VISITING, BY INTERESTED GROUPS. AIR CONDITIONED, AND I DOUBT IF THERE IS A MODERN CONVENIENCE THAT THIS PLACE LACKED. GONE, TOO IS THE STIGMA OF BEING SENT TO THE POOR HOUSE. SO WE HAVE ADVANCED. DOROTHY, A CONCERT PIANIST HAS HAD MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS FOR THIRTY YEARS AND IS UNABLE TO WALK, AND WITH HER AGE, SHE HAS MENTAL PROBLEMS NOW, HER HUSBAND DIED TWO YEARS AGO OF A HEART ATTACK. KIND FRIENDS ARRANGED FOR HER INTERMENT IN THIS PLACE, AFTER THE CLOSURE OF OLD WHITE OAKS FARM, (WHERE MRS. HARDING DIED, A PSYCHIATRIC CLINIC AND REST HOME RUN FOR YEARS BY DR. SAWYER, WHO WAS MR. HARDING'S PERSONAL PHYSICIAN.) HIS GRANDSON, A PSYCHIATRIST, KEPT UP THE OLD HOSPITAL AND REST HOME AND GAVE HAVEN TO MANY IMPOVERISHED MARIONITES, UNTIL HE FINALLY WENT BROKE, AND A LOCAL MILLIONAIRE BOUGHT THE PROPERTY AND GAVE IT TO THE CITY AS A PARK. (MRS. H WAS NOT A MENTAL CASE, BUT A LIFELONG FRIEND OF THE SAWYERS AND DIED THERE FOR THAT REASON, THEY LOVED HER VERY MUCH.) INCIDENTALLY THAT NOT TOO WELL REMEMBERED RESIDENT LIVED ACROSS THE STREET FROM MY MOTHER AND DAD WHEN THEY WERE NEWLY WEDS, AND WERE FRIENDS.

WITH WHAT THEY ARE DOING TO OUR ABLE PRESIDENT NIXON IS A NATIONAL DISGRACE, WISH THEY WOULD EXPEND THE SAME AMOUNT OF INTEREST AND ENERGY IN CONTROLLING THE MAFIA AND THE DRUG TRAFFIC, AND LET THE POOR MAN GET ALONG WITH THE BUSINESS OF RUNNING THE GOVERNMENT. WE CAN NO LONGER LISTEN TO THE INTERNATIONAL NEWS, SINCE THE AIR IS FILLED WITH THE BORING TESTIMONY OF THE VARIOUS MEN APPEARING, PROMINENT LAWYERS SAY MOST OF THE STATEMENTS ARE INADMISSIBLE AS EVIDENCE OF ANY INTENT TO COMMIT A CRIME SINCE MOST OF IT IS HERESAY AND MOST PEOPLE ARE BORED TO DEATH WITH THE WHOLE BUSINESS.

WE LIKED ARKANSAS EVEN BETTER THAN LAST YEAR, WHEN YOU GET INTO THAT MAD RUSH OF CARS, AND THE SOCIAL CRUSH OF AVERAGE SMALL TOWN USA, I THINK IN TERMS OF A QUIET RETREAT LIKE ANTIGUA, OR THE HILLS OF THE OZARKS, BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY AND IT IS LOUIS' GUESS THAT IT WILL NOT BE INDUSTRIALIZED NOR POLLUTED (EXCEPT FOR AGRIC. POLLUTION) IN OUR LIFETIMES. OUR PROPERTY BORDERS ON A 16,000 ACRE ESTATE WHICH IT IS EXPECTED WILL BE EVENTUALLY A NATIONAL FOREST.

SORRY ABOUT DOROTHY ALLEN'S DEATH, UNDERSTAND SHE WAS IN VERY POOR HEALTH FOR MANY YEARS, WE SAW THEM OCCASIONALLY IN PANAMA WHEN THEY MADE TRIPS THROUGH THERE, THEY STOPPED WITH US.

GLAD FOR NEWS OF EAP AND HOPE IT SIMMERS DOWN. AM I CORRECT THAT YOU NOW HAVE A MALE NURSE IN CONSTANT ATTENDANCE AND WEEKLY VISIT FROM A PHYSICIAN. IT CERTAINLY SEEMS TO ME THIS IS MORE THAN ADEQUATE MEDICAL ATTENDANCE. WITH SOC. SEC. AND ALMOST SOCIALIZED MED. IN THE WORLD TO-DAY, ANY COMPLAINTS WOULD BE COUNTED WITH THE QUESTION, HOW LONG DID YOU SIT ON THE BENCH IN THE OUT PATIENT DEPT OF YOUR LOCAL HOSPITAL LAST VISIT, OR IN ANY DOCTOR'S OFFICE?

DO KEEP IN TOUCH, NOW THAT SALLY IS WITH YOU YOU MAY NOT FEEL THE NEED TO WRITE, BUT DON'T FORGET, YOU ARE BOTH VERY DEAR TO US, AND WE ARE INTERESTED IN ALL THAT YOU DO AND IN SALLY, TOM ASKED ME TO SEND YOU THE ENCLOSED CLIPPING, HE THOUGHT IT INTERESTING,

AFFECTIONATELY,

26 JULY 1973
SAN JOSE, C.R.

DEAR ALICE AND WILSON:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND LETTER, WE WERE MORE THAN HAPPY TO KNOW THAT SALLY IS DOING SO WELL, AND HAVING HER NEAR YOU, SHOULD LESSEN YOUR ANXIETIES SINCE BY RADIO TELEPHONE IT MUST HAVE BEEN QUITE A STRAIN ON YOU TO HAVE THESE THIRD HAND REPORTS.

I CALLED THE NOVICIADA AND THEY SAY THAT REPORTS FROM SPAIN REGARDING MADRE ARE INDEED DOLOROSO THAT SHE IS FAILING AND IN VERY VERY DELICATE HEALTH, I THINK THAT SHE HAS ADVANCED NEPHRITIS FROM WHAT SALLY TOLD ME. SHE REALLY LOOKED SO FRAIL AND ILL WHEN WE SAW HER LAST, I WONDERED IF SHE WOULD MAKE IT TO SPAIN. HER ADDRESS

MADRE ASUNCIÓN
% VICENTE CHOUVER SANTES (HER BROTHER)
GRUPO MONTE DE PIEDAD
154 CHEREVELLA
PROVENCIA VALENCIA ESPAÑA

SHE WAS AND IS A LOVELY PERSON, AND SHE LOVES SALLY AS HER OWN, AND ENDEARED HERSELF TO ALL OF US WITH WHOM SHE CAME IN CONTACT, MARGARET NIKEL WILL WRITE TO HER AS I WILL AND WHEN ANN LAU RETURNS THIS MONTH WILL ASK HER ALSO TO SEND HER A GREETING.

DR. SALISBURY CELEBRATED HIS 80TH ON THE 18TH OF THIS MONTH, AND HIS SON JOHN (SECRETARY FOR NATIONAL DISTILLERS ON CORPORATE LEVEL, FORMERLY WITH BREED ABBOTT NY, A BRILLIANT LAWYER AND EX NAVAL INTELLIGENCE) STOPPED HERE RETURNING FROM BRAZIL AND WE HAD A NICE VISIT. THE COMPANY IS SENDING MEN TO BRAZIL, AND TO AUSTRALIA !! I HOPE NOT JUST GIVING THEM THE TRIPS TO KEEP THEM HAPPY, BUT THAT SOME DEVELOPMENTS THAT WILL INCREASE OLD UNITED BRANDS EARNINGS WILL COME OF THIS GADDING ABOUT. SPIKE GILMORE IS DREAMING, ON A RECENT VISIT HERE, HE WANTED ALL OF US PENSIONERS TO WRITE INTO THE PENSION PLAN HEADQUARTERS TO REMIND THEM OTHER PENSION PLANS HAD RAISED THE PAYMENT TO THEIR FORMER EMPLOYEES, I UNDERSTAND THAT UB IS NOT PAYING ANYTHING INTO THE PLAN JUST NOW. THANK GOODNESS LEGAL MEASURES PREVENT THEM FROM TAKING ANY FLYERS WITH OUR HARD EARNED DOUGH !!

OUR LOVELY COUSIN KAMI AMESTOV WAS TO HAVE MARRIED ON AUGUST 2TH HER FIANCEE CHINESE GUATEMALTECAN JUAN LEE FROM GUATEMALA CITY. HER COLLEGE ROOMMATE MARRIED HIS COUSIN OSVALDO LIANG EIGHT YEARS AGO, THEY LIVE HERE. IT IS NOT EASY TO UNDERSTAND THESE ATTRACTIONS, KAMI AND SUSAN BOTH GRADUATED FROM SMITH HAVE HAD EVERY EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL ADVANTAGE MONEY CAN OFFER, AND THEY MAKE THESE MARRIAGES. JUAN LEE HAD NEVER BEEN OUT OF GUATEMALA UNTIL HE CAME TO SAN JOSE TO SEE HER LAST AUGUST, AND HIS TRIP TO LOS ANGELES TO BE PRESENTED TO HER FAMILY HIS FIRST TRIP OUT OF US, OSVALDO HOWEVER GRADUATED FROM MIT. WEDDING INVITATIONS USUALLY COME REGULAR MAIL INSPITE OF POSTAGE SINCE THE SCANNER DOES NOT RECOGNIZE STAMPS BUT JUST THE MESSAGE AIR MAIL. WE ARE STILL RECEIVING CHRISTMAS CARDS !! AND WITH A RECENT POSTAL STRIKE, A MIRACLE WE HAD YOUR LETTER.

TOM KEEPS WELL AND BUSY, WHAT WITH THE DOLLAR CHANGING DAILY, AND PURCHASING RESIN WORLD WIDE, THEY LOOSE MONEY BEFORE IT IS SPENT, WITH KEEPING COMMITMENTS, BUT AM SURE WE WILL SURVIVE. WISH YOU COULD HAVE A RIDE IN OUR FOUR DOOR OPEL, WE SEEM TO COME UP WITH THESE THINGS LATE.

I KEEP BUSY, AM VICE PRES. OF WOMEN'S CLUB (320 MEMBERS) AND WE DO SOME GOOD OTHERWISE I WOULD NOT BE A PART OF IT, BUT HEARING TEACHING AIDS, IRON LUNGS, AND MANY WELFARE PROJECTS, SPENDING ABOUT \$8000 ANNUALLY ON LOCAL CHARITIES, AND OUR WELFARE BOARD CONSISTS OF SOME WELL PREPARED MUJERES WHO SCREEN THE REQUESTS, AND I AM WELL SATISFIED WITH THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS, (YOU KNOW I HAVE HAD SOME PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD.)

DO KEEP WELL, AND LET US HEAR FROM YOU, WILL CONTINUE TO REMEMBER YOU GOOD FRIENDS IN OUR PRAYERS, AND HOPE THAT SALLY CONTINUES TO DO WELL, GIVE HER OUR LOVE, AND SAVE PLENTY FOR YOUR SELVES,

AFFECTIONATELY

Alice Lauve

SAN JOSE, C. R.

28 JULY 1973

DEAR ALICE, WILSON AND SALLY:

MADRE SUPERIOR JUST CALLED US TO TELL US THAT
MADRE ASCUNCION DIED THIS MORNING IN VALENCIA SPAIN.
SHE WENT TO THE HOSPITAL YESTERDAY IN A COMA, AND NEVER
REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS.

MY OTHER LETTER WITH HER BROTHER'S ADDRESS IS
NO DOUBT NOW IN ANTIGUA, MARGARET NIKEL AND I PLANNED
TO SEND HER SOME GET WELL CARDS, AND ANN LAU IS DUE
BACK THE FIFTEENTH AND HOPED TO HAVE HER DO THE SAME.
I AM LATE FOR THESE SINCERE GOOD WISHES FOR OUR DEAR
FRIEND. SHE LOVED SALLY LIKE HER OWN,

LOVE,

Alice Lauie

31 JANUARY 1974

DEAR WILSON AND ALICE:

TWO LETTERS BEHIND, BUT WANTED TO ANSWER SALLY IMMEDIATELY SO GLAD THAT YOU ARE FEELING BETTER, AND YOU KNOW HOW HAPPY I AM THAT SALLY IS IMPROVING, SHE IS SO LOVABLE AND GOOD, I MISS HER VERY MUCH, BUT WAS SO CONCERNED ABOUT HER BEING ALONE IN THIS BIG CITY, IT IS SO FULL OF EVIL, BELIEVE ME. IN ANTIGUA, THE PACE IS SLOWER, SHE HAS THE LOVE AND SHELTER THAT ONLY A HOME LIKE THE ONE YOU BOTH PROVIDE CAN GIVE HER, AND MY ANXIOUS DAYS FOR HER ARE OVER, I REALLY WORRIED ABOUT HER HERE, IN SPITE OF THE GOOD NUNS,

SO GOOD THAT THE REMOVAL OF FLUID HAS RESULTED IN YOUR WELL BEING, AS WE GROW OLDER SOMETHING GIVES IN THE SEAMS IN EACH OF US, AND IF WE CAN BE REASONABLY COMFORTABLE, HAVE A GOOD HOME, LOVE AND THE ABILITY TO READ AND ENJOY THE SIMPLE THINGS OF LIFE, WHAT MORE CAN WE ASK. BLESS A LICE I KNOW HOW WONDERFUL SHE IS TO BOTH OF YOU, BUT THEN, YOU DESERVE THE BEST WILSON.

THANK YOU BOTH FOR EATING NUMAR, I NEVER USE ANYTHING ELSE, THEIR CLOVER BRAND OIL, PUT OUT UNDER ANOTHER NAME IN SALVADOR, IS EXCELLENT, THEIR SHORTENING, AND THEIR WHIPPED MARGARINE (IN THE LITTLE PLASTIC CONTAINERS) I USE ON BREAD AND FOR TABLE BUTTER SUBSTITUTE, THE BLOCK MARGARINE I USE FOR COOKING, THE PRINCIPLE IS THAT THE WHIPPED PRODUCT YOU USE LESS AND SINCE I MUST WATCH MY CHOLESTEROLE I USE IT. ALL THE PRODUCTS ARE EXCELLENT, THEY MAKE MAYONIAISE, TARTAR SAUCE ETC. TOM SAYS THE FORMULA IS AS CLOSELY A GUARDED SECRET AS THE COCA COLA FORMULA BUT THE ONLY THING HE KNOWS IS THIS AFRICAN OIL IS THE BASIC INGREDIENT AND IS SUPPLEMENTED WITH COTTON SEED OIL, WHICH PERCENTAGE IS USED (????) DEPENDENT OFTEN ON THE AVAILABILITY OF EITHER OF THESE TWO INGREDIENTS. SANDY TOLD US THAT IN THE EARLY DAYS WHEN DICK JOHNSON WAS WORKING ON THIS, HERBERT HOOVER'S SON, PROVIDED THE FINANCING, DICK JOHNSON HAS RETURNED TO C R, HIS WIFE LOATHED BOSTON, AND DICK WAS TRAVELLING SO MUCH, WHEN YOU HAVE A COOL MILLION, YOU CAN SAY NO TO EVEN A SR. V P OFFICE, SO HE IS BACK HERE, HAPPY AND WHERE HE LIKES TO LIVE, STILL WORKING FOR UB TRYING TO ARRANGE FOR SOME CATTLE OPERATIONS AT PRESENT. MEN JUST RETURNING FROM BOSTON SAY THAT THE INCREASE IN THE COST OF BUNKER FUEL IS \$15,000,000 (MORE THAN THE BANANA DIVISIONS CLEARED IN THE LAST YEAR.) TWO MEN WERE HERE FROM EUROPE ONE FROM HAMBURG ONE FROM COPENHAGEN, THEY RECEIVED A TELEX TWO SHIPMENTS OF BANANAS FROM COLOMBIA, ONE WITH 80% RIPES, THE OTHER WITH 60% RIPES, AND THE SHIPMENT WAS REFUSED BY DISTRIBUTORS. (NO REASON GIVEN.)

GLAD YOU HAVE SEEN LOUIS AND RUA, WE HOPE TO SEE THEM IN THE SPRING, WE PLAN VACATION FOR MAY, AND TO TAKE A LONG COOL LOOK AT ARKANSAS, WANTED TO SEE IT IN THE WINTER, BUT TOM COULD NOT LEAVE. NO DECISION ON RETIREMENT YET, TOM WILL BE 62 IN OCTOBER. DICK GORDON RETIRES THEN, HE IS 65, NO DECISION ON WHERE HE WILL LIVE.

LONG AGO YOUR DAUGHTER MARION SAID "DAD SAYS TOO MANY PEOPLE WRITE BOOKS WHO DO NOT KNOW WHAT THEY ARE TALKINGABOUT," WELL TOM MADE THE SAME REMARK ABOUT PADDOCK WHOM WE KNOW ONLY BY HERESAY.

KEEP WELL AND LET US HEAR FROM YOU,

AFFECTIONATELY,

Alice Wilson

MY DEAR YOUNG COUSIN KAMI AMESTOY MAY CALL ON YOU ONE DAY, SHE MARRIED JUAN LEE
ON THE 25TH OF JANUARY 1951 SHE MET EIGHT YEARS AGO WHEN SHE WAS TEACHING AT AMERICAN

Herbert Hoover's son married Beverly H. Hoover

18 FEBRUARY 1974

DEAR WILSON:

YOUR INTEREST IN PALM OIL IS TIMELY, BECAUSE SATURDAY WE WENT ON A TRIP WITH WILY AND LIGIA HUG TO QUEPOS AND STOPPED OFF AT THE PALM OIL PROCESSING PLANT THERE TO SEE IT IN OPERATION, SO I ASKED LOTS OF QUESTIONS, FOR YOU, AND WILL JOT THEM DOWN.

THEY HAVE PLANTED IN THE AREA 22,000 ACRES OF AFRICAN PALM OIL THREE TIMES THE AMOUNT PLANTED IN HONDURAS. THEY ARE HARVESTING CONTINUALLY, REGRETABLY THIS LAND WOULD BE SUITABLE FOR A MORE PROFITABLE CROP AND PALM PLANTS SUCH AS THESE WOULD GROW IN A LESS VERSATILE (?) TYPE OF SOIL, BUT THE LAND IS PLANTED SO, IT WILL CONTINUE TO BE USED FOR AFRICAN OIL PALMS.

WHEN WILY HUG VISITED MALAYSIA HE SAW THEIR PLANTS, AND WAS PARTICULARLY TAKEN WITH THE SQUARE OVEN WITH PEAKED ROOF THAT WAS USED FOR BURNING THE STOCKS OF THE PLANT, THESE HAVE A HIGH NITROGEN CONTENT, AND THE ASHES FROM THIS, PROCESS IS USED IN FERTILIZATION. THE FIBRE IS USED FOR AN INGREDIENT IN CATTLE FEED AND ALSO FOR FUEL FOR STOKING THE BOILERS FOR EXTRACTING THE PERI CARP OIL WHICH IS USED IN THE NUMAR PRODUCTS. (THE SEEDS ARE SHIPPED IN ~~seed~~ ^{kernel} FORM TO THE EUROPEAN MARKET FOR EXTRACTION OF THE OIL THERE FOR MEDICINAL PURPOSES, EACH KERNEL HAS FROM FOUR TO SIX SEEDS AND THIS IS THE SOURCE OF THE MEDICINAL OIL (SHIPPED IN KERNEL FORM).

THEY HAVE TWO PLANTS NEAR QUEPOS, THE ONE AT BUNMAS IS THE NEWEST ONE COMPLETED WITHIN THE LAST SIXX YEARS AND HAD THE FIRST OVEN FOR BURNING PULP AND UTILIZING THE RESIDUE (WILY WAS THE FATHER OF THIS IDEA.) HE IS NOW SEVENTY, AND IN FINE PHYSICAL COMDITION JUST HARVESTED 45 FANEGAS TO THE MANZANA OF COFFEE ON HIS SMALL FARM, 80,000 COLONES FOR THE LOT! BUT WORRIED ABOUT GROWING OLD.

I WISH BOTH OF YOU WOULD STOP.

TRY TO STICK WITH YOUR DIET, AND LIVE A LONG TIME, WE WOULD MISS YOU SO VERY MUCH, AND YOU NEED TO LIVE A LONG TIME, FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR FRIENDS, AND LOVED ONES, YOU STILL HAVE US, REMEMBER!! YOU SAID MOST ALL OF YOUR OLD PALS WERE GONE, WHAT ABOUT THE DUNNS AND THE WILLIAMS ALPHABETICALLY SPEAKING, AND I COULD NAME A LONG LIST.

GLAD THAT SALLY IS DOING SO WELL, HOW COULD SHE HELP WITH YOU AND ALICE, AND YOUR LOVING CARE, WE COULD NOT GIVE HER WHAT SHE REALLY NEEDED HERE, THAT WAS YOU.

TOM JOINS ME IN SENDING LOVE, WISH HE COULD EDIT THE INFO, BUT IF I WAIT, YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE THIS LETTER, IF IT IS INADEQUATE, MAKE A QUESTION LIST AND WILL ASK WILY AND TOM TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS DIRECTLY AND WILL SEND THEM BACK TO YOU, MINE WAS FROM HERESAY IN THEIR CONVERSATIONS, FORGIVE ME,

AFFECTIONATELY,

Alice Lauer

*191 K. to Quepas
near Jaco Beach*

*164 K. on new road Quepas to San Jaco
He travelled in a new Land Rover.*