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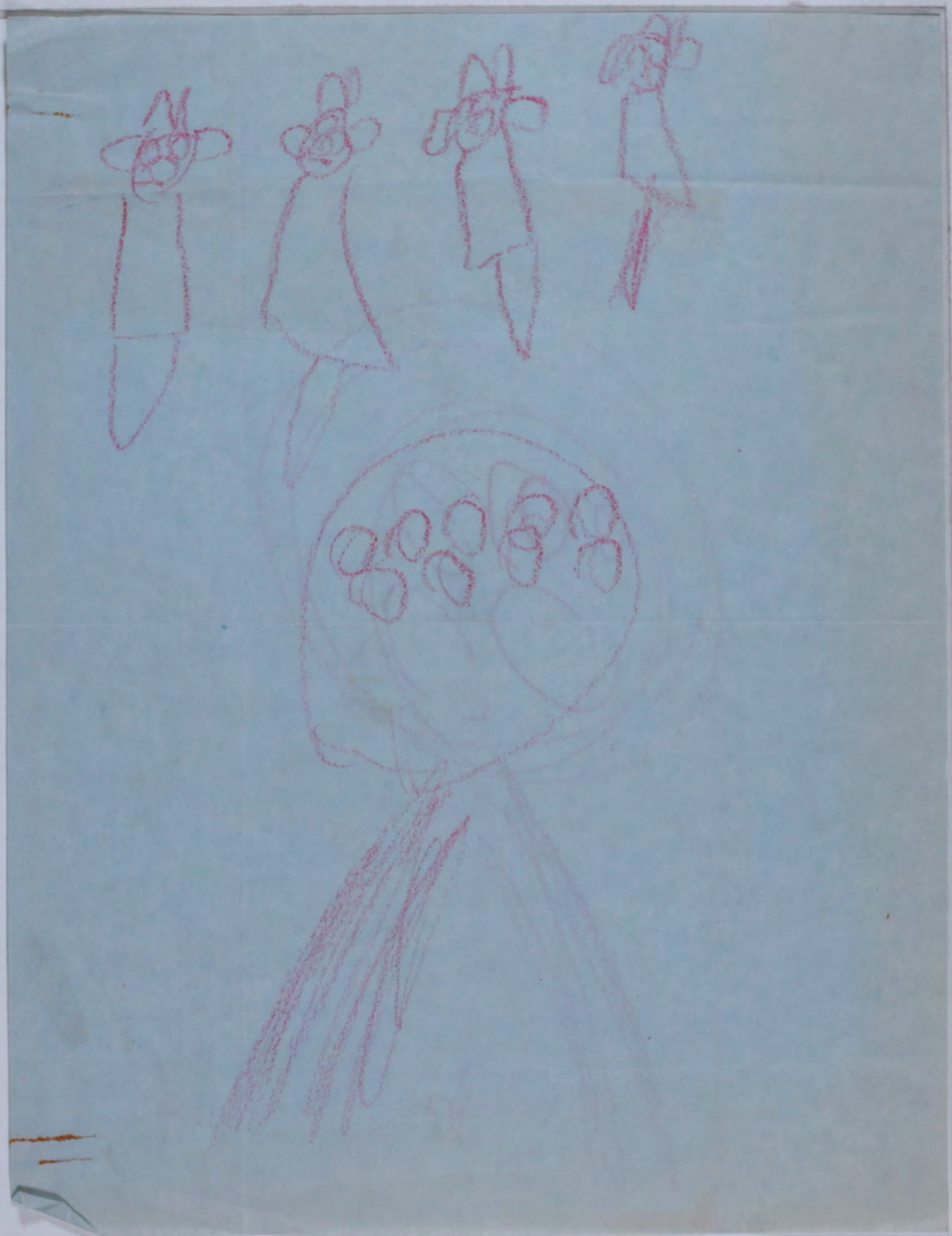

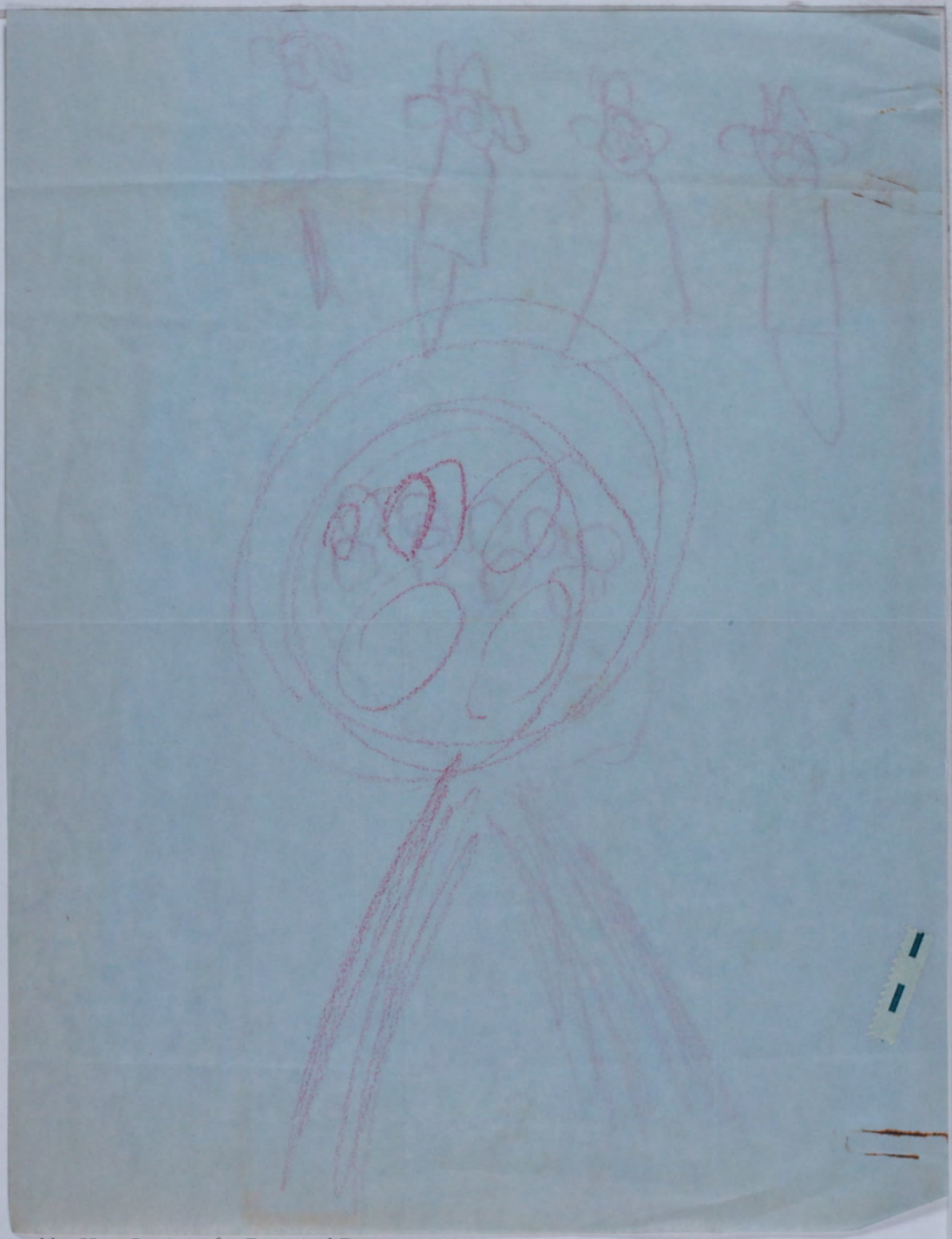

September 9, 1958

Dear Nana,

How is Grandpa? And how are you? I'm going to Kindergarten every other day for two weeks. Then after those two weeks, I'll go every day to Kindergarten. My teacher's name is Mrs. Farson. I'm sending you some pictures. These pictures will show cherry tree, apple tree, Barton, and Mimi. And a picture of Nana and Grandpa. I have an apron for school. It has different colored stripes. Yesterday I went to school. I had some milk and sang some songs.

Thank you for the handkerchief and letter. It is pretty.

On our trip to California on the plane all we saw were clouds down on the bottom. We met some people on the way. We went on a train in California. The plane we went on home was very nice. We slept on it all night. I saw the stars. Daddy met us and took us home. In California I saw Aunt Betty and Uncle Paul. Anne was there, too. So was Aunt Sally.

Hugs & kisses

[Dec. 1958]

Season's Greetings

Bob and Nancy Guillou
Marion and Barton

Sunday, Jan. 18, 1959

Dearest Mom and Dad,

While Bob and the children are down at the golf course trying out the new Christmas sleds on about two inches of fresh snow, I want to take advantage of a few quiet moments to write this letter. I hope it reaches you before your departure for California. I suppose your car may have arrived by now and you will be leaving soon.

How we are hoping that your visit with Sal. may produce some happy solutions to this future problem. After talking with Sal. - and the Halleys - you undoubtedly will have some idea of just what can be done. I feel so strongly that the greatest mistake of all would be for Sal to return to an unchanged home situation. Ed and his future plans seem to be the heart of the matter. We're interested to hear more about the possibility of Ed taking a job in Latin America — or anywhere, for that matter!

All goes well at 10148 Dallas. The children are thriving and seem to be enjoying the winter weather, especially when it snows. They are becoming regular little snow bunnies and can't get enough. Mimi's enthusiasm for school, too, remains at a high level combined with an insatiable curiosity. I hope this will continue throughout the later school years.

Bob leaves Wednesday for a week in Texas, so it looks as if the momentary lull in his travels is about over. He goes to California sometime in the spring, probably March. I wish it could be sooner so he could see you. I hope he can do most of the traveling in the spring, as it would be very nice to have him home in the summer, especially around July 30 when our third (and last!) little Popenoe-Quillen is expected. July seems so far away now, but I suppose it will be here before we know it. I still find it hard to believe, but as each month goes by the reality becomes more apparent.

And more family news - have you heard of Chuck's engagement to a very lovely girl named Helen Holden. No date has been set for the wedding yet, but it probably won't be too far in the future. We are all extremely happy about Chuck's choice.

Many, many thanks for the Christmas check. It was very generous and thoughtful and helped so much to make our Christmas a merry one. I know that Bart would have liked nothing better than a new vacuum cleaner, but after thinking it over, we decided he could use the old one a little longer. He still has a great interest in anything mechanical - in fact it seems to know no limits at times. We decided on the sleds instead and will probably use the rest to finish our desk and redecorate the bedroom. It looks as if we'll probably be in this house a while longer, so we may as well make it as livable as possible!

All our best wishes go to you for a good trip. We'll be looking forward to hearing about it.

Most affectionately,
Nancy

Sunday. Feb. 8, 1959

Dearest Mom and Dad,

Just a quick note, which I hope will reach you before you return South. We are so eager to hear all about your trip. I hope it has gone well and that you've had good visits with everyone you wanted to see.

We had a grand visit with Uncle Knowles recently. He was a little uncertain about his plans but was hoping to get back to California in time to see you.

It doesn't seem possible that Paul and Betty will be in Washington next month on their way to Europe. Somehow the trip has always seemed far off in the future. We were interested to hear that Allie and Laura are planning a trip to Europe this summer and will use Paul's and Betty's car. Although I haven't talked to them. I can well imagine their excitement.

Thank you so <u>much</u> for your letter and the birthday check. It was a perfectly

wonderful gift and made it possible for us to get something I have wanted for years. We bought a second-hand (the store called it reconditioned) upright piano, which seems to be in good condition and a really fine instrument. We are all so pleased with this new and most important addition to our household. I enjoy playing it so much and the children think its great fun to sing all their little songs with a piano accompaniment. Of course, I hope this slight and early exposure will eventually lead to real musical interest in at least one of them. Even if it doesn't, I think they can still have a lot of fun with it. I am so deeply grateful to you – and I hope you know just how much.

Did you receive the check book?

I'm going to walk to the mailbox to get this on its way to you and hope to beat the rain which, according to the appearance of the sky, might start momentarily.

Our love to all the relatives and

Very much love to you,
Nancy

[May 10, 1959]

Happy Mother's Day

With love from:
Bob
Nancy
Mimi
and
Bart

Dearest all,

I imagine Grandma and Aunt Vivian must be with you now and I know what a fine time you are having.

Bob has been in California for a week and should return in another week. The children have been through a series of small ailments such as colds and coughs and strep throat, but with the good weather we hope to see an end to it soon. Mimi is to be flower girl at Chuck's & Helen's wedding on the 16th so she is determined to be well for that!

I have just finished reading "The Plant Hunters" and enjoyed it immensely. Thank you so much.

May you have a happy Mother's Day!

With our love,

Nancy

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[Feb. 20, 1959]

A birthday note to say
"Hello"
And also just to let you know
You're specially
thought about today
In just the warmest
sort of way.

RSB

Have a very happy birthday and know that we'll all be thinking of you! With our love,
Dot, Nancy, Mimi, and Bart

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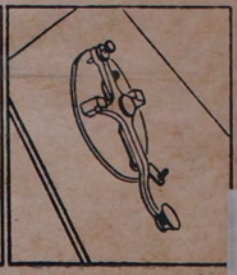

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Antigua, 19 July 1959

Dearest Nancita:

Helen says it will only be a few days now until that "cute little stranger arrives" as the old song hath it; but I tell her she must remember that El hombre propone, Dios dispone, y la mujer descompone. Please let us know promptly when that cute little stranger does arrive and I am sure it is quite unnecessary to tell you that if you name him Wilson (which you wouldnt think of doing, anyway) I will cut you off with a shilling in my will. I believe it is necessary under British common law to mention every relative in the will but you only have to give a shilling to make it legal. Good idea.

And now, Nancita, since we are thinking so much of you and Bob these days: I want to reiterate my request that you let me hire you a full time servant for 3 months. You really should do this. I have the money, right there in Am Sec and Trust Co, and you remember what William Howard Taft said: "What money is for is to spend". How well Franklin Roosevelt learned that lesson! A good guy for all that, but I dont like this inflation business. We are riding for a fall. But how well I remember what old Sam Zemurray said to the Board of Directors some years ago: "Pop is the only smart bastard in this Company. He has a fine house in Antigua, where he can retire, live in a good climate, and buy enough rice and beans with his pension."

Now another matter: We are really relieved to learn from your Uncle Paul that Sally has changed her mind and thinks of staying on with her husband and family. Our one desire has been to see this happen. Apparently Ed has decided to move to Tahoe - a very good place I think. I went there with Paul on a vacation trip back about 1910 and I dont suppose the lake is less attractive than it was then. Ed has a temporary job, as you doubtless know, and it seems he may drive the school bus when school opens in Sept. Quite allright. What Sally has wanted all along is to see her husband working and trying to achieve independence for himself and family. Anything for a start. I remember when your mother came to the US she told me she was prepared to do anything, even to scrubbing floors, for a living. She didnt have to scrub floors but I think she had to work even harder when she married me.

We were a bit worried about Sal's going East and being on the respective necks of Bob and yourself and Dick and Marion. It would be hard work for all of you and we must remember that poor little Sal is not in good mental condition and with this new baby she may have her troubles. We will back Sal and back all of you in any and every way. But throughout we have wanted to see Sal and Ed stick it out together and I now feel they are going to do this. They are really devoted to each other; but we do want to see Sal get out of Langley Porter, because if the psychiatrists have not cured her in 9 months I doubt that they will ever do it; and I dont think she needs psychiatry any more, anyway. What she needs is a happy home and security. Dont you think so? That is what she has consistently told us.

Ever your devoted

[August 1959]

For Nancy, Marion, Hugh and Uncle Pablo.

Damas y Caballeros:

Marion's letter of 30 pxmo ppdo came yesterday, enclosing one from Sal dated 27 pxmo ppdo. We also have other correspondence on the subject of Sally's plans and since it appears more than probable that Sally will be flying East with Paul and Betty about the 16th of this month I want to get in a few words before she lands in Washington.

First, and in spite of the fact that Karl Bowman (than whom I have no better friend in the world) told me some months ago that I must remember that Sally is married and I must not think I have too much to say about her affairs, Sally is still my daughter and I love her dearly and will always be ready to do anything within my power to help her. This applies particularly to the present situation: she has written that she wants to borrow some money from me to pay her expenses in the East. I am not lending Sally any money; I am taking care of her needs and I want you to know this, and more especially, I want you to know that she must not be an economic burden on any of you folks in Washington. No matter with whom she stays, I want to send a check ~~every week or two~~ regularly to that family, covering all her expenses, and you must be very honest about this. There will be enough problems without having to worry about board, lodging and laundry.

Secondly, the apparently simple but really extremely difficult matter of having Sally and a new baby in anybody's household. Nancy has little Kathryn (how we like that name!) and now Marion is expecting (how I dislike that word!) but not very soon; but the situation boils down to lo siguiente: both you gals and your respective husbands have your hands pretty darn full, and it is not going to be easy for you to take on Sally and her problems.

Personally, I feel pretty badly about this angle. Helen and I have hoped that Sally, if she felt it necessary to get away from California, might come to us. We are the ones best prepared to take care of her while she has the baby, and afterward; and when we were in California I brought up this matter; Sally seemed receptive; Ed was not; and other interested parties thought it would not work. So we had to give it up, much as we would like to help little Sal in this personal way. So if that's out, it's out. But we want it to be clear that if the time should come when it seems best for Sally to come here, she will be welcome. Perhaps it is felt that there is danger of another mental breakdown which could not be handled here; perhaps there are emotional problems involved. I dont know.

Referring to Marion's letter, we agree that the logical thing would seem to be a rented house in Tahoe, if Sally does not want to be too near Stockton (and we are forced to believe this is a factor), but I am afraid the trouble is that Sally is not mentally in condition to work things out on a practical basis, nor does Ed seem to have been very practical in his approach to their problems. I feel that the Halleys have done a pretty fine job in taking care of the situation; it is not easy to have three little tots on your hands for nine months, even if you have a servant to help.

As for ourselves, we feel a bit frustrated. We made the trip to California hoping that we could do something. All we did was to antagonise Ed to a certain extent - or so Sally seemed to feel. If we antagonised him it was because I urged him to get a job, any kind of job, so that Sally could have a home of her own and feel that they were heading toward security. That seems to have been one of Sally's great troubles. She does not want to be dependent on, and tied down to, the elder Halleys. There is of course an emotional side to all this. And if Sal can be saved, it will - to my way of thinking - be through

getting her out of her emotional "slough of despond". I am convinced that the situation is serious. And you must remember one thing: if Sally should take an antagonistic attitude toward any one or all of us, ~~remember that~~ Karl Bowman has mentioned this possibility in connection with her attitude toward other ~~inmates of~~ patients at Langley Porter. We will not let outselves be influenced personally by anything of that sort.

Helen joins me in much love to all of you, and please remember that we stand ready to do anything in our power. The financial end is the easiest one to face.

Ever yr devoted

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

Antigua, 3 Novbr 1959

Dearest Nancita:

Long time no see, no write. We really do want some direct news (not even indirect news in some time!) of you and Bob and the patojitos. Especially la niña Catalina. Have you made any further plans re shifting to a larger house - and I would add, one with a few trees around it if possible. These new subdivisions, pay like rent, the house really costs you nothing, may be allright but give me a place like Takoma Park with some trees - though the trees were the only feature of the Park which I liked in the old days. I used to have my eye on a lovely lot a couple of blocks off Connecticut Avenue, to the right as you went out toward Chevy Chase. Beautiful old oaks on it; and it was only 1200 bucks. But those days are gone forever. Just like the 100 cent dollar.

We hear frequently from Sal. She had a rather tough time at this last childbirth - somewhat to my surprise. I was under the impression that she was somewhat like your mother in regard to having babies - took it all in her stride. Karl Bowman has been keeping in close touch with Sal and writes that she can probably leave Langley Porter in a month or so now, and she hopes to go up to Tahoe where they will rent a house until Ed finishes the one he is building. Marion can tell you all about it and probably has. Had a long letter from Knowles yesterday, from New Caledonia, in which he discussed Sal's problems rather fully. Seems as tho there is not much I can do except to back Sal up financially which I am doing. That poor kid has really been up against it and I dont believe would have had a mental breakdown if the physical load had not been too much for her.

Here we are plugging along, trying on my part to keep useful to the horticultural world as long as possible. Next week-end we will probably drive over to Salvador for a few days, to see how my fruit improvement program started two years ago is coming along. In March we will go back to Zamorano for a few days, as I am booked to talk at the next graduation. I am suppose to attend the annual mtg of the Board of Trustees of EAP in New York at the end of this month but I dont feel I can be of much use if I go, and the expense will be heavy; and we need the money right now tho we really have a neat little sum in the bank, to finish the two new bathrooms we are installing - one down in Helen's house and one next to our bedroom here in the big and old house.

For Bob's information primarily, I want to mention that I have opened what they call a Custodian account with Am Sec and Trust Co in Washn. My life ins policies which Paul has kept in Pasadena for many years are now in Washn; likewise all of my securities, U S Savings Bonds and shares in several investment trusts and companies - among the latter United Fruit which sure has gone right down into the basement. I have hung on out of loyalty to the folks I worked for 35 yrs, but at the same time I have not lost any money as of yet (as the Houston broadcaster puts it), if you take into account my original cost plus dividends I have had, which were awfully good up to last year. I want Bob to be advised because if I ever need anyone to call up the bank and ask questions it will be Bob.

Pls let us have a line or two from you, Mientras tanto, we join in much love to all of you.

Sunday, Nov. 15, 1959

Dearest Mom and Dad,

For some time now I've been trying to find a few moments to sit down and write you all the news, but find increasingly that time like that simply doesn't exist. I've never known the meaning of the word 'busy' before. I'm inclined to agree, too, with the poet who said. "What is this life, if full of care, we have no time to stop and stare"! Anyway, this is all to tell you how truly sorry I am to have been so slow in writing, and also to tell you how much I have appreciated all the letters from both of you, which kept coming despite any response from me.

Our little Kathy is fitting in beautifully to the family and we are all quite taken with her. She has been sleeping through the night since the earliest weeks and has a very happy, responsive disposition. It was both a delight and surprise to me to have a baby with dark, wavy hair — never thought it would happen! I thought she was quite different at first, but more and more she is looking like the other two. This was by far the easiest birth for me — no trouble at all — but it was preceded by a rather uncomfortable pregnancy.

Since Kathy's birth, we seemed to have been kept busy with one thing or another. Mimi finally had her tonsils out after suffering from chronic tonsilitis for months. Then Bob was flat on his back for a week with some sort of obscure virus infection. And the children have had their usual rounds of colds, of one variety or another. But this sort of thing seems to go with family life! Other than that, all goes well and happily.

Mimi is now in the first grade and so far shows all the signs of being a good and enthusiastic student. She spends all her spare time working on letters, numbers, and reading. She will write you a letter soon, she says.

Bartha is a dynamo of energy these days! and its awfully hard to find enough constructive outlets for it. He is quite a lad, full of curiosity, drive, and humour — entertaining but also wearing at times!

We are thinking more and more about a larger house. We shall probably look around in earnest in the spring and hope to move after school is over. I'd very much like something in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase area. Trees and a playroom for the children are musts. Will let you know what we find.

The news about Sal is so encouraging. In her last letter she said she was counting on Nov. 19th as the discharge date from the hospital. I do so hope she won't be disappointed. I can't help wondering what she will be going to when she leaves the hospital. It seems to me the transition ought to be made gradually and easily. I don't see how she can take on all the responsibilities of family life immediately, as much as she longs to be with all her little ones. Every effort to prevent fatigue should be made. I certainly agree with you that the physical load plus the worries she carried before were simply too much, ~~also~~ and very much at the root of her difficulties. I don't think anyone could have withstood the strain, and I only wonder that Sal carried on as long as she did. In a sense, I suppose it was better than Sal didn't come east, as it was planned a few months ago. We were in favor of it at the time because we thought it might have helped Sally, and we felt there was nothing too much for us to do. Almost anything seemed worth a try at that point.

I cherish the two little baby bonnets you sent, and shall take especially good care of them. We have enjoyed looking at them so much. Thank you, too, for the pretty guest towels. They are perfect in our bathroom and have already seen a lot of use.

I also meant to thank you sooner for your kind offer of help after the birth of the baby. It was a wonderfully generous thought on your part, but I feel you have enough to do at this time without bothering about us. Sally needs to be the foremost consideration now and the rest of us should shoulder our own responsibilities. I have had a woman coming in one day a week for cleaning and ironing, which has given me a big lift, - and I believe that the hardest part is now behind me. My greatest need now is to be able to get away for a change occasionally, - and I shall see what solution I can find to this problem. I would still like to find an interesting part time job - one offering a little mental stimulation. But I don't know whether jobs like that exist.

I hope you are both well and happy. When are you ever coming to Washington again? I guess we'll just have to go to Guatemala if we want to see you!

I hope to have some better pictures soon of Kathy to send you. These were taken at about six weeks.

Our love to you both,
Nancy

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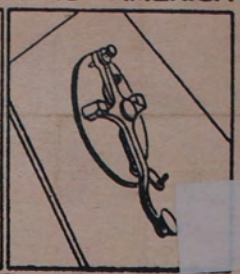

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NANCY

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

Antigua, 5 March 1960

Dwarest Nancita:

It was very good of you and Bob to send the radiogram announcing the arrival of our ninth (I guess it is the ninth, I will soon be in danger of losing track) grandchild. Of course we are particularly glad to know that Marion had no trouble.

I assume all of you are thinking that you will soon be out of the winter weather and Bart wont have to spend his time using the carpet sweeper but can go outside and plant something. Tell me if you ever see any signs of horticultural interest in that lad. I wish he would go in for geraniums like his grandma. Nothing prettier, and Oh, so easy to propagate!

We plan to check out of here on the 12th for Salvador, to look over the work there; then on to Honduras where I preach the baccalaureate sermon at EAP on 19th March. I like preaching baccalaureate sermons, my favorite text being taken from St Paul, who wrote "All things may be right, but not all things are expedient". Pretty good politician, that Santo.

We expect to get back here about 25 March. Mientras tanto, and always, we sent stacks of love to all of you.

[1901]

Saturday

511 Jarman St.

Dearest Dad,

The last letter from Uncle Paul mentioned you have been in the hospital but nothing more was said than that. It alarms me, but I presume he would have informed us if anything was wrong, and hope it was for nothing more than a check-up or a rest. I hope you are well now and that you are feeling better.

Uncle Paul also mentioned you are coming to Florida. I think that is a good idea and would like to hear about your plans when things are more decided.

I have received the two packages, one from Nancy, the other from Hugh, and feel very deeply about the significance of these things, as well as their beauty. I was also deeply grateful

for the ~~the~~ things of my mother, and the silver cup and box. I will always treasure all of these things, and will in turn keep them for Carolyn and Dorothy, that they will know Mom and all of their heritage through them.

I am anxious to hear of your plans, for I am toying, not yet planning, with the idea of going to Antigua around the middle of August for the remainder of Dick's absence. The children have continued to have so much sickness, Carolyn especially with her ears and chest had I feel by then we should be over this siege and could get away before the fall epidemics start. Carolyn is walking (she is late doing it) and that too makes a difference in traveling, as well as being off the bottle, and has some aptitude now in responding

to things she can and cannot do. Also ~~too~~ she is very nearly through the majority of her teething which seems to have a definite connection in regard to her resistance to colds.

In addition I have done the major tasks I had in mind for the house and yard, the spring rains and growth will no longer be a factor. I also have a boy now who moves the large yard regularly.

So, altogether I have been contemplating the fact that perhaps a trip there will be feasible, but I'm not at all sure whether I will decide definitely to come. It also depends on what you think and what your plans are

Dick has been discussing in his letters a little bit about getting out of the Marine Corps, in view of his constant absence

from home. He is beginning to feel it may get worse rather than better, and he feels he is missing these important years in the development of the children. It's a serious consideration, one to be decided in the months ahead. # If he gets out he will return to school, finds he will get some govt. benefits that would help get us through financially. I do not believe in "changing horses in midstream" so to speak, but I do believe his points are very serious ones that can alter the course of our life right now, and that perhaps he is right about this.

Everything is proceeding well for us and I think of you a great deal and hope some plans are beginning to take shape for you. I've talked a couple of times to Nancy on the phone - it is so hard to write as often as we'd like.

Our ~~very~~ best to you, Dad, and all our love, Marion

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

Antigua, 27 March 1961

Dearest Nancy, Hugh, Marion and Sally:

This letter may not be very coherent, but my thinking is not very coherent right now. You will understand why. When I got back from an excursion with the horticulturists last Friday, I found at the hotel in Miami an emergency call from Guatemala. Shortly Mildred Palmer was on the phone and told me that Helen had died a few hourse previously. I was fortunate to find that AVIATECA was flying the floowing morning (it only comes three times a week) and I got home at one o'clock in the afternoon. Father Cooper presided over the funeral, though to my great satisfaction the Francisco priest who lives near and handles the capilla where Hermano Pedro is buried, came in earlier and said prayers over the coffin. We took the latter at 5 p m to the cemetery and placed it temporarily in the mausoleu of Margot Dressler's family; I have today arranged to purchase a small lot near the front gate and am going to have Arturo build one of the usual mausaleos (tombs) for our family, to which we will shortly transfer Helen's body. I like it better than undergound burial.

Helen died withput suffering, which is a blessing. She got up in the morning and was going to the bathroom when she collapsed and an hour or two later found her on the floor- that is, Toya did. They put her in bed and she lived until early afternoon. Doctor Alvarado came to see her several times during the morning; he told me it was a very bad cerebral hemorrhage and nothing could have been done about it.

So now we have to look to the future. If no one would be hurt by my going, I would go along with Helen. But I cannot do it, in justic to you and others. Nancy talked to me over the phone in Miami and offered to come down and help me for a while. Marion sent a radio to th same effect. I know I can count on all of you and I want you to know you can count on me. I will stick it out, I will fight it out. It is going to be hard. But the way I see things now is this: There are a nu,ber of arrangements to be made. I do not have many more years to liv I had figured on Helen living here in Antigua and taking care of the two houses fir at least10 or 15 years after I die. That is now out of the picture. So what I suggest is this: Hugh plans to come down toward the end of April, in connection with his project in the Verapaz. I would like Nancy to come at the same time, I will provide a ticket, and stay a week or two, helping me get things lined up. For example, Helen has left a large number of beautiful dresses, from Spain, from Greece, from the Canaries and elsewhere. What to do with them? If they stay here they will get moldy in the rainy season and I cannot bear the thoughtoof looking at them every time I open the door to her big closet. So if you agree, let's figure on Hugh and Nancy coming down toward the end of April. And if Marion should want to come and stay here a long time there is no reason why she should not do so, since she will be no trip to Spain this year. I plan to go over to Zamorano next week for several days - Bill Paddock is having his troubles and has asked me to come and I want to help him and help EAP. Bill came over for the funeral and we had a long and satisfactory talk yesterday.

Stand by me, my precious ones.

Santa Barbara
23 May 1961
3217 Calle Cerro

Dearest Dad,

A letter should have been on its way to you long before this to tell you how very much I enjoyed the visit with you and Hugh. I'm so grateful that I had the opportunity to go to Antigua and be with you, and I look back on it all with very deep pleasure. My only regret is that I wasn't able to do more for you, but perhaps only time can do that.

I'm so eager to hear about your plans and hope they still include the trip to Florida with Hugh. We want you to know that you are always welcome here and nothing would give us greater pleasure than a visit from you. We have plenty of room and I know you would enjoy seeing Santa Barbara and your friends here.

I returned to find that everyone had managed very well during my absence, that the children were in fine shape and talked of nothing but the good times they had had with Mary — so I have no misgivings about going away again sometime in the future. Of course, I'd like nothing better than to go to Antigua next year.

Bob is in Las Vegas for a week or so and it looks as if he may be doing a good bit of travelling these next few months.

The return trip went well after a two hour delay at the airport in Guatemala. Mrs. Hempstead was so kind and waited with me the entire time. I enjoyed so much the luncheon at her home and the chance to have a good visit with her.

I had no difficulty at all with customs. I sent your two suitcases as unaccompanied baggage and therefore had to pick them up the following weekend at the Los Angeles

airport. But the excess baggage charge was only $30.00 this way, instead of $50.00, if they had gone as accompanied baggage. But, as I said, there was no trouble of any sort and everything went smoothly.

I have distributed the various items, as you requested. When we went to Los Angeles, we saw Maude and Vivian and all had lunch together with Paul and Betty. All in all, it was a very pleasant day. I gave each of the women a knipel from you which seemed to please them.

I have been enjoying all the many lovely things I brought back and think of you so much. Most of all, however, I enjoy the memories of the many good talks we had and being in that lovely house again.

Please take care of yourself, Dad, and remember always how much we love you.

Lovingly,
Nancy

Our greetings to Maria and Toya!

Santa Barbara, July 16, 1961

Dearest Dad,

The news of your illness has reached us and I want you to know how very sorry we are to hear it. How I wish you were not so far away, that we could see you more often, and that we could do more to help you. Do take care of yourself and get well as quickly as possible.

I wish you could come to Santa Barbara for awhile to recuperate. The climate and change of scene would be good for you, I'm sure, and we'd like so much to see you. Harold Plank and his family are living here now and would like nothing better than to see you again, too. We have had several good visits with them and have enjoyed them so much. Couldn't you come here until September when you will join Hugh at Gainesville? The plan for your stay in Florida certainly sounds like a good one.

Bob and the children have gone for a visit with his mother this morning and I am enjoying the quiet time to catch up on long overdue correspondence. This afternoon we plan to go to the beach for a picnic. How much the children seem to be enjoying the warm summer days of Santa Barbara. Every afternoon they have a thoroughly delightful time running through the sprinklers on the lawn — a good way to cool the children and water the extremely dry garden at the same time!

Last week Betty, Kathryn, Maude, and Vivian came for a visit and brought a picnic lunch. We had such a good time, thoroughly enjoyed both the visit with them and the picnic lunch. I hope they will do it again before long. Maude and Vivian seem to be staying well. Maude asked me about Helen's bank account, which I answered rather evasively saying that I thought you hadn't decided what to do with it yet.

I can't help wondering if the best plan wouldn't be for me to withdraw the money from the account and turn it over to Maude. I'll do nothing at all, of course, until you tell me to, but somehow it seems to me that the money should go to her. I should think it would lessen the necessity of getting money to her each month. What do you think?

Dad, is there anything at all we can do for you from this distance? You know I can always come down again if you should need for me for any reason. And we do hope we can see you here before long. In the meantime, I hope your health and strength will return soon.

With our love to you always,
Nancy

[1964]

Sunday

Dearest Dad,

Your packages arrived yesterday, and I am so completely overwhelmed and grateful I hardly know how to say thank you. Dad, you are so good and generous to me, and these things mean so much to me. I think the forks are splendid; that silversmith did a beautiful job on them, and I think the design is a complete success. And I love the initials and hallmark on the back! I'm really thrilled with the books; I feel I'm getting a fine library built up, and have a hard time resisting the temptation to sit right down and begin reading them right away. In fact I did read a little of Bernal Díaz and it is terribly interesting.

The coverlet from Morocco is gorgeous; I think we will use

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it in the bedroom on the bed. I have never seen it before, and am really awed by the intricate work and handsome piece that it is. Yes, it is something we can use and it does go with our things; We'll appreciate it and enjoy it always.

The little dresses are fine. She is right that the first time I took her the material. She already had some material when I placed the second order and I thought it was better quality.

The dress length is lovely, and I shall love wearing it. It is such a pretty shade; it will be fun making it up and wearing it. Also, it will be nice with some of the heads I have.

Dad, thank you again and again for these things. You are so good to us, and are such a part of these things, and I love them and think of you so constantly

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as I admire them.

Later

What a mad rush life is these days; I'll be so glad when the days calm down again after Christmas. I do not like such a pace, but am fortunate in having the energy and good health to manage everything. However, I prefer to be doing other things with my days!

I just returned from having a lump on my nose removed - you may remember seeing it as I always felt it was quite noticeable. I really went too long in getting around to having it removed, as it was getting larger all the time. So I have a nose full of stitches now but no complications.

Dick's company graduates this Friday, and we fly to Calif. for Sunday returning Jan. 4th.

I will try to (?) call Sal at least, and see what I can do about getting up there, tho' the last time I found it was quite a long trip to get to Tahoe from Bakersfield.

I'm glad you heard from Nancy. Your letter came this morning - I agree she should have 6 chairs, as 6 are probably as easy to sell as 3, or rather as difficult, and I'm sure she has only 3, but has the matching arm chair as well.

I'm really disappointed to hear the rise in price on Los Nazarenos. The offer was $3000; I guess he figures we are interested in it and will pay the extra $1000. I think we should see if he'll come down on it. The house has the disadvantage to others (not to us) of being too far

town (5) so it may not be easy to sell to someone else!
out of ~~time~~. You know they want to move back to Tecpan so perhaps they are more in a hurry to secure the deal quickly than we are.

Dick says now he thinks ~~to~~ it might be possible to get away for 2 weeks at the end of next May, between night school courses, and spend that much time with us in Antigua. Wouldn't that wonderful! I do hope it works out. Dorothy's school closes about 28 May, but I think we could take her out around the 15th or 18th without any trouble.

I'm interested in the piano you spoke of. You know I wear a heavy sheepskin jacket around here and it is not too hot. ~~So~~ Could this piano be used for something dressy? It sounds

For Christmas Dick is giving me $35 for a correspondence course. I'm really excited about getting to work on it. I want to begin in earnest working on a masters' degree in anthropology. It is so interesting even if I can't use it, but there is always the possibility that I may ~~need~~ be able or need to use it some day. Meanwhile I shall just have fun with it.

Enclosed is a photo of Dick in Evening dress uniform. With him is a British Colonel, Royal Marines, from the British Embassy in Washington.

Dick has just been appointed chairman of a Board to revise the physical training program at The Basic School. It means a heavy work load until Jan 25 ~~when~~ the deadline for it.

quite interesting and lush in color.

I have just finished making a piñata for Dorothy's class, and was pleased with the end result, as I really didn't know anything about making them. It was a large bird.

Dick is afraid to leave our silver in an empty house for ~~two~~ two weeks, so we're locking it in a trunk and leaving it with a close friend. We have also made him deputy for our safe deposit box at the bank.

After Christmas lets' get on with getting in touch with Cervera about the Puntilario in the National Archives. Is "Joaquin Pardo" he mentions the friend who died recently?

It has interfered with the Calif. trip somewhat, it seems something like this always comes up just when he thinks he's going to have some free time.

I hope you have a pleasant Christmas. How nice Uncle Paul and Aunt Betty can be there for the holidays. Give them my love. And much, much love to you, Dad, and a merry Christmas to all of you at the lonely old home there.

Love from all of us,

Marion

Are you the one who sent "the British Bouquet" by Samuel Chamberlain with my name on it? I love it! Many of the pictures are of places we visited and the view of Corfe Castle is the same as our painting of it!

Sunday. Feb. 9, 1964

Dearest Dad -

Your good letters here on my desk have been waiting far too long for answers and I do apologize. Ironically enough, our Christmas card and note was returned due to insufficient postage and rather than send it on again late, I decided to wait and get a letter off instead. You are in our thoughts so often, although we haven't done well lately in letting you know it.

We enjoyed your letter and Christmas check so much. We gave each of the children five dollars from you to spend as they wished. Marion and Barton decided to put their money in their school savings accounts. Katie spent some of her money on a puzzle and book and is saving the rest until she finds a way to spend it. Bob and I thought we would get something for the house with the remainder of the money, but now that we are moving, we'll wait and buy something for our

new home. Many, many thanks from us all.

Our life has been quite unsettled now for several months. Bob was away for two months in the fall, and when he returned he decided to look for another job. He has been finishing several reports but hopes to have something else lined up upon completion of these. At present the possibilities seem to be in Las Vegas, Dallas, and Westwood, New Jersey. I must admit I'm not terribly enthusiastic about living in any of these places, but at the same time realize Bob's job should be given first consideration and we can make a happy, comfortable home anywhere. We have enjoyed living in Santa Barbara and it will be hard to leave this lovely setting, delightful climate, and our good friends. I suppose the major task now is to sell our homes. I'm really sorry you couldn't have visited us here for I think you would have enjoyed it. We'll let you know as our plans becomes more definite.

The children are thriving and seem to be growing up so fast. Marion's feet are larger than mine and I suppose the rest will catch up soon. She is enjoying 5th grade, various Girl Scout activities, cello lessons, and playing with friends. Barton thinks 2nd grade is just great, much better than 1st! He is always busy with something — collecting rocks, working on experiments with his microscope, working on machinery or carpentry, or building a fort in the back yard — the ceaseless activity of a boy! Katie is looking forward to kindergarten in the fall, but in the meantime, seems to stay busy and happy at home playing with her cat, Apricot, and her dolls or helping Mother.

It was so good to see Hugh and Sally and her family last summer. We enjoyed both the visit with them at Lake Tahoe and their visit here. How wonderful the news has been about Ed's job!

I know you have been enjoying your work with E. A. P. and they are fortunate to have had your help these past months. What are your plans at present? I think your idea to have Hugh and Pete come to Georgia for a visit is fine. Do they plan to come down this summer? They are fine boys and I'm sure all concerned would enjoy the visit.

You will hear from me again <u>soon</u> and, in the meantime, everyone joins in sending much love, always.

Nancy

December 15, 1964

Dearest Dad -

Your good letter of December 8th just arrived. Many thanks for both the letter and the Christmas check for the children (yes, they are still very much children!). Bob and I thought we would use the money to get one of the good National Geographic globes for the children. I know it is something they would all find interesting and useful for many years. We are grateful to you.

I know you will enjoy the holidays in Antigua with Betty and Paul. We shall be thinking of you and wishing we could send something a little more tangible than our love. Perhaps we can when we see you - when we won't have the mailing problem.

I hope you received my last letter sent to Antigua answering your question about the chairs. Three chairs would be fine because then we would have a set of six. I'm so happy you thought of having the chairs made and what a fine dining room set we shall have.

Everyone joins in wishing you a very merry Christmas.

With much love from us all,

Nancy

Monday, June 7, 1965

Dearest Dad.

With July less than a month away, our thoughts are beginning to turn to plans for the trip to Guatemala. Does the beginning of July still seem a convenient time for our trip? All of the men in Bob's office are required to take their vacations during the first two weeks of July so this will be the only time Bob can get away. If this time does not suit you for our visit in Guatemala, we shall probably spend this time on a short camping trip. The children and I could come to Guatemala at a later time. However, if the first part of July does suit you, we shall go ahead and make plane reservations. Whatever suits you best will undoubtedly suit the Guillows, too.

The children are now in their second week of vacation and seem to be enjoying it with great enthusiasm - and I am, too. The change in pace is welcome and it is good to have them home. Cottonwood

Creek continues to provide endless interest and entertainment — fishing, sailing boats, collecting butterflies, looking for frogs, snakes, and other wildlife, etc! They never seem to be bothered by the question of what to do next. Barton and Katy have planted a vegetable garden and check it several times a day for progress. We are looking forward to eating some home-grown vegetables.

It was so good to see Uncle Paul and Aunt Betty when they came to Dallas recently for a meeting. We hope there will be another meeting in Dallas soon to bring them here again. We enjoyed every minute with them.

We hope you found everything in good shape when you returned to Guatemala. We can't begin to tell you how eagerly we are looking forward to seeing you and being in the house in Antigua. Is Sally with you now? If so, we send our love to you both.

Lovingly,
Nancy

Richardson, August 17, 1965

Dearest Dad.

We enjoyed our visit with you in Antigua so much and have had such fun talking about it and remembering all the many enjoyable, interesting incidents. The children will always remember this summer in Guatemala with much pleasure. We're already beginning to think about our next trip to Antigua and hope we'll be able to come again next summer. The best part of the visit, of course, was being with you and having a chance for some good talks.

The trip home went very smoothly and easily and I became convinced TACA was the way to go. I enjoyed the smaller plane, roomier seats, and, most of all, the meal, which was excellent, accompanied by a bottle of chilled Almaden Vin rosé. How what could be better? Much better than Pan American. We went through customs in New Orleans very quickly and made our connecting flight without any trouble. Bob met us at the airport in Dallas and took us home in the warm, humid twilight. It was good to be home again and we have enjoyed adding our Guatemalan touches to the house. The

dining room table looks pretty with a lampil on it, brass candlesticks, and one of the large wood flowers. I haven't made the curtains out of the skirt material yet because the girls want to keep it as a skirt so they can have a complete Indian costume. They have had such fun telling their friends about Guatemala and showing all the many things we brought back.

I phoned Sally several nights ago, but, unfortunately, we had a poor connection and one or two of her children were still up. Sal said she and the children were fine, everything was fine, that Ed was in Stockton visiting his parents but would be back the next day. And - that was all the news. You may have heard from her again and know more than I do. How I hope the situation has improved.

Bob goes to Alaska for a week next Sunday. It should be a fairly interesting trip and I should think he might enjoy the cooler weather. We miss the eternal springtime weather of Antigua!

Is Sammy still with you? Give our love to Maria and tell her we miss her Sopa.

We're looking forward to your visit here. I'll write again soon. With all our love,

Nancy

Sept. 22, 1965

Dearest Dad -

It was good to have your letter of Sept. 1 with the picture of the children and the fine article about the house, but the news about Sal was, of course, terribly distressing. Since receiving your letter, I have talked with Hugh, Marion, Edith, and Uncle Paul and Aunt Betty. We all seem to share the same bewilderment and concern about the situation. Just why Sal took such a sudden and drastic turn for the worse is difficult to understand. I can only assume that her return to a hopeless situation was more than she could face. Poor Sal - she must have felt completely discouraged. We can only hope now that the clinic will be able to help her, and when she is better, we must do our best to try to find some solution to her problems. About all we can do now is to write her frequently and offer encouragement. Uncle Paul will try to keep us all informed about Sal. I can't help feeling some resentment that the Hallys

should play such a strong hand in all of this, especially when Ed is largely responsible for the situation. I understand he is "between jobs" again. I wish we could do more to help Sol, but again we are faced with the problem of distance and the Halleys are right there.

All goes well here. The children are well settled in school and are enjoying it more now that rain has brought cooler weather. The first two weeks of school the temperature was in the upper 90's every day. Don Bartolo is taking guitar lessons and likes to sing the folk songs he is learning. He is hoping to learn some Spanish songs. Marion is enjoying ballet and piano lessons. Katy is quite content as long as I let her go horseback riding once in awhile.

It looks as if Bob will be away most of the fall and we miss him terribly. He went to Alaska for a week and then to Utah, where he is now. He should be home in two weeks and then back to Alaska again. I don't particularly care for his schedule but hope it will be better after Christmas.

And speaking of Christmas, we are counting on a visit from you. I do hope you will be able to come. The children speak of you so often and have been hopefully planning all they will do for you while you are here. Katy will see to it that you are well supplied with strawberry ice cream. She and Marion were so pleased with their letters from you. Barton says he will write soon.

I'm sure you must have been pleased with the newspaper article about the house. Your confidence in Julio César Augusto was well-founded – he did a fine job. I'm glad to have a copy of the article. Many thanks.

Take good care of yourself, Dad, and come to see us when you can. Everyone joins in sending much, much love.

Affectionately,
Nancy

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28 October 1965

Dearest Dad,

My apologies to you for not writing sooner but the day to day demands seem to have kept me running. Everything is going as well as could be expected at this point and I don't want you to worry about anything. Life is gradually settling down into a fairly quiet routine and the children stay well, busy, and happy.

You will never know how much I appreciated having you by my side at this difficult time. It meant a great deal to me and you were a tremendous help. Your friends here often ask about you - you made a great hit!

There is nothing new regarding settlement of the estate. The will has not been probated yet and things seem to move slowly, as I guess they do in these cases. Bob Porter sent me a letter to sign giving him authorization to represent me. I was somewhat surprised that he mentioned filing a suit against the helicopter company and that he is to receive 33 1/3 of whatever we get plus expenses. No wonder lawyers like these cases. Well, we'll take each step as we come to it. Because the will hasn't been probated, I haven't been able to sell the car, but when the time comes, the Ayres say they may be interested.

Mildred and Rowe Jack continue to be as kind and helpful as ever; I don't know how I could get along without them. You mentioned a gift for Mildred and it has occurred to me that she might like a Velasquez painting as much as anything. She paints and is very much interested in art and I think this would please her very much. What do you think?

I have done nothing more about a job because I have been so busy with other matters. I hope soon to be able to concentrate on this because I know this is what I want to do. And the Graduate Research Center would be my first choice.

I can imagine how busy you must be with all those visitors. I hope it isn't too hard on you and that you are enjoying it.

The Engineer is continuing to keep a record of the weather and we find that his predictions are often more accurate than the ones in the newspaper, which pleases him greatly. He says he will write you soon and send you a sample of his weather chart. It is a good set and I think you should have one. Barton stays busy as usual with all sorts of projects, the main one at the moment is building and launching rockets. He has launched several rockets very successfully and several neighbors have enjoyed watching. He also tried to get a job working at the riding stables on weekends but found that all they let him do was brush the horses, and this didn't seem too interesting.

The General Manager continues managing generally. She said to be sure to ask you about the pony. Barton and Katy are riding on weekends, are doing well and love it.

We are beginning to think about plans for Christmas and would love to have you here. Edith has suggested that we all come there for Christmas and be with Marion and her family as well. You could come here first for a few days and then we could go to Washington together and spend Christmas there. How does this sound to you? My only question about this plan relates to what my financial situation and budget will alow at that time. I hope by that time to have things a little more settled.

Our love to Maria, Gonzalo, and Concha.

Much, much love from all of us,

Nancy

30 Nov. 1965

Dearest Dad -

Your letter of November 25th has just arrived and we want you to know how deeply we appreciate your Christmas check. That will give the children a very fine Christmas and we thank you so much. In the words of Katy. "What a wonderful Grandfather I have - I'm so lucky!"

We want you to come for a visit whenever you can. - both before and after Christmas, if possible! We have finally made plans to go to Washington for Christmas, leaving here Dec. 23rd and returning on the 30th. Couldn't you go with us? Edith says she has fixed up her attic and has plenty of room. It would be a good chance to see Marion, too. In any case, do come to see us in Richardson whenever you can manage

it — anytime will suit us. We are looking forward so much to seeing you.

Everything seems to be progressing well here. I have been to court and made Executrix of the Estate and Guardian of the children. I sold the car to the Ayres, and they seem well pleased with it. We are gradually checking off items on the legal list, now working on an appraisement of the Estate for tax purposes. There is no question that we are in good shape financially — I foresee no problems on that score. As we suspected, settling of the Estate will be held open for a year because the word independent was omitted. When all of this has been settled, I shall begin to give some thought to our move.

We very much enjoyed visits from Uncle Knowles and Darby.

The children seem to be thriving. All three are doing well in school, & seem to stay busy and happy. What a joy they are to me!

All join in sending much, much loves to you —

Nancy

Jan. 9, 1967

Dearest Dad -

It was so good to have you with us for Christmas and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. I think it was a Christmas the children will remember for a long time. We are all enjoying the gifts you brought. We are just reaching the end of Ann Kelly's jelly, which was a treat, and now shall enjoy using the nice mug. The girls are so pleased with their skirts and Bart is very proud of his fine bag. And I am so glad to have a set of the Guatemalan place mats. Many, many thanks.

I hope you had a pleasant return trip and found both Maria and the house in good shape. I imagine you have been hard at work and are hoping nothing will take you away again — at least until after the summer.

I haven't seen Sally but have talked with her on the phone. She sounded in good spirits and health. She has been busy re-organizing her house and getting it into good shape.

She says she is feeling very well and has so much more energy. She has lost ten pounds and hopes to lose quite a few more. She and the children are eagerly looking forward to Hugh's visit next week, as we are. As you may know, he will arrive the night of the 19th, rent a car & drive here to spend the night, on to Uncle Knowles the next morning, & then to see Sally. He leaves the evening of the 20th for Saigon, where he will begin his new agricultural project. We are eager to learn more about his program. I do hope this new project will enable him to come this way more often.

John, Jere, the three girls, & Pat came by for a visit on new year's day. We very much enjoyed seeing them & hearing all the family news.

I had a phone call from Mrs. Chichering a few days ago asking if I would urge you to finish the book with her as soon as possible. I know she has written, too, but I do hope you will be able to finish it. She is becoming quite anxious about it, and her executor health doesn't help, of course.

The children are now back in their school routines and I am having a chance to catch up on a few things at home. The children are making some good friends and seem quite content, even Barton. He has become quite interested in football and comes home almost every day with a new collection of bruises and scratches. Marion is going to a school dancing class tonight and is looking forward to it. Katy, when not otherwise busily occupied, spends time taking care of her turtle, giving him sun baths, vitamins, etc. and so far, he seems to be thriving!

Do take good care of yourself, Dad, and know that we all love you.

Lovingly,
Nancy

Dear, Grandfather [May 1967]

I am eagerly waiting for school to be out. It is very very hot here. I got a plant and it is growing fast. Do you still have a big garden? There are only 21 more days of school. I have learned to do some Dainish dances.

Love,

Katy [Guillow]

1 June 1967

Dearest Dad -

Many thanks for your good letters of April 20 and May 15, which I have been slow in answering. However, now that I have finally stopped working, I hope to do a little better on my end with correspondence. Last Friday was my last day at work and I must admit I am enjoying the change. The last two months of work had been somewhat more interesting because I had been assigned to help with planning for a meeting of the industrial applicants. This entailed getting ready for the meeting, being on hand to help during the meeting, and writing up reports after the meeting. In general, the job seemed to require slightly more intelligence than what I had been doing and for this reason I enjoyed it. Now I have a summer with the children to which I am looking forward, and then in the fall I shall give some serious thought to what I really want to do.

So sorry to hear about Maria.

Today it is cloudy with occasional rain - most unusual for June 1 in California!

How good of you to send some more Guatemalan skirts. The skirts are so lovely and we have been enjoying the ones we have. We are looking forward to the package and shall let you know when it arrives — the girls can hardly wait. I'll see to it that Sally gets the blouse and skirts right away. You are certainly keeping us well-dressed and we are very grateful.

Tomorrow you leave for Boston, so I suppose this letter will be waiting for you when you return. Uncle Knowles may be going east at that time, so perhaps he will have a chance to phone you. There is nothing particularly new regarding Sol's situation. I talked with her on the phone two days ago and everything seemed to be going fairly well. She said she had had a long talk with Ed, and he says he is looking for a job. Sally seemed in good spirits and said the children were well. She talks frequently with Mr. Halley; she says she finds him a "real source of strength". She is not too fond of Mrs. Halley;

although Mrs. Halley took care of the children one weekend while Sal came down here for a change. Mrs. Halley said she would be glad to do this fairly often - which seems most helpful to her.

We see Uncle Knowles and Aunt Emma frequently; they are so very good to us. On Sunday we had a Popenoe day. We went to Piedmont to see Ward and Betty Popenoe, who had moved there from Claremont about two years ago. The gathering also included Charles (Edwin's son) and his wife Louise, their two children, and Parky and Willis. They are fine folks and we had a grand time. We hope to get them down here before long. Willis, who is now studying at Berkeley, is planning to spend the weekend of the 18th with us. The children are so fond of him.

The children are thriving. Marion is looking forward to graduation and all the activities that go with it. Barton has joined Boy Scouts and is looking forward to a week at camp this summer. Katy has been busy collecting tadpoles, frogs, fish, turtles and now is asking if she can have a snake - just a little one!

Much, much love from each of us -
Nancy

Menlo Park. June 13. 1967

Dearest Dad -

Your marvelous "L'Art Culinaire Français" arrived today and I have had such fun looking through it at all the tempting, mouth-watering recipes - such works of art they are! Many, many thanks for a wonderful addition to our culinary library. We'll have to try a few of the recipes when you come. And speaking of books, I want to tell you again how much we are enjoying the Oxford Dictionary. We have it out almost every day when someone says - "Well, let's look it up in the Oxford Dictionary."

Uncle Knowles phoned when he returned from his trip to give a good report of his visit with you. I'm so glad you were able to get together.

Sally phoned yesterday and seemed in a very cheerful, optimistic frame of mind. Ed was decided to move into the apartment with Sal — to save money and, according to Sal, to help share the responsibility for

the children. She says they are putting personal differences aside in order to devote themselves to the welfare of the children. Ed is working now and hopes to earn about $400 a month. Sal has made determined efforts with her budget and says she is finally able to stay within $5.00 a day for food. She seems so hopeful for the future; how I hope she won't be disappointed again. Nous allons voir ce que nous allons voir.

Tomorrow is the last day of school and you can imagine the jubilation. In July we are going to spend some time visiting John (Bob's brother) and Doz in Springfield, Illinois. We plan to go by train to Chicago, where John will meet us. As you may recall, they recently built a home by a lake. The children are looking forward to boating, fishing, and swimming — as well as some sightseeing in Chicago and Abraham Lincoln country. I think we'll have a grand time & will very much enjoy being with John and Doz. We are so fond of them.

How is everything in Georgia?

Much, much love from all of us —

Nancy

Saturday, June 17, 1967

Dear Grandfather,

Thank you so much for sending the package from Guatemala. The orange skirt fitt me perfectly, and the dark blue skirt fit Katy. Pete will be coming to visit us and can take the things for his family back with him.

Wednesday, June 14 was our graduation. We had the ceremonies at 7:00 and received diplomas. A dance followed from 8:30 to 11:00. The dance was lots of fun and a nice ending to the 8th grade.

I'm enjoying summer

vacation but will soon be looking forward to high school.

Uncle Knowles mentioned that you might be coming up later in the year. We all hope so and will be looking forward to your visit. Mother would like to try out some of the recipes in her French cookbook on you.

We all miss you and hope to see you soon. Thank you again for the beautiful skirts.

Lots of love,
Marion

June 30, 1968

Dearest Dad,

It was good to have your letter of May 31st and hear that Sally is getting along so well. I'm sure Antigua is the best place for her without the pressures and obligations of caring for a family. Uncle Nicholas has probably written you that he talked with Ed recently. He said everything was going very well and that they planned to stay in Wild Valley this Summer.

I talked with Marion last night. She has been in Berkeley this week painting and getting her house in order for the move on the 1st. She seems very happy with her new home and plans, in general, we are pleased.

All reports indicate that Hugh is making excellent progress, far better than the doctors had predicted. Evidently, the accident hasn't slowed him down too much; he is going ahead with his work from his hospital bed and stays very busy. He is as cheerful and optimistic as ever.

How we love our new home! We have been busy getting settled but at last I am

reaching the point where I can sit back and enjoy it a bit. The house seems so right for us and the children are as happy as can be in their own home. It is so quiet here - we listen to the birds and the rustle of the wind in the pine trees in back. Barton has enjoyed getting his workshop in order and working in the garden with Katy. We have fine neighbors with some children the right ages for Barton and Katy. All in all - it just couldn't be better. Now, if I can find the right job, we'll be all set.

How we wish we could come to Guatemala this summer. I checked on schedules and fares and was quite shocked at the cost. Since we now have 3 full fares and only one half fare, the round-trip cost will be approximately $1,092. This is on Pan Americans Flight # 515 from San Francisco to Guatemala. I checked to see if there was a less expensive way to get there but there didn't seem to be any. That seems like a lot of money and I wonder whether we should spend it, in view of all our other expenses - yours and mine. What do you think? Would next summer be better? Aside from the money, we'd love to come.

Much love to you and Sally,
Nancy

Sunday, March 8th [1970]

Dearest Dad and Alice -

First, I want to say, Dad, how much you will be in our thoughts on your birthday and everyone joins in sending much, much love and best wishes for a good year ahead.

I am so sorry to be so slow in writing, especially to thank you for your Christmas letter and very generous check. Each enjoyed the gift in his own way and we all appreciated your thoughtfulness. Many, many thanks.

I often wonder how I possibly could have managed with a full time job — I seem to stay so busy every minute without it! I am enjoying the courses and work at Stanford a great deal. The museum is not one of the best but does have some interesting collections, especially of oriental art, which has never been one of my main interests probably because I know so little about it. The exam is behind me and I am finishing my research project so I'm now ready to take groups through the museum. As I mentioned to you in our phone conversation, I can't see much of a future in this but it is an interesting occupation until I can take on a full-time job. The benefits seem to be mainly personal ones — adding to one's knowledge and appreciation. How I wish it could eventually lead to something such as work with UNESCO in Paris, but I'm sure this is in the realm of wishful thinking. When the children are a little older, I'd like to spend a year or two in Europe and it would be nice if I could find some sort of a job there.

You must be making plans now for your trip to Europe. Will you leave in April? I'm so happy you will have that trip for I know how much both of you will enjoy it.

By this time you have probably had a good visit with Marion. You must be very proud of her — she is going ahead with her work in such a serious and scholarly way and seems to be making so much progress. She has a singleness of purpose that is most commendable.

We are all well and most happy in our little Atherton home. The children are growing up in a great hurry — as children seem to do. Marinita will be off to college in another year and is interested in Pomona, Santa Cruz, or Univ. of the Pacific. She plans to work for a teaching credential and would like to combine her interests in Spanish and teaching in some way, somewhere. Barton spends every spare moment immersed in electronics — he has mountains of catalogues, magazines, and books on the subject which he reads whenever possible. He now has a gardening job at a neighbor's house (ours too) and every cent he earns is invested in electronics. This may turn out to be just an interesting hobby for him or it may be the basis for his career. It will be interesting to see. He plans to take Latin next year in high school because he thinks it will help him in science. Incidentally, he was voted by his jr. high school to be the boy they would like to be with on a deserted island, so he must have some other attributes, too! And Katy is still very much Katy — often amusing and always pleasant to have around!

We are always interested to hear any news of Sally — always hoping, of course, to hear of improvements. If there were only some answers . . .

Everyone joins in sending lots of love to both of you and warmest wishes for a wonderful trip. Where can we write you in Europe?

Much, much love.
Nancy [Guillou]

September 29, 1970

Dearest Dad:

Your good letter of Sept. 24th arrived yesterday and I was so happy to hear from you and to know that you are now back in Antigua after your interesting summer in Europe. I thought you might decide to stay on indefinitely in Europe! I know you and Alice enjoyed the trip but I'm sure you're finding it good to be home in Antigua. Did you have fun speaking German and French?

All goes well here. We had a good summer but I believe the children are happy to be back in school once again. Marionita, in her senior year, is giving a great deal of thought to her choice of college for next year. She is interested in Spanish, Latin American affairs, and perhaps getting a teaching credential and has decided that U.C. at Santa Barbara or the Univ. of the Pacific at Stockton offers what she wants. She will be sending in applications during the next few weeks and it will be interesting to see what the response is. Her counselor has suggested that she apply for a scholarship so she will go ahead and fill out the necessary forms for that. She is very much looking forward to college, hoping it will be more interesting than high school has been.

Barton, in first year of high school, thinks it is great so far. He particularly likes Latin, drafting, and coordinate geometry. He still seems to be heading for some combination of design and engineering, but at present his interests are many and changing.

Katy, now in sixth grade, still likes animals best of all. She is doing well in school although she is always telling me she will probably fail and not to be surprised. Other than animals, her main interests are art, music, and literature. She taught herself to sew this summer and is now making many of her clothes.

And speaking of children leads quite naturally to financial matters, which you mentioned in your letter. I want to assure you in all honesty that we are in fine shape financially and I can foresee no difficulties in the future. Our money is still invested in Eaton & Howard Income Fund, Eaton & Howard Growth Fund, and Massachusetts Investors Growth Stock Fund. I have been somewhat disheartened by the performance of the stock market the last year or so, but I guess I have plenty of company. There seems to be an upward trend at long last - let's hope it continues. I have been thinking again about a job ~~again~~, a part-time one, and again must come to the conclusion that there are no interesting part-time jobs. Perhaps next year I can take on a full time job, and shall try S.R.I. again. Anyway, all this is to say, you are not to worry about us at all. About the problem of money for Peter and Sally - could you set up a trust fund to take care of them? Is there any way in which I could help?

You have done so much for me - I don't know how I could ever adequately tell you of my deep gratitude and appreciation, and, most of all, love.

I am still working as a docent at the Stanford Museum and am now taking groups through the Museum, which I enjoy. My schedule this year will include courses in Oriental and Byzantine art - both fairly unknown areas to me. I find art history absolutely fascinating and find that I want to know more and more about it. Never enough time for all the reading I'd like to do.

I imagine you've heard all the news about the Golden Wedding anniversary celebration - I'm so glad we went. Also the news about Knowles' accident. He is home now and seems to be making a good recovery.

How much I'd like to have a good visit with you and Alice! I'll have to see what can be worked out.

Very much love to you both - Nancy

Very sorry to hear the news about Mr. Rempfer. How lonely it will be for Mrs. Rempfer.

Monday, October 23rd [1970]

Dearest Alice and Dad,

Many thanks for your letter of October 13th with the copy of your letter to Uncle Paul. I'm glad to have the latest news of Sally, to hear that she has returned to San José and is happily settled at the Unicoids. In accordance with your suggestions, I won't send any more packages to Sally – just frequent letters.

I'm disappointed that we won't see you at Christmas but understand the reasons and agree that it would be wise not to take a trip at this time. I'm so sorry to hear that you and Alice are not feeling well and hope you will have a chance for a good rest. Christmas in the U.S. is not too restful and the weather can be rather unpleasant at that time, too. Perhaps you could come for a visit in the spring.

Bartow and I are so pleased he can go to Jamaica this summer. I'm sure he will want to leave as soon as he has finished school. He has also mentioned that he would like to spend a few days with you either before or after his stay in Jamaica; he would like very much to get to know you both. If he visits you in Antigua, have some jobs around the house lined up for him – he likes to work and he likes to solve problems. I think the stay at the school will be such a wonderful experience for him and I hope he will be able to contribute something to the school.

Harold and Alice Plank are coming for a visit this weekend. We haven't seen them for some time and we are looking forward to seeing them again.

Everyone joins in sending much love to you both.

Nancy

[to Nancy Guillou?]

[1971/1972?]

to tell her So solly, but we made a mistake and sold your seat to someone else. I would think it would probably be best for her to come up to Pally Alto and get on the plane at SF with you. But you can figure out all these details - maybe you will need Uncle Knowles to help you as he probably knows the Pan Am people in SF and has cuello as we say.

A tourist card is the right thing for all of you, I would think, but if you are going down to Costa Rica to see Sally you will have to bring a passport and get a visa for Costa Rica. It might be best to get this at the C R Consulate in San Francisco, if they can give it to you, not for immediate direct trip to CR but whenever you need to use it within 30 days. I dont know just what you will want to do about going down to see Sally; it is up to you. We are sure she would appreciate it and everyone here in Antigua agrees that she must not under any circumstances come here to Antigua. So many of the common people here do not believe that she is mentally disturbed - or was, and badly so at the time she was here. They just think she is a bad woman. Sally is anxious to come back here to show people that she is allright now; does not drink and does not go in for illicit love affairs, but it is best not to start people here talking again.

I have asked you to bring Alice a single-bed electric blanket, good quality, color not particular - anything buy magenta and/or bilious yellow; and if there is a duty free liquor store at the airport and you can get to it in time (they make you put in your order 15 or 30 minutes before the plane flies, I dont know which) get two forty-ounce bottles of Gordon or Beefeater Gin and one 40-Ounce whiskey, J and B or Cutty Sark or any other good brand of Scotch. We are having to use quite a lot of likker entertaining these days and the prices at the airport are half or less than down here.

Drop us a line right away and tell us how things are lining up.

Always your devoted old Dad

P.S.

Just a few words more about our family future. I believe the house in Antigua can be handled without too much expense. If we get the wrong kind of government in Guatemala they will take it away from us and that's that. If we dont get the wrong kind of govt I believe they will let us keep the house as long as keep it open to tourists. I think we could find an old lady who would be glad to occupy the house, rent freen, and maybe make a living out of tourist tips. Its almost that way now; the idea is getting around that visitors must tip Concha or her useless son who shows them around. We think there is at least $50 a month in it.

As for Sally's future, that is a probablt which will have to be faced from year to year. If she could only get in permanent shape to live here, handle the tourists, have an art studio and not have to go back to a psychiatric hospital every year or so (there is no decent place for her in Central America except Costa Rica) -- well we will just have to play it by ear.

Since writing the enclosed letter I have been wondering if Alice and I might not fly up to California for Christmas instead of all of you coming down here. Of course the latter would be much nicer for you and Marion and some of the kids, and I am not sure Alice will want to go way up to California. We will work out the best program, some way or other.

Dad

19 January 1971

Dearest Alice and Dod -

I have just returned from taking a nice little group of 4th grade children through the museum and before going on to something else, I want to write to you.

We very much enjoyed your lovely Christmas card, Alice, and your generous Christmas gift, Dod. The children were so pleased and have had a grand time both thinking about spending it and spending it. I used my gift to buy some china (for everyday use), which was needed. Thank you so much — your thoughtfulness certainly helped to make our Christmas a joyous one.

I'm so glad Hugh was able to be with you for Christmas; he stays so busy no one sees or hears from him often. Marion is going ahead with her plans to leave the middle of March and I know you'll enjoy having her in Antigua for six months.

I was interested to hear that you'll be leaving soon for a visit with Sally in Costa Rica. It would be grand if she could take some courses at the University in San Jose — she seems so ready and eager for some sort of activity. I think she should plan to stay in San Jose, however. I'll be eager for news of your visit.

We had a good visit with the Parks in Santa Barbara at Thanksgiving and they asked to be remembered to you. They had recently returned from a trip to the Orient and are already planning their next trip — probably to Europe.

Speaking of trips, how much I would like to see you both. There doesn't seem to be any chance of getting up here, so I guess Katy and I will have to go to Guatemala. Summer plans are still vague, but Barton would like to do some camping, if he could find the right group, and Marionette would like to work or attend a Latin American Study summer session. Yours always....

Everyone joins in sending much love to you both —

Nancy

6 May 1971

Dearest Alice and Dad,

With the end of school just around the corner, it seems time to write and let you know what we are doing. Summer plans have been somewhat nebulous but it looks now as if everyone will stay home this summer. Although Marionita was accepted for the Experiment in International Living program in Mexico, she decided to stay home instead since this would be her last summer before starting college. She is hoping to find a part-time job and also attend some classes in dancing. She is very much interested in ballet and folk dancing and has enjoyed classes in both this year. U.C. Santa Barbara doesn't start until October 3rd but she will go down sometime during the summer for a two-day orientation program. She very much looks forward to going to Santa Barbara in the fall and feels that she has made the right choice. It's good to have this important decision made and I'm sure next year will be an interesting one for her.

Barton has signed up for three one-week teen-age hiking trips with the Sierra Club. I believe he has one in June, one in July, & one in August. Other than that he has no plans, other than continuing with his gardening and babysitting jobs, which he needs so he can finance his photographic interests.

Katy and I would like so much to come down for a visit this summer but I don't feel right about leaving Marion and Barton home alone. Imagine in another year or so I'll be able to. So unless something unexpected should develop, I guess we won't get down this summer. I'm so sorry we won't have a chance to see you both.

How is everything at the Casa Popenoe and what are your plans? Marionita hears from Dorothy quite regularly so we know that Marion stays busy with her work and the girls seem to be enjoying their stay. Dorothy will be coming up soon and I hope we can arrange to have her here for a few days. What is the news from Sally? I haven't heard from her for several weeks but her last letter was an enthusiastic and happy one; she seemed to be enjoying her classes and her residence.

We haven't heard from Nanoles and Edith but I'm sure they are having a fine time. They are scheduled to go to Copenhagen from Amsterdam on the 15th, then to London and home June 3rd.

Bill goes well here and the children are beginning to count the days until the end of school. In the fall each one will go to a different school - Marion to U.C.S.B., Barton will go to a new integrated school in East Palo Alto, and Katy goes to jr. high school. Both Katy and Barton will ride the bus to school and have fairly long days, so I think the fall will be a good time to line up a job. I hope I can find something - the employment situation has been somewhat discouraging lately but perhaps by fall things will have picked up. In the meantime, the museum work goes on. The museum has acquired some additional space and when work is completed on the new rooms, the museum will be about twice its present size. The museum seems quite large as it is, especially when taking a group of energetic school children through it.

Marionita has just had two impacted wisdom teeth extracted but seems to be making a good recovery. Katy has been on several camping trips lately for the purpose of studying ecology and conservation — rugged but enjoyable, she said.

Everyone sends much, much love to you both.

Fondly,
Nancy

Monday, Sept. 13, 1971

Dearest Dad -

Thank you so much for your good letter of Sept. 8th which arrived this morning. It is always so good to hear from you, whether by phone or mail. I only wish I could see you, too; I long for a good visit with you and hope that one of these days it will be possible.

I talked with Marion on the phone last week and was glad to have all the news. She found her house and garden in excellent shape, which made returning home a real pleasure. I don't know when we'll get together - perhaps at Thanksgiving, probably without Knowles and Edith because they are hoping to go on a Caribbean cruise at that time. They seem to stay happy, healthy and constantly busy.

Today Barton and Katy started school and they are both somewhat less than enthusiastic about school this evening. Barton is going to an East Palo Alto school, which had an all black student body last year but has been integrated this year. He said there was a lot of stealing and fighting today. Perhaps once classes really get under way things will quiet down. And Katy says she has the most boring, mediocre teacher she has ever had and Katy says anything is better than mediocrity!

Marionita leaves Sunday Sept. 26th for Santa Barbara. I think she has been ready for weeks! She plans to major in Spanish and is looking forward to being a ~~Spanish~~ college student.

Today I went to the American Institutes for Research, took a series of tests, and was interviewed for the job of Assistant Research Librarian. They will let me know in a day or two whether I get the job. If so, it will be 8:30 to 5:00 every day for $500 a month. I think it might be interesting. The organization is involved in research in the fields of education and social science and is located in the open country with rolling hills and oak trees all around – a lovely setting. This job would entail going to the Stanford library one day a week – also an interesting place to be. If I don't get the job, I shall continue to look – privately SRI might. During my employment search I was asked if I would be interested in opening a branch of a language school in Shaker Heights, Ohio. That might have been interesting but the thought of moving was a strong deterrent!

You ask about finances. So far – so good! I have about $4,000 left in the slush fund, which I'll try not to touch unless absolutely necessary. I get $600 monthly from mutual funds, about $300 monthly from social security, and if I get a job – you can see we'll be in good shape, even for college expenses.

I hope Alice will be able to rent her house quickly and will be back with you soon. Please give her our love.

We hope everything is going well for you, that you are not working too hard, and that you will stay in good health and spirits.

Everyone joins in sending much, much love always –

Nancy

[1972/73]

Dear Grandfather and Alice,

I wish I could be there now to see the ducks. Barton certainly sounds like he is enjoying himself.

The day after tomorrow we are driving to Santa Barbara to take Marion's ~~and~~ things to college and then on to Pasadena to visit Uncle Paul and Aunt Betty. ~~It~~ I think it will be fun.

Uncle Knowles ~~were h~~ and Grandma were here today for lunch. They are going to the Micronesian Islands on Wednesday. They will be gone for about a month.

We all miss you.

Love

Katy

3 February 1972

Dearest Dad and Alice,

We were so sorry to learn of your impending operation in your last letter, but since then have been happy and relieved to hear that all went well and you are recovering nicely. By this time, you are probably back in Antigua and following your usual routine. You have been in our thoughts so much and we are all hoping that you are feeling really well by now.

With this job, I find that time just disappears; I don't know what happened to the days since Christmas. I do want to thank you for your most generous and thoughtful gift and to tell you how much it was appreciated. As always, the children seemed to enjoy thinking about spending the money almost as much as spending it. It was a happy holiday and your thoughtfulness certainly added to the joy of the occasion. Many, many thanks.

I talked with Knowles and Edith on the phone yesterday, the day after they returned from their trip to Mexico. They seemed very glad to be home again. They thought the trip was interesting but have decided not to go on any more tours -- this group was a little wearing, I judge. I'm sure we'll be getting together soon and hearing more of the details and seeing some pictures.

All goes well at 98 Parker. Katy seems to be tolerating school very well, but enjoys time at home when she can take care of Bilbo, her dog, and Benny, her rabbit. Barton is growing up fast and seems to be experiencing a teenage restlessness; he longs to take off for the open spaces and live like a pioneer. I don't know quite how to provide for this. He would like to go off on his own this summer and do some camping. But, where is the question? If you have any suggestions, please let me know. I suppose at sixteen he can be fairly independent, but I seem to feel certain protective, motherly doubts. Anyway, he is longing to get away and do something adventuresome.

Marionita continues to be happy at UCSB and is still thinking about getting her teaching credential and teaching Spanish. She and a friend would like to spend the summer in a Spanish speaking country and polish up their Spanish a bit. So, I'll have to give this some thought and see what can be done. As she reminds me, she will be almost nineteen, so she can be independent.

Laura, the research librarian at the American Institutes for Research, has been in Mexico for three weeks so I have been running the library and enjoying it. I have particularly liked the research assignments. The job keeps me busy and I find it takes organization to keep things running smoothly at home. But so far things have gone well and I'm sure I've learned a lot. I'll be ready for the next step, whatever it is.

How we wish we could see you ! Perhaps Kay and I will be able to run down for a visit this summer. In the meantime, everyone joins in sending best wishes for good health and much, much love to you both,

Nancy

[98 Parker Ave
Atherton, Calif.
94025]

March 14, 1972

Dear Grandfather and Alice,

I can't wait to see you this summer. It's going to be so much fun.

Im going to use my saddle in a couple of weeks. My friend and I made a deal with a ranch, we buy a horse for a dollar and they can use it whenever we are not. When I let the stirrups down and it fits both my friend and I. Now all I have to buy is the bridle. At the ranch I go to, there is a horse named "Starlight" I still remember the Stories about your horse. The puppy I got last summer is really growing up, I might start going to obedience

training school.

It's really going to be fun to see you again.

Love

Katy

May 9, 1972

Dearest Alice and Dad,

Many thanks for your good letter of April 30th. I have been a little slow making definite plans for our trip to Guatemala because I have been waiting to see how plans would shape up for Marionita and Barton. Nothing has materialized and they now plan to spend the summer here and hope to find jobs of some sort. While Katy and I are in Guatemala, they can take care of the house, keep the garden watered, and feed the pets - all of which will be very helpful and I believe they will enjoy the responsibility. Since they boøth drive, it will be easy for them to run errands and keep the house well-stocked with food.

I have made reservations (subject to your approval) to leave here via Pan American on Monday, June 19th and return Monday, July 3rd. These dates can be changed, of course. What luck to have this new excursion rate of $284! With the cost of living constantly going up,it is a pleasant supprise to find something has gone down. Our application forms for tourist cards should be arriving soon and I am in the process of getting a new passport. Katy and I will have to get smallpox vaccinations since we got our last ones four years ago. And I believe that should take care of all our travel requirements.

I should like to see Sally while I am down there but I think it should be a quick visit and $150 does seem like a lot of money to spend for that. We can discuss this when we are together. How is Sally and what is she doing?

Do let me know if there is anything you want me to bring down. I don't know if San Francisco has a duty free store but I'll find out and bring

the liquor you requested. Do you have or have you read "Latin America - Today and Tomorrow" by Galo Plaza. If you would like to read it, I'll bring a copy down to you.

Knowles left today for two weeks in Samoa and Hawaii. Edith stayed home this time so she could get work started on the remodeling of their kitchen.

I have just finished two weeks serving on jury duty. It was an interesting experience to have had one time but I am glad to be through with it.

Katy and I are looking forward so much to seeing you both and to being in Guatemala again.

With much love to you both,

Nancy

Monday, May 22nd [72]

Dearest Alice and Dad,

How happy we were to get your letter saying you would like to have Marionita come with us. I have discussed this with her on the phone and she was delighted to know that you wanted her to come. However, she seems to feel that she should stay here to help Barton care for the house during our absence. If she goes to Guatemala, she would prefer to go a little later, perhaps with her cousin (on the Burleson side), Ellie Lewis. She will write you about this.

I have just finished writing to Sally to tell her that because of the length of our stay in Guatemala, I won't have time this trip to get to Costa Rica. I'm sorry not to see her but perhaps there will be more time on another trip. I hope she won't be too disappointed. This will be the first time I have left Marionita and Barton at home alone for any length of time and

I feel reluctant to stay away too long. School ends a few days before we leave so we'll have just enough time to get Marionette home from Santa Barbara, pack our bags, and board the plane. I think we have taken care of all the necessary requirements and Katy and I are eagerly looking forward to seeing you on the 19th — not too long in the future.

I hope to get the electric blanket tomorrow and plan to get the liquor at the airport. Do let me know if there is anything else you would like us to bring.

Edith, Marion, Dorothy, and Carolyn were here for lunch last week. We hadn't seen each other for months and it was good to have a visit. Knowles is due to return from Samoa this week which will make Edith happy.

Everyone joins in sending lots of love to you both.

Affectionately,
Nancy

[July 1972]

Dear Grandfather and Alice,

Thankyou so much for the wonderful trip, I had such a good time. All the dresses we had made are beautiful, and fit perfectly.

I hope everything is fine, and the ducks and more friendly. Are they using the pila yet?

I hope your trip to Honduras is nice. I'm sure you'll enjoy it.

Everything here is fine (my dog and rabbit) It was good to see them.

We miss you and Antigua but maybe we'll see you at Christmas.

Love
Katy

Atherton, July 12, 1972

Dearest Dad and Alice,

Katy and I are still talking about the wonderful time we had with you in Guatemala; we'll always remember those two weeks as very special ones. We did so enjoy every moment with you and we are looking forward to the next time we can be together. I do hope we can get the family together for Christmas — what fun that would be! I told Marion about the plans for the family gathering and she was most enthusiastic. I'm sure you can count on Marion, Dorothy and Carolyn being in Georgia for Christmas. I tried to phone Hugh on Sunday at 7:00 a.m. but there was no answer. I suppose he may have been out at the ranch or out of town. I'll try again next Sunday.

The return trip went fairly well although we were forty-five minutes late leaving Guatemala and went through some stormy weather, which delayed the serving of dinner. We finally ate about 9:30. Going through customs in Los Angeles was easy, although the inspection was quite thorough. We were so pleased to see Marion and Barton waiting for us at the airport in S.F.

Everyone has been enjoying the many gifts from Guatemala. Barton was so pleased with his blanket; he put it on his bed immediately. And Katy and I have been enjoying our lovely new dresses and everything else we brought back. Thank you both so much.

I seemed to have stayed busy since our return, mostly catching up on things at home. I have talked with Marion, Edith and Lawrence, and Paul and Betty to bring them up to date on all the news. Edith said that Dr. Kelly had called her to say he had received your letter and that he seemed anxious to be friendly and helpful. He, of course, agreed that Sally shouldn't come up but wondered whether it might be possible to send the children down for a short visit with her. They are eager to see her and I believe he is willing to pay the expenses. They might have a short visit with you in Guatemala, fly to Costa Rica for a day or two, and then return home. Do you think this would be at all possible and what do you think Sally would think of the plan?

I'm still puzzled about the telegram I sent you. I wonder what could have happened to it. Perhaps a special delivery letter is a more reliable way of getting news to you, but it is also fairly slow. You must have been quite surprised when Marionita and Elice arrived at your front door! What a wonderful opportunity this is for them and how greatly I appreciate all you have been doing for them.

All goes well here. Barton has taken a job this week painting a house. He climbs aboard his truck at 7:30 in the morning and I don't see him again until 6:00 or 6:30 when he returns home tired, hungry, and dirty. He is working so hard but seems glad to have the job. By the time he finishes he should know quite a bit about painting.

I'm enclosing two photographs which show the changing moods of baby Bettina. How we did enjoy that trip — and all the other interesting ones we took! But the best part of all was the chance to be with you both and to know you, Elice. Katy and I love both of you so much and miss you a great deal. How much we hope we can see you at Christmas!

You'll probably be in Honduras when this letter reaches Guatemala. I'm sure you'll enjoy your stay in Honduras for it will be a change and give you an opportunity for some relaxation, which you both deserve.

Everyone joins in sending you much, much love.

Lovingly,
Nancy

July 13, 1972

Dearest Alice and Dad,

After mailing a letter to you in Antigua yesterday, I realized that you probably won't get it for several weeks since you will be in Honduras. I do want you to hear from me before then so you will know how very much we enjoyed and appreciated our visit with you. It was so wonderful to have those two weeks with you and Katy and I have enjoyed remembering all the good times and interesting places we visited. We loved being with you and miss you very much; we are looking forward to the next time we can be with you, hopefully at Christmas. When I mentioned the plans for Christmas to Marion, she was quite excited and I think you can count on her and her two girls being with you for Christmas. I haven't been able to reach Hugh yet but I'll continue to try calling him.

All the many lovely things we brought back from Guatemala are such happy reminders of our time with you. Katy and I are enjoying our dresses and Bartie immediately put his blanket on his bed – he said it is a fine one. Thank you so very much. And thank you, too, for all you are doing for Marianita and Ellie. I know how much they are enjoying this trip, and we are all very grateful to you for giving them this opportunity.

I don't want to repeat everything I said in my other letter but will tell you that Edith had a phone call from Mrs. Halley. In a friendly, cooperative way he agreed Sally shouldn't come up, but suggested that the kindergarten might go down for a short visit with her. What do you think?

When will you return to Antigua? I hope your stay in Honduras will be happy and relaxed.

Katy joins in sending hugs and kisses and much love to you both.

Your loving, Nancy

August 29th [1972/73]

Dear Grandfather and Alice,
I decided to try and get back early, so I could meet my family in Los Angeles; and then drive them home, so I'm back home now. I had a very nice bus trip up to Mexico city. I stopped at Oaxaca and Juxtla Gutierrez and got to see them pretty well. I saw Puebla and a little of Mexico City. At Mexico City I decided I would have to hurry if I wanted to meet the family in L. A. and I also remembered you're having said that there wasn't too much north of Mexico City — so I took a plane from Mexico City to L. A.

I'm sorry I didn't get a chance to thank you for all you did. It was really a wonderful trip and a wonderful summer. I can't thank you enough for it. I'm glad I got a chance to get to know you.

Everything is fine here at home. I am going to go ahead and get a construction job and take some engineering courses at night school.

Well I hope the Volkswagen and the tourists don't give you too much trouble.

Thank you again.

Love,
Barton

19 Sept. 1972

Dearest Alice and Dad,

Many thanks for your good letter of Aug. 23rd from Tegucigalpa. From the length of your stay in Honduras, I judge that you enjoyed your visit as I was sure you would. I am wondering if you are now back in Antigua and what plans you have for the next few months.

The summer went quickly and I now have all three back in school; Katy and Barton started two weeks ago and Marguerite drove down to Santa Barbara last Saturday with a friend. Her classes won't start for another week but she thought she needed the time to get settled in her apartment. Judging by the amount she took down, I think it may take her that long. We took a car load down to Santa Barbara the end of August and had a good visit with Uncle Paul and Aunt Betty, who were in Santa Barbara to celebrate their wedding anniversary. They seemed in good health and spirits, and we enjoyed catching up on family news.

Katy and Barton seemed to be moderately pleased with their classes and teachers this year. Barton is taking chemistry, advanced math, physics, Social Studies, and English, and thinks if he works it right, he can be finished with high school by June. Then he will be ready for the next step, whatever it is.

It is a little early to mention this but I want you to know that I ordered "Plaisir de France" for you — just so you won't go ahead and order it. They tell me your first issue will be the December issue. I'll be interested to hear when you receive the first issue — probably sometime in the spring.

Ann Arnold wrote a nice letter and I was so pleased to hear from her. She greatly enjoyed her visit with you.

You might be interested to know that Barton bought a copy of "The House in Antigua" and a copy of our mother's book in an old bookstore in Palo Alto. "Santiago de los Caballeros de Guatemala" is bound in Guatemalan fabric, which I haven't seen before, and cost $7.50; "The House in Antigua" cost $5.00.

In regard to your discussion concerning family finances, I want you to know how deeply I appreciate all you have done and are doing for us. I could never begin to adequately express how grateful I am; I only wish I could do something for you and Alice.

I thought you might like to have a copy of the photo Marionita took; we think it is quite good. I'm also enclosing a copy Marionita made of the poem I mentioned when I was down there.

Katy and Barton join in sending lots and lots of love to you and Alice —

Nancy

October 6, 1972

Dearest Alice and Dad,

What good news it was to hear that Sally had been with you and that she was in such fine health! We couldn't be more pleased and only wish she could be this way always. I can imagine how much she enjoyed her stay with you; perhaps she can look forward to another visit before long. Has Sally returned to San José? I'm so glad Sally can go back to the nursery – it sounds like a very pleasant place to live and she will feel at home there.

You mentioned the possibility of your coming to California for Christmas. What a great idea that is and I know everyone here is very much in favor of it. Do give it some serious thought. It would probably be much easier than having the whole crowd come to Antigua, as much as we would like to do it. Also, I have been trying to find a part-time job, and if I should, of course, wouldn't be able to get away for Christmas.

Barton is giving some thought to his future after he finishes high school in June and I am wondering what chance he has of going to Jamaica. He would like very much to go there for a short time, but if this isn't possible, he will think of another plan. Do you have any suggestions?

About finances and the United Fruit Company benefit: I feel quite strongly that should go to Alice and hope you will agree with me. The Social Security numbers of the children are as follows:

Marion - 566-82-9968
Barton - 566-82-9992
Katarina - 566-82-9986

Remember to think about Christmas in California!

Everyone joins in sending much, much love to you both – and to Sally if she is still with you.

Lovingly,
Nancy

Tuesday, Nov. 14th [1972]

Dearest Alice,

It was such a pleasure to get your letter of October 22nd and to hear that everything is going well for you and that at last you are having a little time to enjoy the garden.

I am so sorry we won't be with you at Christmas but am so grateful to have had the visit with you last summer. And I do look forward to the next visit with you, which I hope won't be too far off in the future. If Barton can get down for a visit next summer, you will then know all the family.

Next week Marianita will be home for Thanksgiving – the first time she has been home since the fall quarter began. She is enjoying school so much this year; she is very much interested in the anthropology and art history courses she is taking and is also enjoying life in an apartment with four other girls. They do their own cooking and housekeeping and I'm sure this is a most educational experience for them!

Barton saved his money and last week bought a second-hand Vespa motor scooter. He has taken it completely apart in the garage to clean and renovate it and tells me it will be better than new when he puts it back together. I look at all the many little parts and wonder how he will ever remember where they all go!

Katy has been taking care of a neighbor's dog while they have been away on a month's trip. They returned last night and I think Katy is relieved to no longer have this responsibility.

We are getting rain, rain and more rain – very much needed so we can't complain.

Forgive my poor [illegible] – Sending much love to you and Dad –

Nancy

Tuesday, Nov. 28th [1972]

Dearest Alice and Dad,

If you are following the plans mentioned in your letter of 11 November, you are on your way to Honduras today. I had hoped to get a letter to you before you left but I suppose this letter will be waiting for you when you return to Antigua. May your stay in Honduras be a very pleasant and happy one!

The last few weeks seem to have been a little busier than usual. First the Harold Planks came for a short visit and we very much enjoyed seeing them. They both seem very well. They asked to be remembered to you and said they hope your travels will bring you to Santa Barbara.

Next we had a visit from John and Alva (Bob's brother who lives in Illinois) and we enjoyed seeing them again. They went on to Santa Barbara and took Marionita out to dinner, much to her great delight. They will probably come back for a longer visit next summer.

Patty stopped by for a visit on his way to Oregon to spend a few days with Edwin & Anna. He stopped again on his way south to Van Nuys and we had a good talk. What a dear, fine person he is!

Then Marionita came home for Thanksgiving and we had a fine turkey dinner here. It was so good to have her home again and hear all the news of her life at school. She seems so happy!

The way the days and weeks seem to be flying along summer will be here before we know it and Barton will be on his way to Guatemala and Honduras with high school days behind him. He is looking forward so much to seeing you and to going to E. A. P. He seems to be interested in spending some time in each of the departments, other than the butcher shop, about which he seems to have no interest nor enthusiasm. When it is a little closer to the time for his departure, he will want to know what to bring down — clothes, equipment, how much money, etc.

Thank you so much for arranging the transfer of Lehman shares to us. I know the children would want to join in thanking you for taking such good care of us. It is good to know extra help in paying for education is available when needed.

With much, much love to you both.

Nancy

Saturday, Dec. 2, 1972

Dearest Alice and Dad,

Our heartfelt thanks go to you for your generous Christmas check enclosed in your letter of Nov. 26th. The children will write soon about your gift but I did want you to know how much we all appreciate it. I am tempted to buy a waffle maker with my share — something we have wanted for some time.

We are beginning to be busy with Christmas preparations. The children will be out of school in two weeks and Marianita will come home from Santa Barbara about the same time, having finished finals and this first quarter. I'm sure she will feel like celebrating! Bill Fullon plans to drive up and will spend two or three days with us. The children always enjoy his visits so much. I hope he will have time to do a little hiking with Barton.

And speaking of Barton, he is getting more and more eager to be on his way south to Guatemala and Honduras. He even lapses into Spanish whenever he can think of the right words. I'm sure the summer will provide one of his most interesting experiences.

We hope you are having a good visit at Jamaica and a chance for some good talks with Hugh. I hope you can convince him to spend Christmas in Antigua; I know you would enjoy that so much. We shall be with you in thought.

Much, much love to you both,

Nancy

Wednesday, February 7, 1973

Dearest Alice and Abe,

It has been a long time since I have written or since I have heard from you and I am anxious to have news of you. It hear that you are both well and enjoying life in Antigua.

Uncle Paul and Aunt Betty wrote not long ago that they were looking forward to a visit with you at the end of February. I am so glad they can take this trip because I know how much you will enjoy seeing each other and having a chance for a good visit.

They also mentioned that Sally had been having some problems, which is disheartening news just after she had seemed so well. I know how difficult this is for you and can only hope that by this time things have straightened out a bit. I am wondering if she will still be able to come for a visit with you at Easter.

Everything seems to be going well here; we are in good health and stay busy. Marionita continues to enjoy life at U.C. Santa Barbara. She will come home for a week between quarters at the end of March, at which time she wants to line up a summer job. Barton is working hard to finish school by April, putting in a long day (8 to 5 without lunch) to do so. His chemistry teacher asked him to be a lab assistant, which he enjoys but finds it requires a lot of time. He is looking forward to getting out of school and on to whatever is next. How do his chances look of going to Jamaica? If he does come down, would late May or early June be too soon?

And as for Katy, she has been trying to find a summer camp where she could do some horseback riding. I'm sure she'll find one.

We are having a winter of continual rains, a fact I'm sure we'll appreciate next summer. Spring is almost here; our plum tree in front is in bloom and very beautiful — one of the first signs.

Everyone joins in sending much love to you both.

Much love always,

Nancy

PS We have waffles every Saturday night now — that learning a family tradition — thanks to your Christmas gift!

Monday, March 5, 1973

Dearest Dad,

Katy, Marinita, Barton, and I all join in sending you our loving greetings on your birthday and wishing you "many happy returns of the day." You are such a special person and we want you to know how much we love you.

By the time this letter reaches you I imagine that Aunt Betty and Uncle Paul will be with you and you will be having a grand visit. I'm so happy they could make this trip; they were greatly looking forward to it when I talked with them on the phone a few days ago.

I very much enjoyed your letter of February 15th which I had hoped to answer before this. However, I have been working at Stanford Research Institute for two weeks on a temporary job (for a few weeks only) and find that this 8 to 5 job keeps me on a tight schedule. I am working on a project called Follow through Evaluation which is concerned with a nationwide educational testing program. It has been an interesting experience and has given me an opportunity to see what SRI is like, but I won't mind a bit when the job ends.

Barton is looking forward so much to seeing you and Alice and he is hoping it can be at the end of May, if this suits you. I want to assure you that he will arrive clean-cut and clean-shaven, for we both believe in "when in Rome do as the Romans do" – at least in most cases. He is working so hard to finish school and also to leave the house in good shape. He has been a tremendous help to me; he is a hard worker and seems capable of tackling almost any job.

Much love always to you both,

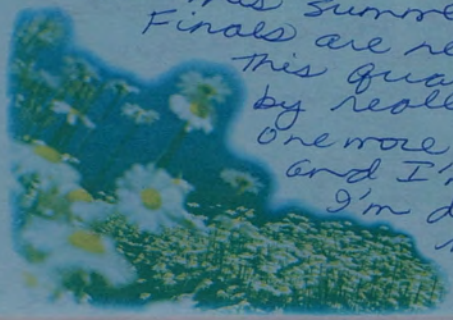
Nancy

March 12, 1973

Dear Grandfather,

I hope you had a very happy birthday! How is everything going in Antigua? I just finished my paper on U.S. Involvement in Guatemala for my Latin American History class - my only problem was getting myself to just concentrate on researching the topic. Every book I would find on Guatemala would be so interesting - I'd want to read the whole thing - and there just wasn't enough time - hopefully I can go back & finish reading them this summer.

Finals are next week. This quarter went by really quickly! One more quarter and I'm a junior - I'm double majoring in



cultural anthropology & art history - and it still leaving me time to take classes in other fields.

I'm doing alot of folk dancing. I'm in an Israeli Folk Dance Troupe - our first performance is next month!

During spring vacation I'm hoping to find a summer job - it's hot, I might to go summer school at Stanford & take some more dance classes.

I'm really learning alot about Guatemala - its so much more enjoyable to read & learn about something you're interested in - maybe I could get my M.A. in Guatemalan Studies! - and then where could I put all my vast knowledge to good use?!

Happy Belated Birthday! Give my love to Alice & give everyone in the house "mis saludes."

Love always, Marion

Atherton, April 26, 1973

Dearest Alice and Rod,

Many, many thanks for your good letter of April 1st and for the check to cover the cost of Barton's transportation. I have made a reservation for him on Pan Americans #515 San Francisco to Guatemala Thursday, May 31st and have left both the dates for his flight to Honduras and return trip open. Does this date suit you? If not, it can easily be changed.

Now, what would you like Barton to bring down to you? Do let us know if there is anything at all you need or would like.

Barton has a passport and we are getting the necessary tourist cards, vaccinations, etc. I am wondering just how to handle the money situation, as I know he will need a little money from time to time. Shall I have Barton bring down some cash, turn it over to you, and let you know when he needs some, or should I write you a check? I imagine he won't want to carry too much cash around with him, and probably won't need too much in Honduras.

I can't tell you how much Barton and I both appreciate this opportunity. I know Barton will benefit from it in so many ways and I hope he will be able to contribute something, too; he is willing and eager to do whatever is required and he likes hard work. I'm sure this experience will help him to form some idea of the direction in which he would like to head.

Edith and Knowles were back in Berkeley for four days after a trip to Los Angeles and are now in Washington, D.C. for a ten-day visit. We hope to see them when they return — before they leave on another trip.

We think of you both so often and hope everything is going well for you. Everyone joins in sending much love,

Nancy

Alberton, 23 May 1973

Dearest Alice and Dad,

This will probably be my last letter to reach you before Barton arrives a week from tomorrow. He is just about all set to go (even got a typhoid shot yesterday, recommended by his doctor) and is eager to board the plane May 31st. I'm glad you suggested a few things you could use; Barton is happy to be bringing them to you. Barton suggests that you don't need to bother meeting him in Guatemala City. He can get a taxi (at the price you recommended) and go directly to Antigua. What a great experience this is going to be for him! I'm sure Katy and I will wish we were going along to Antigua when we see Barton 78!

Thank you so much for your letters and for the helpful advice regarding Barton's trip. I have been happy to hear, too, that Sally seems to be getting along well. If she could only continue this way, it would be fine — perhaps this new tranquilizer will do the job. I'm sure Sally is much happier in Antigua than in Costa Rica; my only hope is that it is not too much of a strain on you.

It's hard to believe that summer will soon be here. Katy graduates from jr. high school June 14th and on the 15th I'll drive to Santa Barbara to bring home Marion and all her boxes and suitcases. Marion is hoping to find temporary employment and perhaps take a trip with a friend later in the summer. Katy has planned a busy summer for herself: helping a friend run a nursery school for a month, taking a class in gymnastics, horseback riding, and playing the piano.

Knowles and Edith stopped by for a visit last week. Both are well and very happy.

Much, much love to you both,

Nancy

Tuesday, May 29, 1973

Dearest Olive and Dad,

Hugh phoned me from Gainesville Friday and reported that he had ~~had~~ a good visit with you in Bartow and that all was well. It was so good to hear from him and I was happy to have news of the family. Hugh has suggested that Katy and I visit him in Florida this summer. If it all possible, we'll try to do it. I'd like to have a good visit with Hugh and I know Katy would enjoy the ranch.

By the time you receive this letter Barton will be with you and you will have any news from here. Barton is eager to be put to good use, both in Bartow and Honduras, so I hope he will be. We shall certainly miss him here. Everywhere I look I see some evidence of his handiwork; he has worked hard these last days trying to get everything in good shape so we can manage to get along without him.

He will bring the amount of money you suggested with him. Please let me know what any additional expenses he may incur during the time he is down here. I do want to pay for whatever he needs and whatever the cost at Tomorrowland may be. This is such an unequal opportunity for him — I want him to be able to take full advantage of it and not be hindered by monetary worries.

Katy and I send much, much love to you both, and to Sally and Barton.

Lovingly,
Nancy

Atherton, June 21, 1973

Dearest Dad and Alice,

Thank you so much for both your letters – Alice's of the 9th and Dad's of the 1st. I was especially pleased to hear that you had enjoyed Barton's visit; he wrote so enthusiastically about the time he spent with you. Thank you both for all you did for him and for making his stay in Zamorano possible. In his letter to us he said that he had a <u>great</u> time in Antigua and really enjoyed seeing everyone there.

We made a quick trip to Santa Barbara last Friday, moved Marion out of her apartment and filled up the car with her belongings. We stayed overnight with Alice and Harold Plank and had a good visit with them. They are both well and as enthusiastic as ever about life in Santa Barbara. I think they would be happy to see us move there. Marion and I returned home on Saturday and found that Katy had taken good care of everything in our absence. She had even been to the nursery to buy flowers, which she had planted in the garden to welcome us home.

Parkie and Willis stopped by for a short visit on their way north to Redding. Parkie plans to do some collecting and Willis is going along for the trip and as a vacation from working on his thesis.

We have been having such <u>hot</u> weather – in the 100°s – quite unusual.

Katy is enjoying her nursery school work and horseback riding, and Marion is enjoying being home.

Everyone joins in sending much love to you both and to Sally.

Lovingly,
Nancy

P.S. Please let me know what I owe for Barton's assistance at the school.

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA
TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS

[July 1973]

Dear Grandfather,

I'm sorry I haven't written in so long. I know you must be wondering what I'm doing. After getting most of the cars that were out of commission, running again, I pretty much ran out of work to do in the car shop. After that I worked in the student farm shop. I got one old tractor running and then put together another from old parts that were lying around. I've been using the tractors, now, to move around some of the heavy equipment. I fixed up a demonstration engine for the teacher to use in showing the students the mechanics of a tractor engine.

When the teacher found out I could type he even got me to type out some invoices for parts.

When the work ran out there, I started working with the carpenter. We built a raft using oil drums as pontoons, so that the students can pick out water lilies which have been clogging the lake.

Today I'm going to start work in the dairy lab.

So that's more or less what I've been doing as far as work.

I've been seeing alot of, and have become good friends with Amado Pelen. We've taken a couple of trips around the countryside. We went up to the mountain (I don't know how to spell it) and to San Antonio, where we saw all the Velasquez scenes.

This certainly is a beautiful

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA
TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS

place. I don't see how you could have picked a more perfect spot to put the school.

I've been reading ~~[illegible]~~ alot and using the excellent library often.

~~[illegible]~~ Kermit Adams has been here about two weeks. I went over to his house to have dinner and meet his wife. I've had some nice talks with him and he's explained to me some of his plans for the school.

I think or hope ~~I'm~~ I am needed at home and have even been thinking of ~~[illegible]~~ being home in a month, more or less. I've also been thinking that when I get home I will try to get a good full time job, and take ~~some~~ Engineering courses in

night school and see where that leads me.

I've learned many things here and it's been a big help to me in sorting out my interests and thinking about what I might want to do. I can't thank you enough for giving me the opportunity of coming here.

Since the novelty of my being here has worn off for the students, I've settled into the dormitory life and am enjoying it alot. I've become good friends with alot of the students - and they're making plans for visiting me in the States.

Both the mangoes and avocadoes are ripe now and are delicious.

My plans are still indefinite but whatever they are, I'd love to visit you again for as long as I can or as long as you'd like to have me.

Love,
Barton [Guillou]

Atherton, 14 July 1973

Dearest Alice and Dad,

Many thanks for your good letter of July 4th. I have just written Hugh telling him that we have decided not to go to Florida this summer, but if his invitation still holds, we might try to make the trip next spring during Easter vacation. All things considered, I'm sure that would be a better time, provided it suits Hugh. I'd like very much to have a good visit with Hugh and see his farm and the University. It was very generous of you to offer to pay for the trip, but by next spring there should be no problem.

We have had several good letters from Barton. In his last letter he said he was working in the farm shop fixing up two old tractors and making a demonstration engine for one of the classes. He is also making a raft for the lake so that the water lilies, which are clogging the lake can be removed. He seems to have only two regrets: (1) he hasn't had a chance to see anything of the surrounding country, but hopes to do that before he leaves, and (2) he isn't learning Spanish as quickly as he had hoped. Evidently the students are eager to practice their English. I know he would very much enjoy spending another week with you on his return trip and taking some more drives.

I am so sorry to hear how concerned you have been over Sally with regard to this man she has been seeing. What a terrible worry this must be for you! How I hope she will stop seeing him. Oh, how I wish I could think of some way to help relieve you of this worry and strain.

Much love from all of us,

Nancy

Atherton, 4 August 1973

Dearest Alice and Rod,

Many thanks for your letter of 18 July and for writing the new Director, Kermit Adams, about Barton's program. A recent letter from Barton sounded so pleased about everything. He has climbed a mountain and been to San Antonio, where he saw all the familiar Velasquez scenes. His last job in the machine shop was to make a tractor out of some old parts he found and he said it really ran. Somehow he has managed to locate a horse (a spirited animal, he says) and he is seeing a lot of the school and surrounding country. As suggested by the director, he is going to collect samples of grass from each pasture to dry and display. When this project is finished, he wants to spend a little time working in the dairy. After that, he will probably head for Justiceville. I'm sure you'll hear from him as soon as he knows his plans. What a wonderful summer this has been for him and how much I appreciate all that has been done for him!

Katy was so thrilled to hear about your little ducklings and wished so much she could have been with you to see them. How are they getting along and how many do you have now? They sound so adorable — what a surprise that must have been!

We head for Santa Barbara August 21, we'll spend Wednesday and Thursday there, and then go to Altadena on Friday for a weekend visit with Aunt Betty and Uncle Paul. We haven't been to Altadena since the golden wedding anniversary, so it is time for a good visit.

Much love to you both and Sally,

Nancy

4 September 1973

Dearest Alice and Abel.

Now that Barton is home again, I want to thank you both for all you did to give him such a memorable summer. He had a fine time and I know he will always remember with pleasure the many new and interesting experiences this summer offered. You did so much for Barton and we are both very grateful.

Barton left early this morning to begin looking for a job. I'm eager to hear what the outcome will be. He hopes to line up a full time job and a couple of evening classes at the jr. college. This should keep him fairly busy.

We returned from our trip to the south last Monday, after a pleasant stay in Santa Barbara and a good visit with Uncle Paul and Great Betty. They both seemed well and we greatly enjoyed seeing them. We spent one day at Padua Hills, where we thoroughly enjoyed the Mexican food, music, and dancing.

Sally's painting for Bonnie arrived in good shape several days ago. I'm not sure when Barton will be able to take it up to Bonnie; we may mail it in order to get it there sooner. Speaking of Sally's Marion, Hugh and I have been in close touch regarding the problems and hope we can find some solutions soon to release you of the burden.

Katy starts school next week and Marionita returns to Santa Barbara the following week, so summer is really over.

With our love to you both and to Sally —

Nancy

[Nov. 1973]

Dear Grandfather and Alice,

We received your Ghristmas present the other day - thank you so much. It's always such a useful present.

I'm very sorry about you having to bother with forwarding my mail. I didn't expect any of my friends to write to me so I didn't tell any of them how to send the mail. If it's too inconvenient you have the School not bother with it, if any more letters come for me.

I have applied to the Engineering colledge of U.C. Berkeley. I have been taking various temporary jobs, but haven't been able to get much with my present education - so I decided to get going on a more substancial career. I had one job working as an electronics technician, repairing and testing circuit boards, but it didn't last very long.

We had a nice visit with Uncle Hugh, sounds like he really has a great life -

with his ranch and all his progects.

Well, thank you again for the present and I hope I can see you again soon.

Love,

Barton

7 November 1973

Dearest Alice and Dad,

It seems like a long time since we last exchanged letters! I hear that you have been in Honduras, but I imagine you have returned to Antigua by this time. Did you enjoy your stay in Honduras and how did you find everything there?

The main news from here is that old Hugo is coming for a visit the weekend of Nov. 17th — thanks to the fact that he must attend a meeting at Stanford. We are delighted! He plans to spend Saturday night and Sunday with us. On Sunday we'll have everyone here for lunch — Marion, Dorothy, Carolyn, Edith, Knowles, and even Marionita will try to get home for the weekend. A rare occasion like this deserves a real celebration!

Everything seems to be going well here. Barton is still working but has applied for admission to the College of Engineering at U.C. Berkeley for the winter quarter. He should be receiving an answer soon. Now we're hoping he will be accepted, and that he has decided what he wants to do.

I have been working several weeks part-time at the National Press, a company which publishes college textbooks. I thoroughly enjoy the work and people and hope it may eventually develop into something a little more. At present I usually work four hours a day on a completely flexible schedule, which certainly suits me.

You are often in our thoughts. Everyone joins in sending ever so much love to you both and to Sally —

Nancy

27 November 1973

Dearest Alice and Dod,

Your two good letters and your Christmas check arrived yesterday. How very kind and thoughtful of you! I know that each one of us will enjoy and appreciate the money and we do thank you. Of course you will hear from Marion, Barton, and Katy but I wanted you to know that we had received the check and shall begin to give some thought to its use.

Katy and I spent Thanksgiving in Santa Barbara with Marion while Barton stayed home to take care of the dog and house. We had Thanksgiving dinner with the Planks, who asked to be remembered to you. They are well and are enjoying their newly re-decorated home. Katy and I enjoyed staying in Marion's apartment and seeing the D.C. campus, but I left feeling concerned about Marion's health. She seemed so tired and leathery and not able to eat very much. She has promised

to go to the Health Center this week, so I hope we can find out what the problem is, if there is one.

How much we enjoyed Hugh's visit! He wasn't able to spend as much time here as we had originally hoped, but he spent a few hours with us on Friday and had dinner with the folks in Berkeley before catching his plane Saturday evening. What a good person he is; I am so very fond and proud of him. I am so happy he will be able to spend Christmas with you.

Speaking of Christmas, I appreciated your letting me know about the subscriptions you receive because I had been wondering whether to renew Plaisir de France. We're sorry not to be giving you a subscription but we'll get a box of See's chocolates down to you at the first opportunity!

We're still waiting to hear from Berkeley regarding Barton's application; perhaps something will come today.

Much love from all of us,
Nancy

January 1, 1974

Dear Grandfather and Alice,

We had a wonderful Christmas this year. The weather was so beautiful, it was crisp and clear and although it wasn't snowing here we did get a chance to see some snow. Thank you so much for the Christmas money. I spent it on going up to the snow and going skiing, it was my first time. Barton had been several times before so he taught me how to ski and by the end of the day we were both pretty much independent. It was really fun.

The scenery up there is so beautiful. We were very lucky, we had fairly warm weather and excellent skiing conditions. The snow covered pines against the powder blue sky was a perfect Christmas setting and

got both of us into the Christmas spirit.

On the Sunday before Christmas we had Uncle Knowles and Grandma, Uncle Paul and Aunt Betty, and Pab, Norma, Donwin and Ellen over for Christmas dinner and dessert. It was certainly a houseful!

I hope you had a very merry Christmas and a wonderful new year!

Love

Katy

March 12, 1974

Dearest Dad,

The Lehman shares arrived and I put the certificates in my safe deposit box yesterday. Many, many thanks — we are very grateful and greatly appreciate your generosity. I can't help feeling somewhat concerned, however, about all of you; I do hope you are keeping enough for your own needs, expenses, and pleasures. I want you to know that I shall be happy to help in any way I can at any time — especially in regard to Sally's expenses.

Darton is still working and I believe he may continue working until just a few days before he has to leave for Berkeley. This job has given him a lot of good experience in many areas plus

the knowledge that he will never have to be hungry or go on welfare. The man for whom Barton is working has taken quite an interest in him, said Barton could work for him whenever he wanted to at five dollars an hour ($800 - month). He also plans to give Barton a bonus when he stops working. In some ways Barton seems reluctant to leave the working world to enter the academic world.

I start on a new part time job this week, working in the Community Relations Section of the Palo Alto city government. I hope it will be interesting.

Katy's main interests continue to be art, skiing, and her dog. She plans to be away all next weekend on a skiing trip.

I hope everything is going well at the Casa Popenoe and that you, Alice, and Sally are well and happy.

Much love to all - Hanna

May 20, 1974

Dearest Alice and Dad,

Thanks for your good letter of April 6th which arrived after Katy and I returned from our visit in Florida with Hugh. We greatly enjoyed the week we spent with him and appreciated all the time and effort he devoted to entertaining us. He seemed in such good spirits and health. I imagine by now you have had a visit from him and have caught up on all the news. Katy and I had a grand time visiting Tarpon Springs, having Greek coffee in the coffee house and a good Greek meal in one of the restaurants. We also enjoyed seeing Cedar Keys and eating fresh fish in a restaurant over the water. There is so much open space in Florida with some lovely countryside. We spent most of the time, of course, staying on Hugh's ranch, taking long walks and generally enjoying the quiet peacefulness of rural life. The last evening there we camped by Hugh's lake and cooked both dinner and breakfast over a campfire. What a life!

I have been up to Berkeley once since our return and had a good visit with Edith and Marion - Uncle Knowles had to leave to attend a meeting. Marion took us on a tour of the campus and showed us her department, which I enjoyed seeing. I also had a chance to meet a few people in the department, including Dr. Heiser. Marion is doing a fine job and I am tremendously impressed.

Barton will soon finish his first quarter at Berkeley, having commuted the entire time. He doesn't seem to mind the drive too much but I would hate it. He plans to go to summer school and we hope housing will be easier to find then.

He will probably be able to find something and keep it for next year. He is quite enthusiastic about Berkeley - the facilities, professors, and classes. This quarter he has taken chemistry, math, computer science, and English.

Katy also plans to go to summer school and will spend her mornings in a ceramics class. That should be fun - not work.

Marionita's plans seem indefinite. As far as I can figure out, they seem to depend upon the plans of John Sheppard, who is graduating in engineering this year. He will go to M.I.T. for graduate work and just how Marionita fits into the picture I'm not quite sure.

I am continuing to work part-time in Community Relations for the City of Palo Alto. For the most part, the work is interesting and some of it even seems helpful and worthwhile. Just where it will lead, if anywhere, remains to be seen.

We hope you are both staying in good health and that everything is going smoothly at the Casa Popenoe. How I would love to get down for a visit, if even for just a few days! It seems such a long time since I have seen you.

With much love from each of us,

Nancy

26 June 1974

Dearest Alice and Dad,

We were so pleased to have your letter of May 26th, Alice, and to hear that you were going to Honduras. I imagine you are back in Antigua by now and I feel sure you enjoyed your visit. It is always a pleasure to go to Honduras and to stay at the school in that lovely location. I hope you found everything in good shape when you returned.

I want to let you know that my friends Don and Laura Newmark are in Guatemala for three weeks, driving around the countryside and hoping to see and learn as much as possible. They will be staying in Antigua at the Hotel Antigua from July 4 to 7 and hope to visit the house during that time. I believe you would enjoy meeting them. Don is in urban planning and Laura was the librarian at the American Institute for Research when I worked there but is now doing graduate study at San Francisco State University.

These last few weeks have been fairly busy ones for us. Parkie spent a weekend with us on his way north to Redding and we greatly enjoyed seeing him. Bill Fiedler came for a visit, then he and Barton

spent a week camping and working at Sequoia. They returned last Sunday and Bill left for Santa Barbara on Monday. Now Marion and her friend John Shepherd are here, but will leave for Santa Barbara Friday morning. After that, I expect it will be fairly quiet here for awhile.

I talked with Betty and Paul on the phone a few days ago and was glad to hear all the family news. They mentioned they are thinking of going to Guatemala in October, and I hope they will be able to go.

We hope you are both staying well and that everything is going smoothly and pleasantly at the house.

Much, much love from each of us,

Nancy

Thursday, July 25, 1974

Dearest Alice and Dad,

Laura and Don Newmark returned a few days ago from Guatemala and called to say how much they had enjoyed and appreciated the visit with you. Meeting you and seeing the Casa Popenoe seemed to be the high point of their trip. I'm sure they will always remember your warm hospitality, and we are all grateful to you. I was glad to have news of you and to hear that everyone seemed well and in good spirits.

It is hard to believe we are almost into August and summer will soon be over; it seems to have gone so quickly. We have been having lots of warm weather lately – in the high 80's every day – which should make you appreciate the climate in Antigua even more.

Katy has been working at the Alpine Hills Country Club doing a variety of jobs and seems to be enjoying the experience as well as the money she is earning. She plans to work through August, and will start back to school the first week in September.

I am still working for the city of Palo Alto in Community Relations, occasionally putting in full time on it when people in the office are away on vacations. The work continues to be varied and usually interesting. I shall have to work full time next week, but after that, things should let up a bit and there should be more flexibility in my schedule.

We think of you often and hope everything is going well. Everyone joins in sending <u>much</u> love to all –

Nancy