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died. I'm sure she's suffering
greatly from her loss but looks +
and acts very well, showing very
little change since I last saw
her. We are having all of them
to dinner Friday night.

We had a pleasant stay in
California. I particularly enjoyed
a 3 day visit with Paul + Betty.
Somehow I always feel very much
at home there and enjoyed them
tremendously. A good letter came
from you while I was there and
I was happy to hear you were
getting along so well. I tried ~~being~~
hard to see Sel, but could get
no answer from her either by
phone or letter. I think she
must have been away as I
tried all the Halleys and had the
same experience of being unable
to contact them.

I had a nice two-day visit
with Nancy. She seems very well
and the children thriving and
intelligent. It was good to be
with her again.

I've become fascinated with ancient Chinese art (& symbolism) & philosophy - around 2000-3000 B.C. & Shang-Yin era. I seem to find parallels to the Ancient Mayan cultures - is it impossible there could be some relation since the dates ^{involved} certainly make it at least plausible. I suppose if one could know definitely at what point the epicanthic fold of the Chinese eye ~~was~~ definitely was a characteristic, at least that would be a starting point in the process of elimination of factors.

We had dinner with Edith, Chuck, & Pete last weekend. They are all very well.

I'm anxious to hear what news Hugh and Nancy have of Sol. I'm terribly concerned about her.

What are your plans concerning the months ahead - what trips planned, etc.

~~By~~ the way, I thought Grandma & Aunt Vivian appeared in very good shape, better than I had imagined. They are quite thin but mentally and physically much more active than one would expect.

Of all the group, Herbert & Lucille seemed to be the only ones which I felt were not as well as I had last seen them. They both looked very tired and dispirited, especially Aunt Lucille has lost so much ~~much~~ of her old ~~of~~ humor and bounce that I had remembered of her. These years have been very hard on them of course. Frank and Joan looked better than when I last saw them and seem to be doing well now. The two little boys seem very bright but badly disciplined in my opinion.

We had a wonderful trip en route home from England. Italy is such an interesting country, and I love the language and the people and the scenery. We fell in love with Verona. How lovely

it was. And certain areas
of Italy are very reminiscent
of Spain - we loved it. The children
were good travelers. Altogether it
was ~~perfect~~ planning on Dick's
part - not too much for the children
and places they could enjoy, and
still enough to be interesting and
worth while to us. We really
had a marvelous time and are so
grateful we could have it. Now
I have a burning desire to see
the Byzantine part of the world!

To subdue my nostalgia for Mexico,
I find myself turning to thoughts
of Latin America - equally lovely
and not so far away! I hope
your days are happy ones now
and are having good results with
your work. We think of you
so much.

All our love,
Marion

[23 May 1963]

Sunday

511 Jarman St

Dearest Dad,

There is no way I can put
into words right now the grief
and sorrow I feel about your great
loss. It has been such a shock
that it is still hard to realize
that Mom is no longer with us.
All the fine things, the all I have
learned from her, so many, many
thoughts of her and loving memories
have filled these days, and my
deep sympathy and concern for you.
and I think in life we must always
be grateful for what we have
had and have been blessed with,
and then to draw upon the strength
of the years behind to go on
and continue living a full life.
You know all of us are strongly
with you, and you must not
think that everything is over for
you now. There are so many that

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Dear Jack
I have been thinking about you a great deal lately
and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you
are still in the same good health as when I last
heard from you. I have been thinking about you
a great deal lately and wondering how you are
getting on. I hope you are still in the same
good health as when I last heard from you.

love you, and you have so much to give to others of your knowledge and experience that you must never think there is no need to go on. To know you is to love you, and I know you're going to find that it is still a good world to live in, that life can still have meaning for you although you now experience this despair and desolation.

Do not try to decide at once everything that must be done. Things will fall into place and I think what you have written for Hugh and Nancy to come down and give you a hand ^{on immediate details} there is an excellent idea. You need that help. We all will so willingly do anything and everything we can for you.

I have been thinking if it wouldn't be a good idea for you to return to California with Nancy, or shortly thereafter. It would do you good to

he perhaps with Uncle Paul
a while, Uncle Knowles, and
perhaps have all of us
get together ~~to~~ with you,
thereby talk things over with
you. I would arrange to
come out to California at that
time and leave the children
with Dick's parents ~~while~~ to you
facilitate this get-together.

I feel now it is not the
best thing to bring the children
down to Antigua. I'm afraid
it would now be more of a
hardship on all and that it would
be much more satisfactory at
a later time. Carolyn has had,
and is having, a great deal
of trouble with ear infections. It
is this sort of thing that makes
it so difficult in doing or planning
very much with very small
children.

Remember, Dad, in the years
to come, we are and want to be
close to you and spending time
with you. There are possibilities of

perhaps have all of us
get together for a week
perhaps a whole
I feel now it is
best thing to bring the
together at once
it would now be
breaking in all
the work more
a later time
and in having a
to travel with
is too not
no different in
any way
children
Remember, look, in
to come, we are
close to you and
with you. There are

summers together if you want this,
with the ~~you~~ children growing
up - there will be so much
to look forward to being together
and still developing our lives, so
that visits with you - anywhere -
can fulfill so much.

If you want me, or us, to come
down and spend some time there
with you in the next 6 months, you
know how happily I would come
if there were any way in the world
I could relieve the pain of this
loss for you, I would do it. All
I can say is how deeply we are
feeling this, how much we
love you, how very much we are
with you in spirit, now and
always,

Devotedly,
Maion

Monday [c June 1961]

Dearest Dad,

It was good to have the note from you, to know things are going along for you and that Hugh and Nancy will soon be down there. I have written Grandma, I know you'll be relieved to know that.

I hope your stay at Zamorano was successful. It's hard to picture the school without you for the years we knew it are so fixed in my memory. Dad, don't try too hard to get away from yourself, but find the good in each day that still remains, even in the situation as it is. I know the great loneliness you feel, and I ask myself, what ~~can~~ I tell you about tragedy. But I do want you to know how much we are with you at all times and how deep is our love and concern for you.

Dick is well on his way now and is reported to be making their first landing on Sardinia just about now.

We were informed not to expect to receive mail until the end of the first week of May.

We've had a great deal of sickness. Dorothy was extremely sick with the red measles - gave us quite a fright, and was just recuperating as Dick left. After his departure she became ill again, I took her to the hospital and it was diagnosed as tonsillitis. I had to take her to the hospital every day for shots, during which time Carolyn began coming down with the measles. There followed a week in which I hardly knew whether it was night or day, sleeping in snatches when I could; I seemed she cried constantly. Now for the first time life is beginning to adjust itself back to normalcy. Carolyn has a cold I'm watching for possible ear complications, but the days go along rather

pleasantly in spite of the emptiness
of ~~not~~ having Dick away. I enjoy
keeping up the house and yard and
spending more time with the children.
I do not mind solitude when it is graced
with the natural beauty of forest
and garden unmingled with confusion
of city noises, but unfortunately it is
not possible to get away from this entirely.

I will be anxious to hear of any
decisions you and Hugh and Nancy may
reach and of any further plans you make.
I think it will be a good thing for you
to take on some of the jobs in South
America. I wish so much to be with
you and to help you, and will do so
any time you would need me. I hesitate
to come down with the children at this
time for any extended visit, but if in
the case of any emergency I would
come without a moment's hesitation.
I will keep you informed of

all developments here and will
likewise keep in touch with the
rest of the family for news of you
and your plans. I know how much there
is for you to do now, particularly in
the line of correspondence.

Remember, Dad, how much you
can count on all of us for anything.
Don't try too hard to get away from
yourself in your loneliness, but
be at peace with yourself, for the
full life that is behind you, with
mom, and for the satisfaction in your
work now. I always think of you (and Mom)
as one of the finest persons I know, and I've
always been so proud to say you are my
father. You have so much within
yourself, utilize your loneliness, only for
memory now, to build onto this, one each day
find the "sermons in stones, tongues in
trees, and good in everything" as you have
taught me. All our love, Marion

Sunday, 10 June [1922]

Dearest Dad,

you have been much in my thoughts
and I hope things are going well for
you there.

All is proceeding smoothly here,
much easier than it was for a while.
The children have been exposed to
chicken pot again; I have no
qualms about it this time as ~~the~~ my
only feeling about it before was in
regard to you, and Uncle Paul's visit.
They are bound to catch them sooner
or later, it may as well be sooner
and get it out of the way and now
would not be a bad time.

I felt rather badly after writing
you the last time about the matters
put to me by Uncle Paul. your
explanation of the maid situation
sounds quite logical and I feel
the present arrangement is just the
right one for you.

it or would want ^③ you to do this. Why don't you suggest to her in a letter that she will have some of our pieces. I would certainly prefer this under the circumstances, and I'm sure Nancy feels the same. I really feel quite badly for having written of the matter; it is putting you to unnecessary trouble and I think we should leave the situation ~~it~~ as it is and go on from there. In fact, for what it is worth, I insist upon it.

Dick should be home in about 5 weeks. Dorothy is attending a little 2 week summer school, is quite thrilled with the activity. It's quite an experience seeing these little ones leave the nest, so to speak.

We have had the most heavenly spell of weather. The wildlife here is a marvelous thing. We have "raised" a family of mockingbirds in a bush ~~in~~ ^{by} the front window. Also collected

And as for ^② the furniture for sale, I have a number of feelings about that; I passed on what Uncle Paul had said. And I'm not sure that he is correct on Sal's feelings, but perhaps he is. I don't think she actually wants any sent, but they think it would be so nice if she could have some. I think it is far too much for you to do to try to send any from down here. It will be far simpler for Nancy and I to share some of ours with her. It will not be a hard thing to do once we get transferred back there, which will occur some day. Please don't go to all the effort of ~~pack~~ shipping her any.

I am in full accord with you about the situation. At the time she definitely said she didn't want any then. There is no reason to feel any should be sent now, and I feel quite certain that she does not expect

dozens of birds and insects. The children are often out of doors before breakfast feeding the birds and squirrels, or watching them from their bedroom windows. It is for this reason that I love living here - so much healthier than the crowded, artificial ~~to~~ city conditions.

I still think longingly of the mountains and atmosphere of Central America. Once one has tasted those experiences, one remains forever an addict. I do hope to get the children ^{soon} before too many years go by. They are ready for it, and the opportunity could come if luck had to go away again.

I meant to ask you if there is one of the primitive artist of San Antonio Velazquez's paintings available. I have a place over our bench I have always thought needed just that touch. I am rather sentimental about that little spot on the map, would enjoy gazing at it on my wall. If there is none available, please do not be concerned, I just thought I'd ask.

Take care of yourself; we send you our love and devotion always,
Mignon

July 6, 1962

Dearest Dad,

Since I haven't heard from you, or about you, since you left for Guatemala and Honduras, I'm a little concerned. Are you all right? Is there any way I can help? I know you are probably busy with the various things you went down to accomplish.

I'm anxious to know too if you received my letter about ~~the~~ not trying to send furniture up to the U.S. to Dad. I really feel it was an error for me to mention^{it}, and I do hope you have decided not to tackle it, and I'm quite sincere in offering her some of what I have. Please do not trouble yourself ~~any~~ at all about this.

I hope things are going along

job is that it ^③ will be with the British Commandos, and that he will attend several schools in various parts of the country while there.

We will remain here, Dick in his present job, until Sept. There is a slim chance we might fly to Calif. for 2 weeks of vacation if Dick can get it. Dick's sister has offered us the tickets, but all this will have to wait until he returns to be ironed out.

Dorothy observed a rose stamen with pollen under the microscope the other ^{day}. It delights me that she is so interested, and seems to grasp just exactly what it is all about. The prospect of her starting her first year of school in England pleases me. she's at a fine age to take advantage of travel.

well for you. ^④ I think of you so often.

We have the most exciting news about a transfer for Dick. He has been selected for an 8 month training course with the ^{Royal} ~~British~~ ^{Royal} Marines in England, and we can go with him. I'm just too thrilled for words. We will leave in September, return in May, probably to Quantico, Va., to be an instructor there. Won't that be the most wonderful opportunity for us and the children! I can hardly believe it is not some fantastic dream.

Dick returns July 18th and we'll be filled in on more of the details then. It seems like such an eternity that he has been away.

I'll be anxious to hear the
results of your sojourn in
Central America, and I'll keep
you abreast of all news here
as soon as we get it.

Take care of yourself; we all
join in much love to you - always
your devoted daughter,
Maion

Friday

[1963/1964?]

Dearest Dad,

It was good to get your letter and to know things are going well for you. And of course we're delighted at the prospect of a visit from you in April. The weather should be fairly decent by then.

I have had no further news of any of the rest of the family so do not know of the developments in the lives of Nancy and Sally. Do let me know if you hear; Uncle Paul also passes along the major events, so I guess there has been nothing to ~~pass along~~ report.

Dick was so interested to hear of the Cuban activity you referred to in Tegucigalpa. He would certainly appreciate any newspaper items or articles on this subject, or the general subject of Communism.

in Latin American. He can use
it in his instructing as it lends
reality to his subject. Even being
in Spanish will be satisfactory.
He has a number of Cuban
students in his classes.

Dick begins two night courses
next week; I don't know how he's
going to fit it in. He is also
taking one by correspondence. After
he finishes these three, and Spanish 2
next summer, he should have
all his requirements to get his
degree in a year's residence at
a University. This must be done
at least 1 year prior entering the
University. This is certainly the
hard way to get ~~the~~ his degree!

Dick has to go to Washington
tomorrow to pick up a book, so
we're going to make a day of it
and take the children to the
Smithsonian. We haven't been
there yet as we felt it would be

a good thing to save for
a rainy day.

What are your plans for next
summer? Are you still planning on
having little Hugh. I am still
hoping to get down if we can
swing it financially and otherwise,
though the whole thing is still
nothing more than a thought at
the moment. Dick's family are
urging us to come out there again
but I do not feel inclined to
go there this summer and Dick
is certain of being unable to get
away because of night school.

I have been thinking very much
of Antigua, because I miss it,
and it has been so long now since
I have been back, and also because
I want the children to begin
knowing it, and to grow
up with the experience there
as part of their growth as
it was with me, and for which

I will always be grateful
you move around so fast these
days I'm never quite sure where
to address your letters. However,
since you have never advised
otherwise, I presume the most
likely place to pick up your mail
is the EAP. So, I hope this
reaches you in good time.

And I hope you are feeling
well and in good health.

All here join in much
love always,
Marion

Later

I just called Edith to see if she has had any news. She said a very recent letter from Uncle Knowles reported a long and happy phone conversation with Sal, that she was her old enthusiastic self and ~~that~~ better than she has been in ages. So I guess Ed is still doing all right, and that seems to be just all she needed.

Edith says Bob is coming this way in a couple of weeks to see some friends here about job prospects, and to look into a "nibble" he's had in Philadelphia. They seem very anxious to get back to the Washington area; I do hope they can.

All else is well and unchanged. We may go over to see her on Sunday the 9th, and may get

Letter

I just called about the
 news he has had my news
 a very recent letter for
 however reported a day
 these conversations with
 she was the old matter
 self and had better to
 be in her eyes. So I
 is still being on night
 seems to be just all the
 I think very that is
 this way in a couple of
 to me some friends have
 first reports, and to the
 a "million" he had
 they seem very anxious
 back to the Washington
 I do hope they can
 all else in well
 will may go on to see
 Sunday the 9th, and

more news at that time

Love again,
Marion

Wednesday

Dearest Dad,

Your letter arrived today and I hasten to get a note off tonight and answer your question about the book "The House in Antigua". Your letter was so exciting with the thoughts of our coming down there this summer. I do hope it works out. I hate the idea of leaving Dick - he thinks it's impossible for him to get away, night school alone makes it prohibitive. But I feel it isn't going to get better in the years to come, and that the wise thing for me to do is take the bull by the horns and go down when I can and utilize my time, and Dick encourages this. As I told you

before, the place means so much to me, and in the years to come I want to do what little I can in helping out with the responsibility of it. I feel like I've been away too long, and I miss it.

As to the book. A number of years ago when Helen was here she said she had sent each of us our autographed copy of the "The Home in Antigua" and was surprised to learn that none of us had ever received it. Presumably all were lost in the mail. Then later, Uncle Paul learned that it was going out of print, as well as "Santiago de los Caballeros" and they felt so strongly that we should have them that they sent each of us these two books as gifts. The Louis Adams book is not the first Edition, however. But anyway, we do

have in our possession now a copy of each book, and I believe the same holds true for Nancy, Sally, & Hugh. At least I'm sure about ~~some~~ "The House in Antigua". I can't remember but it seems to me they gave us our mother's book when Dick & I were married, so I'm not sure if they gave it to Nancy + Sally but I think they did.

Dick was so interested in the newspaper articles and is taking them to work to use in his lectures. We hadn't seen any of the articles before; however, that book by Arenaldo "The Shark and the Sardine" was referred to in "Red Machete". I can't remember the author of the latter but it seemed like a pretty good account of Latin America.

We've had a lot of snow this winter. It's still on the ground now, but I have crocuses in bloom and

one brave daffodil in bud. The children have spent the last two weeks trading colds. I've been up the last two nights with Carolyn as she always gets bad chest colds, but is much better today.

We're looking forward to having you here in April. For all of the duration of your likes. I'll drop Hugh a note ~~tonight~~ tonight with my phone number.

I haven't had any more news from anyone. I'll probably be writing you again before you leave for Florida.

I hope you are feeling well and not working too hard.

Love from us all,

Maison

Monday

[1963/1964]

Dearest Dad,

All is proceeding well here and I hope it is the same with you. I presume you will be leaving Jamaica soon, and will be anxious to hear your plans.

I should imagine it would not be wise to go to Spain, but on the other hand I don't know what jobs he may in store there for you and by now you probably have things pretty well settled.

The biggest news here is that Dick has been promoted to Major. He will not actually be one until the mechanical details are completed, but he should be getting it within the next several months. Of course we are so happy about it, but I must say I feel he has really earned it; he is such a hard

works.

We expect Dick's sister & family
this weekend - they are flying
from California to spend four
days with us.

Since last writing you I have
made myself a winter coat and
a ball gown. The total cost of
the evening dress was \$10, the
coat \$16, so I don't think I
could have beat that anywhere.
I've also done some sewing for
the children, and am making
progress teaching myself classical
guitar, which you probably don't
like very well, but I find it
more satisfying since just playing
songs has its limitations. I'm
finding life isn't so bad here at
Quartico, as long as I remain
at home. But the Box is so
dreary. I've ordered about 200
bulbs to plant for spring, and
we've brought some evergreens

down from the woods, and
we enjoying outting about the
place.

We've been meeting some
very interesting students that Dick
has been instructing. Of particular
interest have been some Cubans,
prisoners from the Bay of Pigs invasion,
released in Kennedy's exchange
deal. We had a Cuban supper
last night with ~~some~~ ^{them}; enjoyed the
food and the conversation immensely.

at a recent cocktail party I
met a fellow named Southmayd,
whose father was in Tezcuicigalpa
1960-1962 with Economic ~~Dev~~
Development & Research program there,
is now with same in Panama.

We saw Edith two weeks ago.
She invited us for a get-together
with Kule Knowles but we were
unable to make it in ~~on~~ that
day. Ali is well there. ~~At~~ At the
same time we had the Velasquez oil

framed - a plain walnut frame,
dull finish - I think it is going
to be very nice.

Thendma sent me a silver
platter - very handsome piece.
Do you know it; if so where is
it from. I feel very honored to have
it.

The news of Sal seems distressing,
vague as it is, I get the distinct
impression that Ed is making
less progress toward supporting them
than ever, and I guess that's
going to be it permanently - nothing.
Dick really gets worked up over the
idea that ~~you~~ Ed is allowing
you to support them. It is
plainly outrageous. We both feel
~~that~~ you should not feel
responsible for their education.
That, after all, is not an
absolute necessity, as their
subsistence now is. Of course
we will all do our share too

should the need arise. I'm surprised
Uncle Paul had so little ^{to} comment
on the situation. When I last
spoke to him, he had decided to
strongly urge Sal to leave Ed,
and for him to urge that means
his feelings are very strong about it.
There's really no solution though,
if we could only be certain
what is the best thing for Sal.
She probably doesn't know herself.

Have you thought of coming
up to the U.S. during the next
few months, perhaps over the
holidays - you know we'd love
to have you if you feel you
would be comfortable here.

Dick has been out on overnight
field exercises several nights a week.
He seems to get much colder
than he used to, I suppose age
is the factor there. He enjoys the
work nonetheless. The students really

seem to enjoy his lectures, they
all rave to me about them. His
sincerity and enthusiasm is contagious,
but also having been so recently in
Sarawak and that tactical experience
gives some credulity to what he
has to say.

I went riding the other day, and
was surprised at how much there
is to know about English saddle
riding. But I loved it and
learned so much. It's a marvellous
sport, because one can get away and
be quiet, yet it's still healthful and
safe at the same time, and it's not a
game as so many outdoor sports are.

We finally had some rain after 32
days of drought, and in one day the
wind stripped the trees bare. It is
now wintry and cold; the "frost
is on the pumpkin" as the press goes.

We hope you are well, and hope
all is proceeding in accordance with your
desires.

All our love,
Marian

The Stanleys moved to North Carolina. Paul is at Camp Lejeune.

Monday

Dearest Dad,

It was so kind of you to send the atlas and the book for Dick. We are utterly thrilled with them. We've never had an atlas and I've just enjoyed thumbing through it and the children are learning from it too. It was so good of you to send it. Dick thinks the book is excellent and really appreciates it.

The check arrived and we deposited it. Dad, I just can't tell you what it means to me to be able to come down this summer. It is something I've been thinking of for so long, and been unable to even consider it, and now it seems incredible that the plans are all set to go. I find I'm hardly able to think of anything else!

We loved having you here, and hope you'll come frequently. Please don't think it puts us out to have you; we just enjoy your company and so easy with that back bedroom where you can have privacy if you want it. I hope your bronchitis has cleared up and that you are feeling well.

We hung the silver holy water container near the mirror at the end of the dining room table where it looks very handsome and picks up the light on its intricate design. We rearranged the furniture a little to incorporate the dining end into the room. That gorgeous huipil is on the dining table with the silver candlesticks and the silver ewer (is that spelled right?).

It really makes a stunning ensemble. Thank you for everything, Dad. I appreciate having these things tremendously and you can be assured they will have the most cherished care always.

I've spent a busy two weeks "tutoring" Dorothy. It became apparent she had quite a bit of catching up to do in several subjects after they put her ahead and the teacher was doing nothing about it, so it all had to be done here. She just loves to learn, though and caught up without too much trouble.

We went to a British cocktail party last week; the Royal Marines were celebrating St. George's Day. While there I met several officers who had heard you speak here. They had been so interested in what you had to say, and

felt they would have liked
about 10 more hours of it!

unt Gertrude is planning
a trip up here during the
summer as she has to pick
up some books she left behind
in Pennsylvania. We will
enjoy having her again.

I'm glad May is almost here
and Dick will finish these
two night courses. He just has
too many things going right
now. He received notice from
the University telling him he
has had sufficient credits now
to begin his on-campus year
to finish up his degree. Col. Platt
tells Dick he will release him
this Sept. if the USMC will
let him go. There are many
details to be worked out, however,
and Dick feels it is most
likely that he will go a

year from this September.
He plans to take one more
night course - the follow-
up course in algebra that
he is currently taking. I
can hardly believe this night
school will soon end; it is
certainly the hard way to get
one's degree and with the
kind of jobs he has he never
really has the time for anything
more.

Dick is hoping to get a week
or 10 days off in June, but if
he takes the course in algebra
we won't be able to go anywhere.
We hope to take the children
camping for a night or two
anyway. They've never spent
the night out in the woods
and it should be fun. It
seems like we are finally at
that plateau of being able

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night course - the
off course in depth
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anyway. They're
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that pleasure of

to do things with them.

I guess you and Hugh are
busy getting ready to fly south
again. I hope it is a nice
trip for you both.

Dick and the children join
in good wishes and much love,
Marian

11
Saturday

[1963/1964?]

Dearest Dad,

Thanks for your letter and thank you ever so much for the Christmas check. We can certainly put it to good use and it was so kind of you to send it.

I was glad to hear you made the move all right back to Antigua. I thought perhaps they would talk you into remaining longer at Zamorano. However, it must be lonely for you now, especially during this season. Would you consider coming north and spending the holidays with us? We would love to have you, you know that, if you could stand all the commotion! If you feel at any time that you'd like to, just send us a wire, for it would also be convenient to at any

time for us, and we don't need
much notice, just in time to
meet you at the airport. We
have a bedroom with ~~separate~~ ^{second}
bathroom attached to it, ^{if you would}
have some degree of privacy.

Would you like a renewal
of History Today for Christmas. I
haven't received the usual renewal
form this year. Perhaps with
our change of addresses it has
not yet caught up with us.

Aunt Gertrude just spent a
week with us. We enjoyed her
very much. She was so easy
to have and entertaining too. I feel
a real kinship with the Hughes,
and she brought some family
history with her. One is a
diary by great-great (I don't know
exactly how many) Grandfather
Parter written in 1779 of his

experience in the Barbadoes.
It's very interesting. Edith came
out on Sunday - she's very well.
We also called Hugh on the phone
in hopes Aunt Gertrude could
see him on her way down ^{to Florida}. It
didn't work out but it was
grand hearing Hugh again. It
seems so long since we've talked.

Dick has ~~of~~ been put in
charge of the counter-insurgency
section, so he's busy with
his usual re-organizing and
putting into effect some of his
ideas. He's taking an Army
correspondence course in
anthropology which is advised
for counter-insurgents. I'm
very interested and impressed
to see the emphasis on this
now, and the course seems

quite good.

All is going along well here.
We really had a beautiful autumn,
one of the most pleasant I can
remember. It is trying to snow
today.

We hope you are well, and
that things are pleasant in
Antigua. Give Maria and the
girls our best and Christmas
Greetings. Also, good wishes to
you, and all our love,

Mason

Wednesday

Dearest Dad,

3. your welcome letter arrived today; I'm always so happy to get them and they always seem to have exciting news. I did receive your fat letter ~~and~~ a while back, and have been trying daily to settle down to writing you and letting you know that all is progressing well here ~~for~~ towards coming down. Dad, I'm so excited about the picture frame, the chairs, the Rockefeller pitcher (which I will keep for the family as I don't feel right in just taking it) - these

things are going ² to be so wonderful.
Now as to the chairs, we have
3, so I would feel 5 more
would make it just right. That
would make 3 chairs at each
side (6) and one at each end (2)
which is the maximum seating
capacity for that table.

There is no major news from
here, but a great many small
details I ~~am~~ have or we have
ironed out since last writing.

Dick has been informed he
will officially become a major
by 1 July. Today I went down
and obtained a new driver's
license (old one had expired) and
passed all phases of it so I
will be able to drive your

2.
Volkswagon if the need arises.
Dick was informed that the
program for the college degree
for which he was working
is no longer being accepted
by the USMC, which father
pulled the bottom out of things
along that line (or did I
already write you of this?)
Anyway, he has now changed
over from the U. of Maryland
to the George Washington Univ.
to a major in Geography
and Regional Sciences, and I
think it sounds excellent and
that he ~~was~~ is going to be
much happier with this
than with the other military
program. It means quite
a bit more night school
and the final year in residence

but what ^{4.} he has taken so far fits into this program very well. The point is, that the subject he will be taking now will be so interesting and useful to him; I think it ^{is} not going to be such a grind (like algebra, english, etc.) and that it will be so much more worth his time and the sacrifice he must make to fit this in. At present he is taking geography of South America, which he finds fascinating and really looks forward to each class, and the material is so useful in his daily work.

Now to other matters. Yes, I will bring "Food of Man", arrow shirts, and the cigars. Now what can I bring

5.
maria and ~~the~~ any of the others?
Do you have Thompson's *Cookington*
of the Maya. I would like to
have it as reference there; if
you have it, I will not need
to bring mine.

Dorothy's school begins 24
August, so I will plan to
leave close to that date. I
have informed the principal of
my plans, so if we are a day
or so late, and have not
registered, they will be informed.

Now. I talked to Edich
last night - quite a bit of
news. Sally is still well, Ed
is holding down the airlines
job, has another as well, so
that is very hopeful. There
is still a ~~the~~ slim chance
Nancy + Bob might get to come

to Wash. D.C. ^{6.} They have not
sold their home, have not
found ~~the~~ one in L.A. and do
not like much the prospect
of living there. I do hope
they can come east; it is
what they want. Bob's
mother is very ill - Terminal
cancer.

Edith informs me Chuck
and Helen are going to
Guatemala this summer and
hope to be there at a time
when Hugh is. I informed
her of the dates John would
be there and the dates of
our stay. I don't have
any of ~~the~~ the detail of their
plans, but feel a bit
annoyed that they probably
haven't asked if it would

7. ^{what your plans are}
be convenient or ~~then~~
or anything. Perhaps they will
not be at the house, I don't
know. But here is what I
want to point out. I do
hope all the people coming
there is not going to be a
hardship on you and Maria.
I sadden at the idea of
Maria doing nothing but cooking
for quantities of people all
summer. I want to make
things as easy as possible for
everyone concerned. Don't worry
about the upkeep of the little
guest house where we will be;
I can manage that quite easily
and it will be fun for us.
Also, you know, if you get
busy don't worry about us.

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If I do nothing more than
walk about the old place and
through the streets in Antigua,
hear the bells and see
agua fresh in the sunlight
every morning - I will be
completely content.

I remember we spoke of
the fountain in the patio and
you mentioned it better be
emptied for the children's
sake. A simple word of caution
will be enough for them,
and one of the things I'm looking
forward to is hearing the
sound of it through the
house. Is there anything
in the world that can
compare to this Patio!

I keep meaning to write
Sal and tell her how happy
I will be to help out with

little Hugh? I will try to do
that right away.

I believe that covers
everything I've been wanting
to mention to you. Dick is
on leave now (until next week,
but goes to school two nights
a week and so far has been
called from the office ^{every day} to
come in and help on something
or other. On Tuesday he has
been asked to show a congressman
around Basic school, I must
attend lunch with them - so I
must say his job hasn't left
him alone these ten days! However,
it has been a ^{letter from Orlando} nice rest.
We went to see Manassas
Battlefield (Battle of Bull Run)
one day, are taking the children

to Mount Vernon by boat
this iday.

Do let me know if there
is anything else I can bring
down. I will let you know
by the next letter what
exact date we will be arriving.
I'll try not to overlap on
John's visit - I'm just afraid
we'll all be too many to
cope with!

Take care of yourself.

Much love from us all,
Maudie

I received a letter from Bernardo
Roches asking for Mrs. Shanks' address
(he mentioned talking to you about this,
and have answered him and given
the info.

Richard Rowley Sunday 1963/1964

Dearest Dad,

It was good to get your letter and thank you for it. Although you mentioned no dates, I presume you are back in Zamorano now as you said you were going back right away. I hope all is going well and that you have fully recovered from the bout with bronchitis.

Enclosed is a snapshot taken in the disarray of early Christmas morning, but I thought of you since it shows the framed Velasquez we are enjoying so much. Carolyn is biting her lips but you can see generally how the children look.

Behind my head is the bible chest we found in England (we think about late 16th c.) and the carved frame we got there as well. The other picture above the chest you can't see very well; it is an old Chinese painting of a horse and two figures - my own interpretation is that it depicts the principle of Yang and Yin.

Behind Dorothy is a table from India. The rest of the furniture I think will be very familiar to you.

We have decided to put the money you sent the children aside to save towards a set of World Book encyclopedias for them. I think they are about ready for this within the next year or so.

There has been quite a bit of snow here, but we're finding the Volkswagon is the best thing we could have to handle it. I don't drive anywhere except on the Base as these highways are so treacherous.

Of course we are delighted to think you may be here in the spring. and don't worry about the fish and the three-days; this was never meant to apply to family and loved ones. You will be so welcome for as long as you care to stay.

I'm anxious to hear what Bob decides to do in the way of a new job. I wouldn't be surprised if they decide to come back to Washington.

I think they have found life in California not quite all they had hoped it would be.

Edith had a nice letter from Sally; it sounds like things are going much better for her. I agree with you that Ed's job is doing more for her pride and confidence as well as towards the financial support, since she is beginning to write a few letters and tell something of herself for a change. I do so hope this will be the upward turning point for all of them.

I would be interested in seeing the Hughes genealogy you have someday. I presume King Pen Pen Baladeu is a Welsh king. Aunt Gertrude tells me Grandfather was only half-Welsh. I had always thought he was pure Welsh, but he was raised with that side of the family in Glyn Ceinog, Wales.

Dick has been very busy re-organizing the Counter-insurgency section and compiling eight lectures to give next

week. His correspondence courses keep
him busy as well.

Bill Kinsey sent an excellent book
to me for Christmas - The Birth of China
by Ouel. It covers the Neolithic
period to 500 B.C. I think you might
enjoy this book too. Now that I have
a pretty good picture of the ~~the~~ heritage
of present day China, I would now
like to ~~have~~ get a picture of the
"barbarian" tribes to the south that
the north was always fighting.

Uncle Paul writes that Wm Vogt is
coming down to see you. I'm wondering
if you'd meet him in Guatemala
or Honduras.

Everybody is well here and
progressing normally.

I'll be writing again soon,
and hope you are in good health
and happiness.

All join in much, much,
love,
Mason

Wednesday [c. Aug 1963]

Dearest Dad,

It has been a long time since I have written, but at last we are settled and things are resuming a fairly normal pace. I hope you are well and finding things satisfactory in Antigua.

Dick is instructing counter-insurgency in Tadris Section, Basic School which is part of Marine Corps Schools here. He likes the work and maintains a very busy and loaded schedule. We are living in a Marine quarter, which is a nice, adequate house in a not-so-attractive living area being rather crowded. However, we are fortunate that we face the forest and that gives us the illusion of a secluded, natural environment which I enjoy very much, and it's a healthy play area for the children.

Other than our home and Dick being happy in his work, I'm not

very fond of Quantico. I don't like
this part of the U.S., it's ugly,
run-down, uninteresting, indifferent
and the climate undesirable. It
~~also~~ is difficult to make the
transition from ^{the} English countryside
which I loved so well and it
and the people suited me much
better. Yet I'm busying myself with
other things now - reading, sculpture,
working on the guitar (Klick bought me
a new one recently), and I hope
to do some horseback riding later
on as good horses are available.
The school here seems quite good; Dorothy
has started first grade, and I do believe
Base schools are superior to the average
public school.

To my surprise on Sunday the
phone rang and it was Paul Stark,
who is living not far from us
here. We went to call on them.
He has a Japanese wife and
little girl. His mother is with
them after spending the last 1/2 yrs.
with Sylvia in Pittsburgh since Mr. Stark

[Quarters 4006 A
MCS, Quantico, Virginia]

Monday, 9 Sept.

[A63]

Dear Dad,

Your letter arrived this morning and I was so glad to hear from you. By now I hope you have received the letter I addressed to you in Antigua. What is your job now in Zamorano; is it still a matter of getting the EAP back on its feet, and have they found a new director. How are ~~things~~ things going along there in general?

I can't remember if I told you that Paul Shank lives down the road from us with his lovely Japanese wife Mrs. Shank is with them at present; she has been with Sylvia since Mr. Shank died Paul has turned into a fine boy; is a capt. in the Marines in the line of engineering. He met his wife at Japanese language

school in California. Lloyd is working for Caterpillar tractors in La Lima. Mrs. Shank says Pete Hogaboom isn't getting along too well in Panama. It's strange how that happy family ended up; they always seemed to have every promise for a bright and happy future.

Dick is carrying a heavy load of lectures and night school in addition. Fortunately he can relax on the weekends. I'm sitting up tonight as he won't get in until 2 a.m. He spends a lot of time in the field which he likes. He's ~~been~~ been bringing me home a nice selection of flint arrowheads which I like. It seems every place we go there always turns out to be some interesting aspect to the area which we can enjoy. As I told you before, I don't find Quantic the most interesting place to be, but

I am finding much pleasure in having more time to myself at home.

I started this letter with a strict purpose in mind - somehow I got sidetracked. The Velasquez painting arrived, and, Dad, I just love it. Thank you so much. I am absolutely thrilled to death with it. When I look at it, I can see San Antonio so clearly, each tree, each stone in its exact place - it's so vivid I can even remember the smells. Somehow, being done by Velasquez, it is so thoroughly and utterly San Antonio in character and I just adore it. I can't tell you how I treasure it. It will be perfect behind our dining room table and we shall love being able to live with this image and the sweet memories it evokes.

Yes, I am longing to go back to

Antigua, and think about it a great deal. The children should not be too hard to take along now, and we hope it won't be too long before we can make the trip. We've talked for quite a while about taking our next leave down there.

Dick may have to go to Fort Bragg in January for 3 months (I can't remember if I told you of this). We hope to go with him and probably take temporary lodging in a trailer, but it all depends now on the situation with Dorothy's schooling. I thought she would be quite a bit ahead after her year of school in England. Surprisingly enough though she is ^{ahead} anything but bored here, and the ~~program~~ ^{class} has started right in to a rigorous program of study. I'm very pleased with it; ~~and~~ my point was that were she ahead, I could have afforded to take her out for

two or three months, now I'm not sure.

What were Nancy's & Hugh's conclusions after seeing Sal? and Uncle Paul's? I understand she is with them now.

Do you keep in touch with Aunt Gertrude? I try to, and am wondering if she was able to sell her house. I plan to write her tonight.

I'm enjoying the opportunity to read more now with the children older. I have begun Gibbon's Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire. It's good reading, and it still seems incredible that the 3 volumes deal just with the fall! The first volume covers the time between circa 90 A.D. to AD. 325.

I have also ~~been~~ ^{been} working some more on ancient Chinese Art and Culture merely because it's so fascinating.

It makes me so happy that things are going along so well for you now, that you've regained your

strength and energy and good health.

When will Hugh return from Africa, and what is his purpose in going. He certainly leads an interesting and varied life; I can hardly keep up with him. Will he be returning to Guatemala any time soon?

Yes, I did receive the report from Fairchild Tropical Gardens and enjoyed it immensely. I am so glad to have a copy of that. I had the opportunity to take the children for a helicopter ride this afternoon - they were thrilled. It was lovely seeing the forest with the beginning tinges of autumn colors and the slow smooth dark river winding ~~about~~ through the trees. As I write the air is quiet and warm and full of the night sounds of crickets and katydids; it is very peaceful.

All here join me in sending
much, much love,
Marian

4 March [1961]

511 Jarman St

Jax, NC

Dear Mom and Dad,

at this point it is discouraging to even begin this letter as it seems that my letters are not reaching you or at least there is no indication that you have heard of any of my plans. I just can't understand it, as you did suggest in December that I come down with the children for part of Dick's absence. I responded affirmatively several times, but now since I have not heard from you and since Uncle Paul writes that you are planning to leave soon for Spain, I have got finally abandoned all plans of going down to Antigua at this time. I'm really disappointed that it did not work out, but if the mails are so indefinite, then my hands are tied, and I shall retain the hope of being able to go down at some future time.

Uncle Paul also writes that you plan to go to Florida March 17.

If you would do me a favor if you would telephone me ~~or~~ collect
so good to hear

at ~~last~~ as I would just love to talk
to you and get a bit of the news of
your life. Our number is 5065
in Jacksonville, N.C., no prefix to
the number.

All is going along well here. Dick
leaves on April 10th and will return
October 1st. I am making plans to
go to California until June and spend
the rest of the time here, but have
not decided definitely about the
California trip. I ought to know for
sure ~~by~~ in two weeks.

The children are fine. Carolyn
celebrated her first birthday yesterday -
she does not seem that old as ~~is~~
she is not walking or saying anything
yet, but I'm ⁱⁿ no hurry for her to
grow up.

Many happy returns of the day to
you, Dad, on the 9th, and Mom
I hope you had a pleasant day
on your birthday, too. Our
Thoughts were with you.

Spring is on its way and it is
so grand to be able to get outside

again. I've been doing a lot of weeding and enjoying hearing the birds and all that goes with spring, and Dorothy and Carolyn are fine little helpers and pleasant company in the yard.

There isn't much news, and I find it discouraging to write at length with no assurance the letter will ever reach you. It does grieve me that ~~we~~ we seem to be losing contact with you and our visits now so brief and farther becoming more and more scarce. I have no wish for it to be this way, but we cannot always have things according to what we would like, but must constantly be adjusting to the way things are, according to some bigger plan.

I do hope you are well, and satisfied with your life there. I would like very much to keep tabs on things, as we ~~keep~~ are subject to so many rumors which

most of the time prove to be
exaggerations - most of the news
comes through Uncle Paul - bless
his soul for being always so kind
to us. He recently straightened ^{out} the
report of Hugh's purchase of the 100,000
acres to plant cotton in Ocala.

If all goes as is now planned,
I will fly with the children on April
6th to Bakersfield and will spend
about 2 months with Dick's parents.
I will let you know what materializes,
meantime hope to chat with
you on or around March 17.

Good luck to you both, and
best wishes to you that your days
are full and happy ones now
and always, All our love,
Marion

I insist you reverse the charges if
you do make the phone call from Florida.
Also, I'm so interested in hearing about
your plans for Spain. I think that will
be so wonderful for you.

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

Antigua G, 21 Jan 1961

Dearest Mayan:

We heard that you had been in California. Lucky ones! I dont know when we are going to get up there again; there is so much to do and so little time to do it/ Things have developed in Spain to the point I simply must get back there this spring to push ahead the avocado project. So we are planning on leaving here between the 1st and 15th of April, direct to Madrid, then by the Granada Xpress and then by car to Almuñecar. I think we will spend most of the summer in Spain and not go to any other country, partly because of the expense and we have to count our pennies these days; having now to help Sal financially has increased the load.

In your Xmas note you mentioned that you cannot sublet your house. I had thought you might be able to do that, and therefore it would be a saving if you could come down here and live rent free. But apparently you cant, so this is the best bet, it seems to me; if Dick goes about the first of March, come down here for six weeks until we leave for Europe. Perhaps you will the expense of transportation is not justified, and perhaps you wont. We would of course love to have you here, even if only for a month.

We are expecting Hugh here for a few days, about the first of Feb. It sure will be good to see that rascal again/ I hear fine reports of his work at the Univ of Florida.

Much love to you both from us both

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA

APARTADO 93

TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS
CENTRO AMERICA

Antigua, 12 March 1961

Dearest Mayan:

Yes, it looks as though the mails have not been working well. Yours of 4 March came yesterday. Before that, the last we heard from you was that you were hoping to sublet the house in which case you would like to come down here. So we put our plans for going to Spain on ice, with a view to changing them in order to take care of you and the little tots here. Then we heard that Dick was going to be at sea for 8 months instead of six - just like you heard that Hugh was going to plant 100,000 acres of cotton on land he has bought in Peten. Hugh has not bought 100,000 acres of land; he has not bought even one acre. What he wants to do, is to go in with Chris Hempsstead who has bought 50 caballerias (5000 acres) of land on the north side of lake Izabal. They have no definite plans as yet; we have been talking about what they might attempt to cultivate profitably, but up to now, Hugh's only interest there is that Chris has let him take what small pieces he wants for experimental work. Hugh left here somewhat more than a week ago after being up there for almost three weeks, working on his experiments. He spent two nights here at separate times, to work on a couple of beefsteaks (the grub was not too elaborate up there at Chris's little house on the shore of Lake Izabal).

I leave here on Friday the 17th; should reach Miami that evening; must stop to say hello to Mrs Fairchild who leaves the next morning for Panama to stay with Graham and wife for a while. Then I expect to go on down to Homestead to stay with the Kromes until Monday morning the 19th when I have to check in at the Everglades Hotel on Biscayne Blvd for the meetings of our tropical group of the Am Soc Hort Sci; we take a tour up to Winter Haven and back, 3 days, and I have to take part in an important mtg of the Fairchild Tropical Garden on Sat 25th. Then I plan to take the train up to Gainesville where I have to give a couple of lectures, then I go down to the West Coast of Florida for a few days. I shall call you on the phone just as soon as possible after reaching Miami, but no reverse chgs. We have no definite plans for Spain. We have been thinking of going over there for a few months this summer, but have left everything in abeyance until we knew what you want to do. We can postpone our trip, or can go early and you can come down here after you return from Bakersfield. It really doesnt matter very much, so far as we are concerned; tho when we heard that Dick's absence would be eight months instead of six, we began to think it might be best for you to come down here at the end of summer instead of the beginning of summer. The whole thing boils down to something like Hugh's; 100,000 acres in the Peten, so the best thing is to talk it over by phone when I get up to Florida.

Much love to all of you,

1 July 1964

Dearest Dad,

A short note I'm writing to let you know of last minute details. And I loved your recent letter, so full of good news and exciting things.

I hope you are well. I imagine John and family are having a lovely time and I'll be so anxious to hear about ^{it} and perhaps even see them.

I have made the reservations as follows: We will arrive on Amateca - I guess it is that flight 601, at 5:30, Wednesday, 15 July. The reservations will take a day or so to be confirmed, but all is set now, I'll let you know if there is a change.

I'm just a bit nervous about
the fact you say we need no
shots - not even typhoid? It would
be terrible to get down ^{to Miami} ~~there~~ and
find we can't leave the country.

I bought 3 shirts for you, 2
of the Decton like you bought
here and 1 cotton (both Arrow) as
they only had 2 of the Decton.
Also a box of Palmas cigars.
Are you sure you don't want
2 boxes? Also, I have the
guitar strings, as I won't be
able to wait to get started
practicing on it. I will also
get the towels with pleasure.

I think I'll bring María
and Concha each a bolt of
material. What do you think?
I can't come up with anything
else that seems appropriate.

Dick was officially promoted to Major today. It's quite exciting to go up in rank and his new emblems still look quite strange on his uniform.

I wonder if there is anyone in Antigua that could give me lessons in some good Latin American guitar strumming (or Spanish) - not just cords to accompany songs.

Enclosed is a note from Mrs. Shank. I thought you might like to know how she is getting along and her new address.

I have never seen Dick so fascinated by anything as he is ~~is~~ by this course on South America. He is determined

to know that part of the world
now. He took me out to dinner
last Friday, and spent almost
the entire evening discussing
his course. It must be a very
good Professor teaching it, but
it is so marvelous to see him
enjoying it so, and not just
another case of cramming in
required courses.

I have just finished making
Dick a summer sport coat.
my first (and probably last!).
Now to the house and packing.
We are so excited!

The return schedules on Ariateca
make no good connections with
Eastern Airlines to Wash. D. C. However,
I bought the round trip ticket
leaving the return "open", and will
figure out what is best when
we get down there. The date will
probably be Friday Aug. 21, or
Monday, Aug. 24 (the latter if connections
are good.)
We all send our love - the time is
returning close 'til we're there! Love, Marion

P.S. I saw Edith last week and
Chuck and Helen. Chuck really
seems quite considerate about it.
He wants me to ask you about
a few things. He wants to do
his part about staying at the
house, that is, not just let you
feed them the whole time, but
doesn't know how to approach
the matter with you. Also
he wonders how much they
can expect to pay for lodgings
as they travel around the country.
He asked ~~how~~ the best way to
get around; I suggested bus.
He is still indefinite about date
but I think he plans to spend
about a month down there.

Edith says little Hugh might

be a bit of a discipline problem -
he is at home. However, I feel
his age, and being on his own
and away from home will be
to his advantage.

[1905]

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Dearest Dad,

Your good letter arrived a few days ago; I am always so happy to receive them. They are always so interesting and amusing and they highlight my days. I can't imagine why Paul and Betty give you the feeling you don't treat your children well enough; I don't see how you could possibly do any more. You have given us so much, and not just materially. I hope I can give my children as much. You probably don't realize how deeply we all feel about you. I hope you are well; I'm not

sure at this² moment at what
date your next guests are to
arrive. I know you are busy,
as I've never known you not to
be, ~~and~~ but I hope the days
are pleasant ones.

We had an excellent visit
with Dick's family. They are
such nice people to be with, and
how good they are to all of
us. His sister's new home (just
built) is a wondrous place, but
all done in very good taste.

I called Grandma Barsalou
from Bakersfield - There was no
opportunity to get around much -
she says she is not well but I
think it is nothing drastic for
her age.

I also called Sally and had
a very satisfactory telephone
conversation. They were under

five feet of snow^② so there was
no chance of getting up there. She
was in exuberant spirits, says
the medication given here after
her recent ill health has made
her feel better than she has
in years. She is taking guitar
lessons and a correspondence
course in aesthetics, with the
intention of working towards her
master's degree in art history.
She was so talkative I could
hardly get a word in edgewise;
she is terribly excited about
coming to Antigua in June
and is definitely planning on
it. You have probably heard
from her by now about these
things - Edith had a long
chatty letter to the same effect.

As to Nancy, I agree she
ought to have the 6 chairs, I feel

④
certain she will want them.

Did Hugh get to the Amazon?
I am sure you have had the
news of Kitty that I enclose in
the clipping.

Everyone here is well. Carolyn
has been in bed several days
with her usual type of chest
cold. I have been battling a
virus since before Christmas
but finally seem to have it
conquered. I am so far behind
on correspondence I didn't even
get all my cards out this
year, but plan to spend
more time now writing. I do
want to write good letters to
all my friends in Guatemala
and England which I've had
a hard time getting to in
the hectic fall season we
had. I don't know if I told

you are helping ⁽⁵⁾ out with a group of young children Dorothy's age - they are called Brownie Girl Scouts and the idea is to help toward making them better citizens. It probably sounds a bit ridiculous but it is turning out to be quite a fine experience for the little girls but is very time consuming on my part. I have just finished (over the holidays) writing a little play for them which they are working on now and taking it all quite seriously. I feel with my children that until they can devote more time to lessons and outside activities, this type of organization helps keep their little minds busy and channelled in the right direction.

Now, on to more interesting things. As to the silver, we have no silver shop here where I can inquire about prices, but I'm going to get the information you asked as soon as I can. (We're ^{we're} under snow right now so I haven't ventured from the house.) I know a sterling place setting of spoon, knife, fork, and salad fork is about \$40 - but that is quite a rough estimate. I am so happy with those forks, I wonder about the possibility of having some of my own silver redone by the silversmith there. What do you think of possibilities in that line? Even if I could just have my silver engraved with our name it would be nice. Also I have a number of plain soup spoons which you gave me years ago,

The handles are ⁽⁷⁾ not decorated
but are the same shape, and
good silver. What do you think
of having Adrian put the design
on to match the forks? I would
really love to work toward having
a complete set of silverware like
the forks.

What is the Casa Amarilla!
I hadn't even heard about it
but I think it is a fine idea -
and solving Concha's problem too.
How fortunate to get the property
there. I guess that means you
will be able to leave the servants
quarters (María's) as it is then?
I do feel we should work toward
opening her place up in the
back, just to get the alternate
entrance to the front door. Just
knocking a door in her wall
would probably suffice and not

be too great ⁽⁸⁾ an undertaking.
Yes, I will be happy to
keep the Holy Water Bucket for the
family. Anything I can do I
am more than happy - as you
know I love the pieces and will
take very good care of them, and
I feel very loyal about the
fact that they are family
pieces, and I'm always open
to any kind of suggestion about
them. ~~It~~ How will Catholics
feel about such a piece in
our home, do you know?

You mention paintings by
Garrity and Velasquez. Of course
I love the old Velasquez ones
as I have such a deep feeling
for those areas ~~where~~ I know
so well from those rich young
years on horse back, and ~~to~~ I

love so much ⁹ his paintings
that ~~they~~ portray the character
of that country so well. I wouldn't
imagine having another, to say
the least. I would also like
a Garanto of ~~the~~ a new in
our house - some day that is,
as his prices seem so high.
Velasquez is a little more
within the range of my budget!

I'm feeling a bit provoked
with Aunt Gertrude, but knowing
her character, I guess it was
inevitable. When she was here
she said she had my mother's
old Singer sewing machine, but
had bought a new second hand
one which worked better. She
had tried unsuccessfully to sell
it and didn't have the space to
have the old one around. I mentioned

I might take ⁽¹⁰⁾ it from her
some day and see what I could
do with it. Anyway, I said
if she could ever ship it I
would pay the cost of shipping
if it was not more than \$5.00.

No sooner had she returned
to Florida than she shipped
it up, cost \$5.27, which I
felt a fair price for a machine
not much good, but since it
was my mother's I had some
interest in it. Also, these
old singles were pretty good
machines, often can be
fixed up and made quite
nice. Of course I didn't
need it as I already have a
perfectly good one of another
make that Dick's mother
gave me. Well, a

few days ago ⁽¹¹⁾ I received a
letter from her saying isn't
she correct that I agreed to
buy it from her for \$30!
And with this went a story
of a great many unexpected
costs she's had and how
she could have sold it to
someone else for that price, etc,
etc. ~~Well~~ I'm really furious
about it, but Dick feels we
ought to pay her and just
forget the whole thing and let
it go without incident, I think
he is probably right. But the
machine is so ~~to~~ used with
parts broken off, it is not much
good, and I'm paying \$35 to
have it! I'm sure it was given
to her, and also we've had
her here with those dogs at

great inconvenience as Click is quite intolerant of the dogs, and we've tried to go out of our way to help her and promote a good relationship. I think this little episode has changed my feeling for her considerably.

Click is finishing up his report on the physical training program. He has worked awfully hard on it and I'll be glad to see him get on to something else. He doesn't know exactly what his job will be after this.

Dad, I really hope we can come down in May. At this point it is impossible to know if we can or not, but I really am so anxious to get back down. I really do miss the old House.

I better end here and get to bed. I hope this is not so slow in reaching you. Take care of yourself.
Love, Marion

Things for the trip

Sally

- 1 pair tennis shoes
- 1 bathing suit
- hat, gloves
- 2 dresses
- 1 sweater

Annie

- 1 pair tennis shoes
- 1 bathing suit
- hat, gloves, purse
- 1 pair dress shoes
- socks
- 1 dress-up dress
- 2 cotton dresses

Send Sal ticket money

7 May 1965

Dearest Dad,

Since I'm at the typewriter this afternoon, I'll jot off a letter to you since there is quite a bit to discuss. First, thank you so much for the money for the anthropological magazines. I have written the association and requested the information, and am terribly excited about starting the subscriptions. I really do appreciate your help in this; it will mean so much to me, and I really do hesitate in taking on these things when it means using the family grocery money, so to speak, and I am so thrilled that now I really can. I will let you know what they say.

The chairs arrived in perfect condition and we are so happy with them. By re-arranging the dining room table, they all fit back in that end of the room and at last we have enough to seat everyone at a dinner. We cannot thank you enough. That railway express is awfully good. The total cost was only 14.73, which we insist on paying ourselves, since we could not possibly estimate their value to us in dollars. The Marine Corps has a special service, under Transportation and Shipping, and they went down, picked up the crate and delivered it here, and uncrated it, within hours of my calling them, without charge. And we have enough lumber from the crate to make some ample bookshelves for our den, and which we need badly!

I have had some long telephone chats with Edith who just returned from spending several days with Ed Sally. There is quite a lot to discuss; she has written you at Antigua with all the news, but I'll go into it now also just to make sure she covered everything. Ed cannot come to Antigua because he feels he cannot leave his job. Sally will come with Ann, plans on coming very early in June, already has her ticket. She is very excited about coming. Edith thinks she is much better than she was three years ago when she saw her. She is more vivacious, alive, enthusiastic. However, she is very dependent on Ed, has difficulty making any decisions, and is completely dependent on her medicine. When she neglects to take it, she becomes very depressed and even suicidal. They are both under group therapy (psychological) which has helped them. Ed is doing much better, takes things more seriously, is very responsible with the children and is a great help to Sal. He still talks of wanting to do more with his life, but Edith thinks lack of finances is his greatest deterrent now, which neither of them seems to know much about budgeting very well. Ed seems to have no drinking problem, but Edith says Sal is the one to watch, if it is available she will keep at it, and that Ed watches to see that it

is never in the house except on special occasions.

Edith says Sal was bright and happy all the time and seemed to enjoy the visit thoroughly. X She feels the main trouble with Sal now is her lack of confidence in herself and that we must do everything possible to build this up. She has her own car which the Halleys gave to her a year ago but which she has never mustered the courage to get out and drive. We might be able to help her with this in Antigua. We must be very careful not to criticize anything, Ed or the children or herself; this, in her condition could be devastating. On the other hand I think getting back down there to her ~~ka~~ old friends and family, all so loyal to her will do her a world of good. Edith says she has gained so much weight she hardly knew her; I prepare you for this. She is in good health though and that is the main thing. I feel a bit concerned lest the contrast between her life and mine bother her and I want to do everything I can to not let anything bother her but build up her own self esteem and not bring anything to her attention that might depress her.

I think I covered the main points here. Edith says the biggest help to Sal has been her maid that you are providing. Since she gets out so little, this maid is company and they get along very well; the maid helps with the mending and upkeep of the house and seems a very positive element in Sally's life. Also, the furniture you sent is in very good shape and they are so proud of it.

Now, what would you like me to do. Dick does have permission granted from the USMC to go to Guatemala, will be ready June 15. I'll have to check Aviateca schedules again to see the earliest flight coincident with that date. Can you pick one up for me when you are there at the airport. Would it be better for me to come early or stay on later? I think perhaps how the better idea would be to all come together, and have us stay on a while after Dick leaves, but it does not matter as the whole summer is free for me, and I can manage anything according to your plans. I checked with National Airlines and we can get quite a good reduction in the rate if we go under the 30 day limit to Miami. The round trip cost from here to Miami if we return in 30 days or less would be \$277 for the four of us. That seems to be the cheapest of all the alternatives.

I will be looking forward to your phone call before you leave Miami, and hope this reaches you before you call so you will have this information. Also I hope you are continuing to feel well and that your stomach is behaving. All join in good wishes and much love,

Marion

P.S.

Edith relates that Ed says his idea in taking the bartender job, was to keep his days free to go to school and have the off-hours work to make money. She thinks the Halleys are not sending money any more, that they are living off of his, and your, income. Little Ann has a trust fund set up for her by her great-grandmother, after whom she is named. Edith did not have the opportunity to talk to Ed about his future plans, felt to do so might antagonize ^{him} and give the impression of prying and being critical.

Edith thinks Sally is very much in love with Ed, and that it was her wish for Ed to come because she leans on him so. That he felt he should stick to his job at this time indicates he is more responsible than formerly.

Quite a while ago, you mentioned the possibility of Edith and Uncle Parky marrying. I agree with you that this is highly unlikely. She has talked to me of this (since he asked ~~xxx~~ her years ago) and there are many reasons she refused. The fact that he is smaller than she is one ^{reason}, another is his unfavorable comparison to Uncle Charles, and finally that he was too much the confirmed bachelor and stingy with his money. I think Edith is very happy now with her work and her life the way she has made it and her friends.

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Sunday, 23 May

[965]

Dearest Dad,

It must be somewhat of a nuisance to you that our plans as to coming down there have been rather vague, but I think I can now give you a fairly good idea of what we can do, if it meets with your schedule and what you would like for us to do. I also will be anxious to hear what Date Sal is to arrive. And we have had minor changes in our plans, but nothing of great importance.

If it is agreeable to you, I ^{and the children} will fly down on Aviateca on Saturday, May 5. I will try to go to Florida on Friday and spend the night with John, though have not consulted him about this yet. They did encourage me to come last year, so I feel I have some basis to suggest this to them, then will wait for their reply. Since the mail is sometimes slow to reach you, I will send a wire to let you know that we are definitely to arrive on the 5th.

The minor change in plan is that Dick found but he must take second semester Spanish this summer as it is required for his degree program and it is the only chance he has to take it; next summer will be too late as he hopes to enter George Washington University in the fall of 1966. The University has given him their letter authorizing him to do this, now he must get permission from the Marine Corps. This all has to be set up this year in order for him to be able to go next year. The Spanish course begins the 1st of June; however, he is so anxious to come to Guatemala that he is going to come for 12 days and miss one week of lectures. He feels it may be his only chance to come for quite a while as he will not be able to do anything next summer; also things are so unstable right now that it is impossible to count on what will happen in the next year. The Marine Corps is overcommitted now and so short of manpower that he is quite worried as to whether they will authorize school for him at this point. An added worry is that ~~ix~~ he is due for his overseas duty this year. * If he does go overseas, it is unlikely that he will be sent back to this area or be sent to the University, and all of that is a pretty discouraging picture since he is so close to getting his degree and so very anxious to get it. But, I guess we'll just have to cope with these things when and if the time comes.

Now, as to Dick's plans, he will come on June 15. He has to fire the range the first week of June, then has a Spanish class the night of Monday June 14. We're not sure yet but he thinks he might not waste the two days by taking Aviateca and getting down there ~~Monday~~ ^{Wednesday} night, but fly out of here Tuesday morning on Pan American jet and get into Guatemala Tuesday afternoon about 3 o'clock. There is still

time for him to make final plans, but he will probably have to come back on Saturday June 26, so he feels every day he can squeeze in counts. He can take that Saturday Aviateca flight back.

As to arrangements for us, I have been thinking that you will probably want Sal in the bedroom with the big bath for her entire stay. Perhaps we can all stay there before Dick comes, Sal and Ann in the small bedroom with a cot, the girls and I in the big bedroom with a cot as we did last year. When Dick comes we could move down to the guest house. Or we could stay the whole time in the guest house, whatever you think. I was thinking it might be a little lonely for Sal in the guest house but she and you will be settling this- I just thought I'd make a suggestion about it. *It doesn't matter a bit where we are, anything you decide is perfect.*

Guatemala has been in the news yesterday and today, and we hope nothing major will happen to interfere with our plans, but know I will hear from you about it if it gets too grave.

All are well here and excited about coming down. Carolyn is getting over a cold; the final diagnosis about this is that apparently she goes into asthma thence bronchitis with her colds so she has quite a time. The doctor says the asthma is due to an allergy to the cold bacteria. I was surprised as I would never have guessed we'd have an asthmatic in the family; it must come from ~~Rick~~ genes on Dick's side of the family. At least I'm blaming it on him!

That about covers the news from here and will be seeing you shortly. It will be so wonderful to get back, back to our home in Antigua and many days with you.

Much love from us all,

Marion

Thank you very sincerely for the check. You have done so much for us & really felt guilty taking it again this year. I ~~just~~ do appreciate all these things you have given us; this trip means so much to all of us.

Monday, 9 (?) August (1965)

Dearest Dad,

How good it was to hear from you and know how things are going down there. I am glad Nancy stayed so long, and would like to hear about her stay and what her thoughts are on Sally. I really am so distressed about Sally; our worst fears ~~xxx~~ have been realized and once again we seem to be faced with the hopelessness of her situation. I still wonder if Antigua is the right place for her; that is to say, I feel that unless ~~xxx~~ she is ~~in kxx~~ a situation where she has to move about and get busy, she is just going to sit and brood and drink coffee (or other things). I feel the real hope for her is to get going again, and I think there is enough left of her right now to rise to the occasion, perhaps take on a part time job. However, as I told you before, Dick thinks I am too optimistic about her condition; he thinks it is too late for her to manage by herself, that she cannot physically do it. I do feel though that if she comes to Antigua, she will not find that incentive to get herself moving. She does not have to move with all the servants there, and she will sit and think and get herself into a state of depression. I think the worst thing that can happen to a person is idleness; when she finds she can run a home and manage it, do things the way she wants without being told what to do constantly, her old energy and verve will come back. Now that is only my opinion which I present for what it is worth. If someone could help her get settled in a nice little spot, what about Pasadenax—as we discussed before; I should think she could manage all right if you could help out temporarily. I don't think Ed cares enough about her now to leave this life he likes at Lake Tahoe. If another woman and his drinking is a problem now, certainly the elder Halleys will support this move of hers and help financially for the children's sake. Of course, ~~now~~, this whole matter makes me absolutely sick inside, but we must grasp at straws, it's the only hope. Dick points out to me that it is not the woman and the drinking that is the problem; the problem is the relationship that is between Ed and Sally, that has brought on all the rest. I don't feel Sally has faced that fact when she talks about how dearly she loves him. I'm sure you will agree with this. In conclusion, for all concerned, I would promote the idea of her remaining in the US but leaving Ed and settling in some place not too far from relatives where she can be on her own. What about her car that she has; what has happened to that. She said Ed has his car, she has hers. Perhaps it is too old. I don't think having her in Antigua would be good ~~for~~ her or you because I think she would remain lethargic in that environment. I ~~faa~~ last summer that she finds very little stimulus there; on the other hand, it is a safe and secure place for her where she will be taken care of; if nothing else works out that would be a last resort.

Now, on th the subject of the silverward. I have six forks, including the one you have there as the sample. I will need two more for the set of eight. I do not need any more soup spoons. As a matter of fact I will give you a concise list as follows:

2 dinner forks
~~2 teaspoons~~
8 teaspoons
8 knives
8 butter knives
8 salad forks

I believe we did put the small teaspoon out that you had to use as a sample. I trust you implicitly for the design, shape and size for all these things. I don't think I need the small after dinner coffee spoons; ~~a~~ I do not have any demi-tasse cups though I suppose some day I shall but by the same token it would not be difficult to get the small after dinner coffee spoon in another pattern somewhere else. I think the pattern would be hard to get on such a tiny spoon. What is your opinion.

Well, Dad, on the personal side, how are you feeling these days, and did you enjoy your stay in Honduras. I'm sure you've enjoyed having Nancy and the children there and have had a fine visit with her. Did the saffron and the flower seeds get to you in the last letter. I was uneasy about that but if they did, I will send more.

Life has been hectic here. Three sets of friends with families have come into Quantico, found even temporary housing expensive and impossible, and landed here with us! Naturally we encourage this and we know the problem, but it seems like everyt~~ime~~ we get one group settled, another arrives on its heels. I have done so little in the way of accomplishing anything in the last few weeks; my life has been cooking, cleaning, talking and babysitting! At present our friends from England are with us. They are really very nice and such good friends; I am delighted to see them. The government does not give them quarters, but yesterday they found a nice little house to rent which will be ready next week August 17. They will be with us till then. They have a little three year old; a well-behaved child but all three-year~~x~~ olds are demanding, so life has been busy with all the people to feed, the running around, and managing the house. Dick is having a very busy two ~~w~~eks at work. He leaves next week for two weeks At Fort Benning Georgia. It is a conference. After next week, I expect things to settle down a bit. The children start school August 26.

The British Antiquity arrived and I am~~x~~ enjoying it tremendously. It is a smaller magazine than in 1929, but has some very good articles. One article was "The Origin of Agriculture in America" by MacNeish. I wish I could send it to you.

I have been writing this letter off and on first thing this morning. Dick got up very early and went off to work so I got an early start. Now everyone is up so I better close and organize the household. It has ~~be~~ been very hot, in the 90's, and you know how unaccustomed the English are ~~be~~ to the heat.

Dad, we think of you so much, and I'll be looking forward to your next letter and the news of Sally. If there is anything I can do, you know you don't ever have to ask, just let me know how I can help.

By the way, Dick submitted his letter requesting the college degree program for next fall (1965). ~~The~~ Colonel Platt (he will be General next month) put a very strong note on the letter advising this program for Dick, in spite of Viet-nam, requesting his tour there delayed until the completion of his college degree. This note will carry much weight, as well as Dick's Marine Corps record and his straight A's in college work, so we feel now his chance of getting this is almost assured, as much as one can be in this life.

I'll close for now and get this in the morning mail. Take care of yourself.

All here join in much love,

Mason

17 September (c1965)

Dearest Dad,

It was good to get your letter, and I want to get an answer in the mail to you before the weekend is upon us. I hope all is well there and that you are in good health.

No, we do not have the second volume of Stephens; I can't imagine where that could be. Yes, we do have the letters of Alvarado which was in the batch we got together two years ago and I brought up with me. Weren't you reading the Stephens volume last summer when we were there? Perhaps it has been left down in the guest house.

About Sally, and Ed wanting a divorce from her. I don't know if I mentioned it in the last letter, but Uncle Paul thought that by Sal being in the clinic for a year, it would provide a means for Ed to achieve this ^{divorce} since under California state law a man can divorce his wife if she has not cared for the children for a year, regardless of where she has been. However, this is conjecture on Uncle Paul's part. I do feel the Halleys are doing and have done as much as they can for Sally that they are being fair, as they do seem to have treated her very decently all these years. Naturally you can not get away from parental prejudice, we are all unconsciously subject to that. I say I feel she needs therapy because apparently we can't seem to help her. She does not seem to have been "helped" last summer, in spite of the fact that she had a good rest and absolutely no responsibility. I feel all of us have been completely defeated by ~~her~~ her situation. Yes, I agree that it might be a good idea for her to come down to Antigua permanently, alone. On the other hand, if she comes down without hope of ever regaining Ed's love or the children, and a feeling of being a burden to society, I'm terribly afraid of suicide. She talked this way last summer. I wonder now too, if when she came down last summer Ed had already given her the idea that he wanted a divorce. She was so ~~depressed~~ depressed and perhaps this was too hard for her to face. The reason I say she needs therapy is because instead of trying harder when she got back to make a life of her own and care for the children she ~~just~~ simply went to ~~her~~ bed and was losing touch with reality again. Yet, with you I agree living in Antigua is better than a long time in the clinic, but she would have to be so carefully watched and guided I'm not sure that would be possible there. And there is the assurance she is ~~well~~ under medication at the clinic and that they might be able to help her. Last time she came out stronger than ~~when~~ when she went in, but went right back to her same situation with Ed. This time her situation might be resolved for her.

We are entertaining Dick's section here next weekend; will have 20 people in for drinks and what we call heavy hors d'Oevres. The children are spending the night with friends so it is an ideal time to do this!

We have rearranged the living room, now have the dining ~~room~~ table in the middle of the room. It must sound funny but it is surprisingly attractive and the chairs show up so beautifully. We have a little sitting area where the table was, and a lamp in the corner which brings the Villalpando to life, it is very lovely to see it.

A new "American Anthropologist" has just arrived and in it is an article called "Cultivated Plants and Cultural Diffusion in Nuclear America" by Charles B. Heiser, Jr. of Indiana University. I notice that in the bibliography you are listed on two accounts - your manual and ~~a~~ something you wrote in 1924 called "Economic fruit-bearing plants of Ecuador." I wish I could send you the article.

I'll close for now and get this in the mail.

Ever your devoted daughter,

marion

In fact you are quoted in the American Anthropologist: (on the Annona)

"Poppen (1920) states that A. squamosa may be the species described from Vera Cruz by Hernández."

7 September 1965

Dearest Dad,

It was nice to receive your letter of August 28, and I will try to answer it this morning in time for the postman to take it. It ~~is~~ sounds like the silver set is coming along very nicely. Yes, I agree with you that the salad forks ought to be like we styled the dinner forks only smaller in size, and not like the Barsaloux set. I believe there was one small old fork there which we thought would be about right; at any rate I trust your taste implicitly as to the proper size. I feel the Barsaloux salad fork is too wide ~~ka~~ for the elaborate handle and would look awkward and heavy. I checked the number of teaspoons; I must have about a dozen teaspoons, eight of my set, then several assorted other ones given as gifts. Also a dozen of the old silver soup spoons with the nice patterned handles from South America which you gave me. These will go with the new set, and with the ~~x~~ teaspoons Adrian is making, there should be plenty of everything in the new set. It is very exciting to contemplate.

Life is very busy here. There are entirely too many people here that have come on to the Base that we have known previously and there have been so many obligations. Of course we love seeing our old friends, but it seems like everyone we have ever known at all the other tours combined ~~have~~ arrived at once and it is hard to fit the invitations in with Dick's tight schedule. However, it will undoubtedly all quiet down as everyone gets busy now. Our English friends are nicely settled just off of the Base; it is gratifying to see their tour here going along happily.

The children are both in school now and how nice it is for me. I spend every morning from 9 to 11 at the typewriter; it is the first time in eight years that I can sit down to two hours of complete quiet with a fresh mind. I do the housework in the afternoons and night so that I can have these essential morning hours. I have finished my first lesson in the Anthropology course, and this week am trying to catch up on my correspondence. Carolyn was sick last week with a viral sore throat and fever, Dorothy is down with it now.

We spent Saturday afternoon with Edith. All is well there; we hadn't seen her since last spring. She mentioned that you and Nancy had the idea of having Sally come stay with her with two of the children, which she has already discussed with you. I feel Edith's life is too full now and that she could never be available for any responsibilities of this sort. This has become very apparent to me over the years that she is not receptive to any such requests. And certainly she is entitled to these feelings, I know you agree, but I'm surprised Nancy thought this would be a solution. I feel Edith is pretty tied
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down with her father there, and she is renting her basement and getting very good income from that. Also she has bought the piece of property with the farm on it, rented to very nice tenants who take good care of it and the rent they pay makes the property pay for itself. She has a vegetable garden on it, and this with her flower gardens keep her occupied during all of her spare time.

We had dinner with Chuck and Helen after seeing Edith, and had a very pleasant time. Chuck is such a brilliant person, it is always interesting to be with him, although we do not have the same points of view, it is interesting to compare ideas. Little Charles III is a fine little baby and evidences a good combination of genes. Chuck is going to Tahiti next month for two months; is taking a leave of absence from work to go over there to bring back a boat. Ever the romantic adventurer!

How was Hugh when he came through? Edith said he was in town a couple of weeks ago, and might be in Washington this Wednesday (Sept. 9). Perhaps I shall see him; I hope so but know he always works on a tight schedule and we are pretty far out. John and family came through week before last; they were on their way home from Maine. They dropped in for lunch. I had expected them a day later for the night, but they were in a hurry, and I was glad (a) that they came by for a visit, and (b) that I didn't need to put them all up for the night, which would have been quite a job, but I would have been glad to do it for them ^{and} I am very fond of them. I had a good chat with John who is well and was anxious to get back home and organized again.

I can't remember if I ever ~~did~~ mentioned to you that Dr. Ted Kidder did send me a big batch of material on Tikal which I thought was so good of him to do that as he must be a very busy person. Most of it I had read there in Antigua but there was an excellent article with it that I had not seen, and I really did appreciate getting the material. I am so grateful for all this reading material you have provided for me, (magazines etc.) and it is very informative and gives many interesting new facts, also it ties in so well with the course I am taking. I am so happy to finally be getting into these things which are so fascinating to me, and to really have the time now to spend constructively with it. I am so happy with it.

I had a note from Aunt Gertnude; all is well there, she was interested in whether the Vietnam crisis had affected Dick's plans. I shall write her this morning.

What has transpired now in Sally's life? Have things continued to improve. I do wonder about her because people (Ed Halley, specifically) do not change overnight, and can it be possible that he is really a "changed" man as she says. And will he remain so. Edith wondered ~~xxx~~ if it would work out for Sally to move to Texas somewhere near Nancy, so that there would be someone nearby just in case of emergency. Did Nancy ever discuss this possibility. I have been thinking about my own plans quite a bit for the time Dick goes overseas year after next. ~~Thaxmaxt~~ This winter we will stay here, next winter we will be in Washington at GW University, and the year after is the question mark. My thought lately is ~~is~~ perhaps to go to UCLA to work on my master's degree. My preference would be Berkeley or Radcliffe but both are so far away from relatives; I would like to be within a few hours from someone just in the event of emergency. At UCLA I would be only 90 miles from Dick's parents, and UCLA I think has some good professors in Anthropology, good climate, and an area not entirely unfamiliar. I do plan to come to Antigua for part of that time and LA is not a far hop from Guatemala. Also, there is the possibility of leaving the children with Dick's parents if I wanted to come down and spend some time going around the country; as I do feel it is hard leaving the children in Antigua, I always have to impose on someone to go anywhere that might be rugged traveling.

Anyway, I got sidetracked, but what I was going to say was that I could work out something with Sally during that year, but it is too far away to do much good now, and as more time passes her problem gets harder to solve - in view of it wearing her down.

I just looked at the time; I'd better rush if this is to go out in the mail this morning. Give our best to Maria and Concha, and much love from all of us to you,

Marion

Wednesday, 8 September [1965]

Dearest Dad,

I didn't finish the letter in time yesterday to catch the postman, and it was just as well since he brought all the sad news of Sally. It certainly is distressing; I have been so concerned and not too clear on it all so I called Uncle Paul last night and had a good talk with him and Aunt Betty. Aunt Betty is feeling very depressed about it all, and feels that Sal really seemed to have got worse since her trip. I feel very badly since it seems that it was this idea I promoted of her leaving Ed that precipitated the whole problem. I called Nancy too last night, and talking to Edith over the weekend, they ~~x~~ both agree that the only solution for Sal seemed to be to get away from Ed. However, after analyzing it further with Dick, it does seem that Langley Porter is the only place for her right now; at least something will be done about her problem. The fact that after she got back she did not get down to business and really take care of the children and house, shows (Dick says) that she definitely is not rational and absolutely cannot cope with the situation. The good that has come from it is that a turning point arrived; she could not go on being miserable up there as she has been all these years. And, Dad, you know how hard we tried, we must just accept the fact that there is nothing more we can do. We just can't help her, and ~~if~~ Langley Porter will provide the best possible medication. She definitely needs therapy and this is something we are not equipped or trained to give her.

Uncle Paul says Ed has quit his day time job in order to take care of the children and is working nights to support them. Uncle Paul says he thinks he definitely wants a divorce but Sal won't give it to him.

~~The~~ It is disheartening to feel that somehow we failed last summer, but on the other hand she returned with every opportunity to do something with herself and apparently this she just could not do. Treatment is the only solution here and we can figure that the clinic is the best place now to build her up and get her going again. Uncle Paul said she had been hearing voices again, telling Ed what they were telling her to do, and had been in bed 21 days without any prospect of getting up. She told Uncle Paul that Ruth Popenoe had spent a lifetime in bed and her children turned out all right; she was going to just let her children take care of her now. So it is clear that she needs more than just rest, and there would be nothing more you could do for her in Guatemala.

Edith says Hugh was to be in Washington today. I hope to have a telephone conversation with him, though I feel I have as much news now as there is on the subject. I'm going to write Sal today, and keep it up as frequently as I can. I'm enclosing Uncle Paul's letter to you as you requested.

Don't forget, Dad, that if it gets too lonely there for you, we would love to have you come here for a while. I know there isn't much here for you to do, but the fall is so pretty and we could make a lot of good things to eat and do some things in Washington.

I have the pattern for your bathrobe, but am looking for a nice piece of 100% wool. I have not been successful around here but it shouldn't be too hard to find. I wish I had asked these English friends to bring me a bolt from England!

Remember, Dad, that Sal had always been happy at Langley Porter and enjoyed her stay there. She will be safe there and will have the very best of medical care. We can be assured of her improvement under professional guidance. Some solution to her problems will be reached here and she will not be left with more responsibility that she can cope with. Ed will no longer be able to utilize her as a convenience and will be forced to shoulder his responsibilities.

I will rush to get this in the mail now. I'll write again if Hugh gets in touch with me today. I'll be looking forward to hearing from you. Take care of yourself.

Ever your devoted daughter,

Manson

7 November (1965)

Dearest Dad,

Since your return to Guatemala I have been wondering about you and how you are, as I know that trip must have been quite a strain on you. I hope you are feeling well.

Edith spent a week with Nancy as I guess you have heard by now, and came back with encouraging reports about things being in very good shape there and that Nancy plans to stay on indefinitely at that location. It is very fortunate that she is happy there, for it would be much harder to pull up roots and strike out to settle in a place where she would have to start completely new. Of course it won't be easy by any stretch of the imagination, but at least it is sensible for the present. I'm sure she benefitted much by your and Edith's being there. Edith called when she returned, and, in her words, says Nancy felt it would be foolish for me to go out, so I feel she is getting along all right, but will certainly be happy to go out and lend a helping hand if there is ever the need or she might need someone to keep the children or something like that. Edith is encouraging her to come to her house for Christmas.

Uncle Paul's newsletter came Saturday with the news of Sally's good progress and Ed's divorce proceedings. I'm sure he has been talking of divorce for a good long time, no doubt long before her visit last summer, ~~xx~~ and it going to be tough on her and it looks like it is going to be a real fight over the children. In view of the fact that there has been no solution in sight for years now, this situation seems to be no worse, but what a heartache it all is. The hope is that perhaps Sally can come out of it all somehow better off with a future ahead of her. It has looked so bleak for so long.

Uncle Knowles called last night. He is in Washington but we won't see him as he has a very busy schedule, but we had a nice chat. He is going by to see Nancy next weekend, I'm sure you've been informed of his plans. He says Sally seemed well and normal when he last saw her, although this was before Ed had come down to see her. He seems impressed with her psychiatrist.

Dick has orders to go to ~~XXXX~~ parachute jump school in January; it will be a matter of 3 or 4 weeks that he will be gone. He had applied for it and is very pleased that he got accepted. He also has definitely been selected for school next year at George Washington U., so we are very happy to feel he is going for sure.

I enclose some school pictures of the children, one set is for Maria. And how is Maria, and is Concha managing all right in her life with all its complications.

Nancy's part time job certainly sounds like a good idea for her. I suppose she is keeping you informed of her plans. Have you heard from Sally? I have not heard of anyone who has yet, which made me feel she was not quite so well, but the reports of her indicated the contrary so I will trust in that.

I'll try to get this in the morning mail so that you might receive it this week. All here send you much love-

Devotedly,

Marian

April 12 [1967]

Dearest Dad,

Since I did not hear from you, I was afraid something had happened to Sal and that you had gone there, but Uncle Paul's newsletter yesterday said you were back in Antigua, so I guess everything is all right. The news seems so bad in regard to Sally, I'm almost afraid to hear anything. A couple of weeks ago Edith phoned her and said that Hugh had run away from home and had been gone two days; she didn't know where he was. I presume he's all right ~~and~~ now. I just feel that things are going to get worse for her.

My plans are beginning to jell now, as I have had answers to all my letters and the replies have been negative. Both the Univ. of Calif. and Stanford say they cannot accept me because of my status - I cannot give full time to the program and the graduate schools are overcrowded. Sta. Barbara is only taking A students and Stanford has already closed its ~~applicat~~ enrollment for next fall. I really do like the program that Stanford offers, I would like to go there some day. I understand there is a split in the department at Berkeley which causes some complications, and Sta. Barbara said flatly that they are not encouraging graduate students to come there and that the competition is so keen I could not hope to manage that and run a home at the same time.

However, all is not bleak; I have had the most kind and encouraging letter from Bakersfield College - the place I was least interested in - saying they offer a number of courses that would serve as prerequisites to later graduate work, that they would be happy to have me there, that I can take as much or as little as I want, and that even if I do not desire any courses there that they might be able to give me guidance as to what my next steps might be. This has been like a light in the ~~xx~~ darkness, as I was totally discouraged with the other possibilities. I will definitely take courses there, and we will be going to Bakersfield in June. A course is offered in cultural anthropology on June 19-July 28; I am going to try to take this. There is also a Fresno State Univ. extension there where he thinks I may be able to take some upper division courses for credit. So it is all working out nicely; it won't cost me anything, the children will be happy, ~~xxx~~ Dick's parents will be close enough in case any real difficulty arises, and I will be kept plenty busy for the year. I realize now that I am not ready for graduate work - either academically or physically with the children still young. With this year's work, I will feel much more ready for graduate school later on when the children

are older.

And so, how are you? How is everything in Antigua? What is the news of Sal and Nancy? I wrote Nancy asking about availability of apartments there but have had no answer yet. I wrote her today that it will not be necessary now that I cannot take courses at Stanford (they do not take part time students).

I was afraid Bakersfield College would not accept me since I already have my degree, but they are being most helpful and interested.

Dick's orders are in although he does not actually have them and we have no dates yet. Gen. Platt (when we had lunch with them) told him he will be going to WestPac (ground forces Vietnam) immediately after he leaves here. That means he'll spend ~~xxx~~ about 3 weeks at Camp Pendleton in California and then go straight over. He wants to get us settled in a house before he leaves, but that seems to me ~~xx~~ like a lot to tackle in the month of June. I'm afraid he will finally get to the front lines in Vietnam and it will be a relief compared to what he has just come through!

I'm still working for the AAA although I've about finished up what I was working on, and then plan to go in a couple of times a week or whenever I have a free day to help out on little things. I really fear they will never come out of their difficulties.

Everyone here is fine. It is a lovely spring, though still quite cold. We hope you are ~~wkx~~ well.

Love from us all,

Maurice



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[1968]

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS posthumously to

LIEUTENANT COLONEL RICHARD L. HATCH
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For heroism and extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as Assistant Operations Officer (Ground Reconnaissance) with the G-3 Section, Headquarters, III Marine Amphibious Force, in connection with operations against the enemy in the Republic of Vietnam on 2 January 1968. Traveling extensively to remote areas in the I Corps Tactical Zone to provide guidance and assistance to field personnel responsible for the execution of operations, Colonel Hatch was en route through enemy held territory aboard a United States Army UH-1E armed helicopter when a North Vietnamese Army force was detected amassing against a friendly ground unit. While the helicopter pilot commenced slow, low-level passes directly over the maneuvering enemy troops, Colonel Hatch displayed exceptional initiative and courage as he manned the machine gun in the right door of the aircraft and directed effective fire into the midst of the enemy. Constantly exposed to intense hostile ground fire, he delivered extremely effective suppressive and offensive fire for more than an hour, which enabled the friendly forces to move to more advantageous positions. As the helicopter was preparing to depart for refueling, it was hit by an enemy round, crashed to the ground and burst into flames. Although severely burned, he escaped from the flaming aircraft and steadfastly remained at the crash site until he was sure that no one remained aboard the wreckage. Due to the extent of his burns, however, Colonel Hatch subsequently succumbed to his severe injuries. His determination and steadfastness in operating the machine gun greatly enhanced the combat posture of the friendly ground unit and undoubtedly was instrumental in inflicting casualties on the enemy. Colonel Hatch's resolute courage, bold initiative, and selfless devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.

For the President,

Acting Commandant of the Marine Corps

16 April 1968

Dearest Dad,

I gave Wally your letter and he seems to have some very definite ideas as to what you should do about your estate. He said he is going to outline his suggestions, go over them with his lawyer this week, and send them on to you at the end of this week. So you should get the letter from him next week.

All proceeds well here. I received a very nice note of condolence from Chico De Sola the other day, and appreciated his thoughts very, very much.

I have applied to the state of California for a waiver of tuition for next September and also state aid for education, a benefit to veterans and their widows of \$50. a month, if the funds are available. Both will certainly help out if I can get them. I expect to be going to school for about three years. I figure the undergraduate work will take a year to year and a half, the rest of the time I want to spend working for the M.A. I can get the work at Berkeley for the M.A., but since that degree there is defunct, I can spend the last quarter or so commuting twice a week to Davis by bus in order to obtain the degree. It sounds like a pretty good program to me, and I was so impressed with the excellent facilities and people and work going on at Berkeley.

I have also applied for eligibility for a G.I. loan on a house, which should come through in 4 to 6 weeks. Although everything is not completely settled, it looks like my estate is going to be about \$62,000. with everything together. It looks as though a house in Berkeley is going to be in the range of \$25,000 to \$35,000, probably more towards the latter. Wally figured out a nice little budget for me. I get \$550 per month in Social Security and Veterans benefits. He says to keep \$58,000 at least as working capital; that at 5% working in bank securities will be another \$3,000 per year. I hope to live on the \$550 per month, and save the \$3000, although that will also be there to take care of unforeseen expenses and emergencies. I get free medical care for me and the children, but have to pay dental expenses. In regard to a house, the down payment is expected to be 20% of the cost of the house, which ~~xx~~ for \$35,000 would run \$7,000. In order to keep my estate at \$58,000, I'm not going to have quite enough cash to make that high a payment. Do you think you ~~xxxx~~ could help me out a little on the down payment?

Of course, I may still find something to rent up there, although it seems unlikely, and I might find a house a good deal cheaper than I have figured. However, I do want to know exactly what I can and can't swing in buying a house.

I certainly do owe Uncle Knowles a great deal. He spent almost his entire time with me for the three days I was in Berkeley, escorting me everywhere on campus, taking me everywhere I needed to go in town, put me up one night at the hotel as my friends were late getting back, looking at houses with me. I was quite uncomfortable feeling I was imposing so much on him, but he would have it no other way. ~~ix~~ He must have been tired when I left, for I was completely exhausted. But I will never be able to express my gratitude enough to him.

At present I am staying very busy, and this will probably get worse before it gets better. Sometimes my worst problem is that things seem so meaningless and trivial all the time. However, the courses I am taking and Elena's visits keep me from getting too bogged down, and I do feel optimistic that as soon as we get settled and I can start working toward something, life will become meaningful again.

I hope you are feeling well these days. It sounds as though Hugh's ranch is beginning to turn into something very time-consuming, and worth while. It must be a pleasant change from his busy university work.

All here join in much, much love,

Melion

21 May 1968 "

Dearest Dad,

Your check has arrived and your kind letter, both of which I appreciate so deeply. I think I'm all set up now and everything is finished as far as setting up this new phase of our life. I just received permission from the State of California to release the insurance money and that it is not subject to inheritance tax. How deeply I am indebted to Wally, and you. Normally I would have had to get a lawyer and get the matter probated and it would have been a long, ~~ix~~ tiresome, x costly process. I certainly have had so much help, and the Marine Corps has made everything so easy from their end - I will always be grateful for all of this.

Wally has been putting a lot of thought into the letter you wrote him, and has some ideas for you, but wants his lawyer to check them carefully for their legality. He intends to draw up several plans of action for you that you can do. He is very careful and thorough and everything he has done for me has been so ~~xxx~~ sound and has come through exactly as he has hoped, so I really rely on his judgment. Also, I think he is so well-thought of here, that he can ask and do things that maybe others could not.

The Presentation of Awards was just right and a fitting tribute to Dick, I think. The Marines made a handsome display of his medals in a framed plaque, which was a fine gesture ~~and~~ this is something his great grandchildren will have. He was awarded the Legion of Merit and the Distinguished Flying Cross. The latter had a beautiful citation with it which I shall send to you as it gives a picture of what really happened. Apparently they were cruising around and observing from the helicopter when they spotted an enemy unit. Dick manned the machine gun himself, exposing himself completely for they were flying very low, and they ~~xxx~~ enabled the ~~friendly~~ unit to move into a safe area. Then the helicopter was hit and crashed, and though badly burned Dick saw to it that everyone else got to safety, and remained at the site (the rescuing helicopter had already landed) until all were taken care of. My friend Herb told me that as they took him away he told them "If everything does not go right, see that my wife and children are taken care of." All of this story is so typical of Dick's selflessness and always his thought first for the other person. I feel very strongly that I owe him my very best effort.

I appreciate the clippings you sent, which are most interesting. I haven't had the chance to read them thoroughly yet, but want to go over them very closely. I was interested in the review of M. Coe's work, and I agree entirely that it is an unusually fine work.

I am still concerned about whether you are really up to the full job of caring for Sally. It looks like she may be there indefinitely, from your letter, and I don't think you should have the full burden. I know you are very good for her; perhaps she will get stronger and eventually be able to be on her own a little. I want to help as much as I can, and as I told you before, I can come at any time you need me. You have your writing and your work to do too, maybe we can take turns staying with her, work out something along that line. I'm going to try to write to her as much as I can, for our support does seem to help her, and we can keep bolstering her ego and confidence.

I think you will like our new little house. I don't think I told you of the garden it has which is quite charming. There are several trees, one of which is a very nice plum, and also some very nice roses, camellias, bougainvillea, and others. I find it very relaxing to putter about the garden, and it is very quiet and private in back to do this. I think Uncle Knowles was a bit disturbed because the house lacks a view, but what good will a view do us? As a matter of fact I like to come home and forget about the city that stretches around us. And you pay quite a bit for the privilege of having a view.

Uncle Knowles ~~says~~ says Nancy is nicely settled. I haven't talked to her in a while but did get a letter to her recently. I am preparing now for finals; I didn't think these courses mattered too much, but Berkeley informs me I am accepted formally now pending "satisfactory completion and withdrawal in good standing" from Bakersfield and that I must forward a transcript to them. I am carrying an A in both courses, but will be glad to be done, ~~and~~ with everything else that had to be done it has been a full semester. However, I think the key to good mental health right now is to stay constructively busy.

We will go up to Berkeley sometime after June 15th and do a little painting, and I will probably be moved in around the 1st of July.

That bout again with bronchitis must have been a tough thing. You were so sick here with it, and I hate to think of your having another seige of it. Perhaps change of environment helps bring it on, in which case it will be good for you to stay in one place for a while. Remember, I can come at any time you need me, for my plans are very flexible. I hope you are feeling well now, and that Sally is progressing satisfactorily. How is her drinking?

Love always,

Mason

20 September [1969]

Dearest Dad,

Each day since my return I have intended to write, and it seems every day is busier than the last; I feel like I just can't get organized. Today your nice letter arrived, and I really know you have been waiting to hear from us. I have really missed Guatemala and you and Alice and the house there, and the quiet hours working in Ed's lab. You gave us such a wonderful summer, and the help I have received there, I'll never be able to tell you of my gratitude. Alice is one of the nicest people I've ever met. I realize too that all of us were a huge job for both of you; that bothered me all summer, and just wished I could solve it all somehow. I just thank you so much for everything. Alice was so sweet to us, (I'm trying to lose the weight I ~~lost~~ gained on her good meals). Carolyn has her little furniture set displayed in her room where she keeps it on display and takes very special care of it. We were all sad to hear that the duck left; that little bird certainly was a funny little character.

Yes, we had a good and successful trip home. I had a fine visit with Hugh. Of course it is hard to see him on crutches, but I guess he has made tremendous progress in these last months, and hopes to be on a cane by January. He certainly has courage and determination. He met me at the airport, then had a leg of lamb in the oven for dinner. We had some interesting discussions, and I did get a lot of material on the subject of tropical ecology, and got some of his viewpoints on the subject. I looked into the prospect of taking some work there; Hugh thinks that University is stronger in ecology than Berkeley is, and feels I would have a good deal of flexibility if I could pursue a program there at some later date. I met Dr. Bullard, a Mesoamerican archaeologist recently assigned to the Florida State Museum (also married to Ricketson's daughter). We had a nice talk; he thinks Berkeley's department of anthropology is much stronger than the one at Gainesville, and knows my advisor Dr. Graham. Hugh also introduced me to a woman there whose specialty is analyzing animal bone from archaeological sites, and is working at present on the Caribbean shores and West Indies. I spent the last morning at Hugh's office getting a reading list of publications he thinks are particularly good; I also left the soil sample from the midden of the Coban site I am working on, and he is having the lab there analyze it.

Hugh took me out to his ranch; it is a beautiful spot. In fact, I was quite impressed with the whole area. It is small and quiet there, with lovely stretches of country, and not the hectic metropolitan atmosphere that most places have become. He drove me up the Gulf Coast, which was a new type of environment for me, and I enjoyed it thoroughly. The way he has rigged up his car is really impressive. He did it all himself, over the 4th of July weekend. He put a motorcycle grip (I can't explain it very technically) onto the steering wheel, so that he can operate the gas and brake with his left hand, and it works remarkably well. He rounds up the cattle ~~with~~ the car and everything.

I also enjoyed my visit with John. You may know us by now that Jerry is pregnant; they are not unhappy about it, although it is going to make quite a big change in their life, I would imagine. We had no trouble at all going through customs with our 19 pieces of luggage. They asked a few questions about the painting, as to value, etc., but I merely informed them it was a gift and that I had ~~no~~ no idea of the cost, that the artist was a friend of the family. John ~~is~~ didn't approve of the fact that I didn't mention the soil sample, but Hugh knows how to handle

all that and sterilizes it anyway.

The painting came through in perfect shape, and I have it hanging in the livingroom. I really love it. When did you tell me the photograph was taken that you gave me of the Copan Stela? And did you photograph it? It looks like it could be one of Maudsley's photos.

We flew from Miami up to Bakersfield, and stayed there a few days, then took the train on up here to Berkeley. It seems easier to come here by train; it comes right in to University Ave., and we just took a cab to the house. It eliminates all the problem of getting out of the SF airport.

I haven't seen Nancy yet but have talked a couple of times by phone. She seems well. We see Uncle Knowles and Edith occasionally, have been to dinner there once, and they came here once. Edith is fixing up the house very nicely, adding some other nicer things to his, and it seems to be a happy combination. She is having the house repainted and some wifely things like that which is making the house a real home again. They both seem very happy and extremely busy. I would not be surprised to see them remain permanently in Berkeley, rather than moving to Santa Cruz.

As for my life here, it has been an adjustment getting back into the routine. I have been doing a lot of fall cleaning, and a little yard work, although it was in pretty good shape for having been away so long. I really think I have a good gardener. The children are happily settled in school. My classes do not begin until Oct. 6, so my time has been my own, but I find I feel better and operate more efficiently once I am in classes and have a schedule organized. I went down to the University museum and talked to them and they gave me some space to work on my potsherds from Coban, so I've been putting in several hours a day on that. I've also been doing some reading. I put in my application for graduate school. However, there are some problems about that, course requirements, etc., and both Dr. Graham and Dr. Heizer are gone until the end of the month, so I really can't do much until they get back. I'm awfully anxious to talk to Dr. Graham about the Coban project and also see what can be done about getting into graduate work.

I asked Dr. Clark if he would recommend me for graduate school, and he was happy to. He invited me over to dinner a few nights ago. A couple of other professors were there, with their wives, all British, and all specialists on Africa. He showed his slides of Guatemala which was very enjoyable. He asked several times about you and ~~credits me~~ asked to be remembered to you. He appreciated so much his day in Antigua and all you and Alice did to make it pleasant.

This quarter I am hoping to taking a seminar on Mesoamerica from Dr. Graham, and a seminar on the Olmec from Dr. Heizer. In two more weeks now I should have a better idea of what is ahead for me. Meanwhile, I am continuing on my potsherds, the reading, and organizing things here at home.

We have been hearing of all the rain down ~~here~~ there as it has been in the news, rather I guess a friend heard it from Guatemala. I'm sure happy the new little house withstood all that well. It is going to be so nice to have that little house and the library there; I still can't quite take all that in. It was nice of Ed to draw the floor plan. I am so anxious to get back down there, more so than ever before. That is what I really want now, to get into the work down there, and be there as much as I can.

I'm interested to hear how Sally is coming along, if Nery is in the picture as he was or if she is really going end that relationship. Did she ever get baptized? What happened about the job at the Hotel Antigua. If she can only refrain from going overboard on all these things, I think she could manage a satisfactory life. We are all just so afraid now that that can't be though, there have been too many of these episodes in the past. But one can always just keep hoping, that is all there is.

Again I want to tell you how wonderful the summer was for me, and how grateful I am to you both. You have helped me so much; just about everything I have I owe to you. I don't take this lightly; I will put forth the very best effort I can give and build a life around these things.

All my love to you and Alice,

Mauon [Hatch]

I neglected to mention that a week or so ago I received word that the government of South Vietnam awarded two medals to Dick: the Cross of Gallantry with Palm, and the National Order of Vietnam, 5th Class. We went to the Alameda Naval Reserve Center for the official presentation, which was very nice. Edith and Knowles went with us, which I felt was appropriate. They did not have any details of the circumstances for the awards, as it had all been forwarded from Washington, to Bakersfield, to here, but said they were personal awards.

P.S. Do you know any of the details of the information that is coming from the excavation at Monte Alto? Dr. Graham said he heard they got a very early date of about 2000 B.C. for it but the information was second or third hand through Parsons, and he wonders if that is really true.

plans to go to Copan this April to look over the site and make plans.

Everything goes well here; it has really been a heavy quarter and I think I might make some readjustments for the next one. Finals are March 15th and then there will be a slight break before classes begin again. I'm thinking of giving ^{the} volunteer work in the museum up for the present. I can't see much future to it; I have learned a great deal about the work at Lovelock Cave, Nevada, but the group is leaving to excavate there for 6 weeks this spring and no one will be in the lab. I have put in so much time, ~~xx~~ but I really feel my time might be better spent in reading and course work. If I am to go ahead at all, even to get graduate standing, I've got to concentrate on the courses at hand. Right now the future is pretty much of a question mark. I don't see much opportunity in the museum field, and they take so very few ^{top} graduate ~~s~~ (only 20 in the entire department, preferably males). Without a Ph.D. you ^{work at the university} don't stand much of a chance of doing anything, even in museums. There is the possibility of teaching, but all of this is so far off that I can't begin to plan on anything. I think the main thing is just to keep on learning, as much as I possibly can. I at least have next year which I can probably remain on campus in an undergraduate status, and there are plenty of courses I want to take.

Dad, you must stop talking about your being a burden. You will never understand how we all feel about you and what a privilege your company is. I so often think back to last January and what a comfort it was to have you there, and I was helped so much by all your counsel and guidance, to get moving again.

Now it makes me so happy to know that Alice is by your side and you can plan and do things together. I should think it must be very pleasant to be at Zamorano again. If I do go to Copan next year, I want to stop by and visit Zamorano again. I know that valley like the palm of my hand, and it is as vivid as though I had been there yesterday. I suppose it has changed substantially since then. I hope Sally is enjoying it and getting away from some of her problems.

Uncle Knowles seems better these days. He gets around a lot and seems to stay very busy. Nancy seems well too.

In closing, we all send our warmest love to you and Alice and Sally,

Maison
Hatch

And a happy birthday to you on the 9th!

3 March 1969-

Dearest Dad,

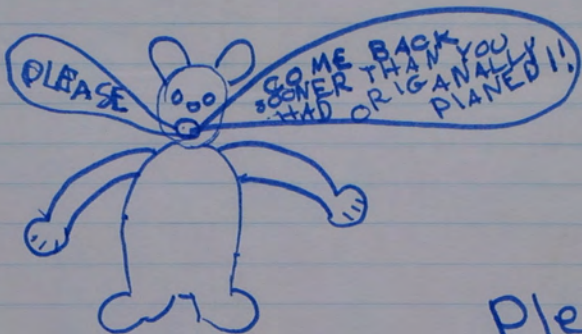
Your letter brought the news I had been longing to hear: the news of your marriage to Alice and the happiness you both now share. I send you both my most heartfelt good wishes and deepest love. I was so very, very pleased to hear the news. The wedding sounds just right, just the way I would have handled it in your shoes. And now to think you have each other to share your thoughts and experiences and life together; I can't tell you of the happiness I feel for you both.

There is so much to discuss, I hardly know where to begin. For one thing I am terribly worried about Sal, and just don't know what is to be done. I really don't see how she can continue on this way, with this "engagement" for instance, and I don't see how you can keep on with it either. I just keep wondering what I can do to help, and do have a small suggestion. I wonder if, when I come down next summer, I couldn't take over for you and let you two have a trip and a rest from it. Really, I would be happy to do that. I feel, under the circumstances, it is not fair for us to all come down next summer and unload on you two. My in-laws say they would love to have my children while I go down, and I could get my work done and keep an ~~xxx~~ eye on things - perhaps you could go to Tegucigalpa on Europe or something. There will be other summers and I feel right now this solution ~~xx~~ might be the best for everyone. I do want very much to have this experience with Dr. Shook, but I can be or stay anywhere - it doesn't matter one bit and I want you to feel sure about that. You work out what is best for you. I feel it is a small thing we can each do to relieve you of the load for a little bit.

The other thing I want to discuss is the long talk I had with my advisor, Dr. Graham, a few days ago. He really is such a help to me, I admire him tremendously. He is helping me look ahead a little, and even suggested that I be thinking about my fields of study for the Ph.D. I had not thought of this at all, and still feel extremely dubious that I could get in the program. Anyway, pursuing his line of thinking, he suggests I try to work ecology into my research, and to take plenty of time about this - not rush but continue taking all the courses I can without loading up too heavily. He thinks my work with Dr. Shook will be invaluable to my education; says he is a very smart man and that I can get more ~~xxx~~ from that than anything up here. Then he told me that he is trying to line up a field course for next winter excavating at Copan, and that if it works out, I can go on that. Isn't that exciting. He has talked to Nuñez of the Archeological Institute of Honduras (if that is the correct name) who seems most interested in the idea, but you know how it goes - has difficulty in securing rapid communication about it. The last he heard it was to be presented before a meeting (I think in Tegucigalpa) to get the permission to undertake this. Dr. Heizer will be in on it too. I thought perhaps ~~wiki~~ while you are there, if you ever run across this Nuñez, you might impress him with the good record and qualifications of Dr. Graham. Dr. Graham

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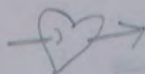
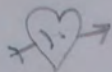
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Wednesday

Dear Mother,

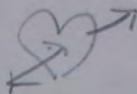
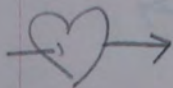


I didn't know if I should write you today or on another, but I just had to write you now. I got your letter today. It sounds like Mexico is a nice place. I hope we can go this summer.



I meant to ask you before you left what day will you be back? It has been pretty fun here but not as fun as it is with you here. I sure envy you eating all those tacos and mashed beans. I love the picture you drew of "Me in Mexico". It was very over!





I still have not
gotten the pictures that
were taken at school.
I hope they will turn
out well. It sure
seems funny that
you are two hours ahead
in time in Mexico. At
school we are going
to make safety posters.
My slogan is going
to be "Don't Walk Behind
Horses." Do you think
that is a good one? I
hope so. Today I went
to Ballet and had
a pretty good lesson.

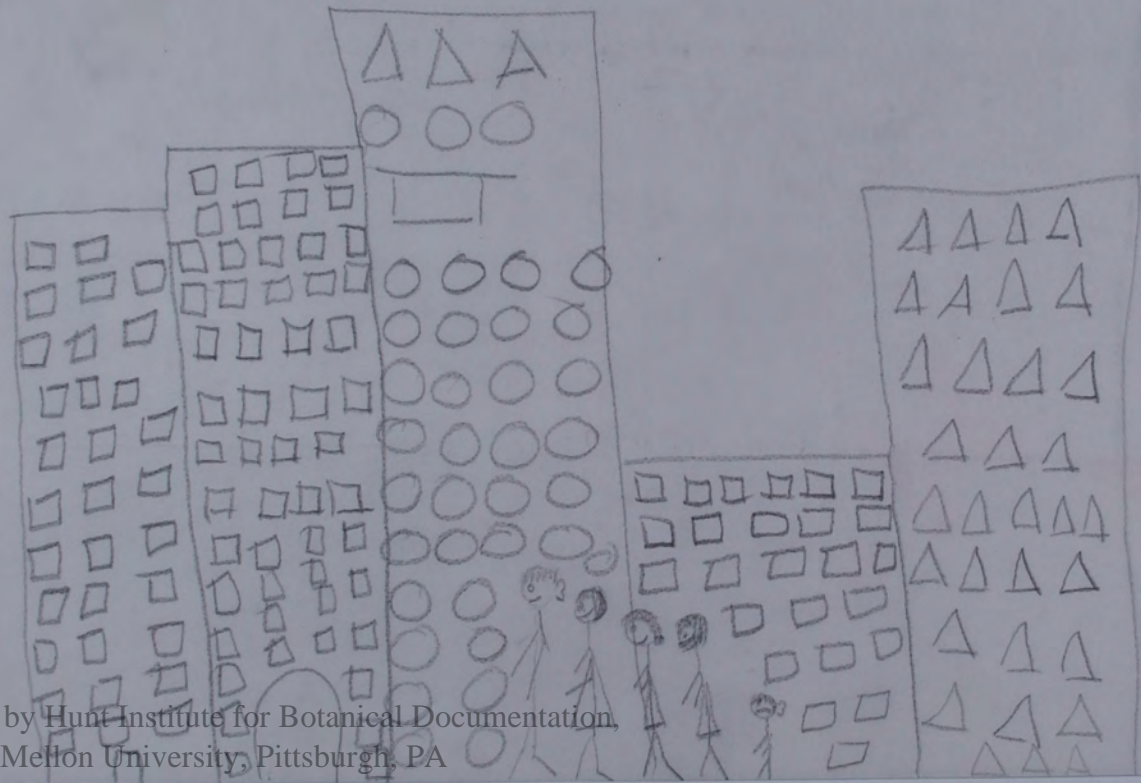
Floods of LOVE,

Love
Carolyn

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OOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO



Shopping in
San Francisco!





The rain is going
to ruin my natural
curly hair! NO!!

P.S. Sorry I had to use this
piece of paper but I couldn't
find any other paper.

12 January [1970]

Dearest Dad,

When we returned from spending the holidays in Bakersfield, your letter and check was waiting for us. Thank you so very, very much for it. I bought the children each a little Timex watch which they needed and put the rest aside for use at a later date. I really do appreciate the money.

We trust you had a nice Christmas. I know Alice must have made everything so lovely. I'm so glad Hugh got there, too.

Things here are progressing. I'm not taking courses this quarter, as I finished up in December. I was surprised to get an A- in that awful Linguistics course. However, I don't feel I know much about the subject, ^{but} some of the material will be useful to me sometime, I think. I am spending this time now getting ready for the field trip and learning some things I haven't had time for. I've been reading a lot about astronomy, and with Uncle Knowles' help think I finally understand how all that works - solstices, etc., the ecliptic, how the planets appear, etc. I also am studying Thompson's Maya Hieroglyphic Writing, which is a magnificent work, and slow-going. I'm also working along on the potsherds and have a little job typing cards for the Archaeological Research Facility here. Dr. Heizer got me the job, ~~same~~ pay rate as before; the job on the Bibliography fizzled out because he found he just didn't have the time to work on it right now. He says the ARF will also pay me to do the Coban job, but I really don't feel I can charge them for my time on that right now, as it is a long, slow process without very concrete results, and I don't feel I am near ready to start describing them. Perhaps after next summer I may be able to do that.

I am going to write Ed, ^{Steve} but don't know if I will get to it today, so I'll send all the news along to you. I guess he is only there on weekends now anyway. A wonderful letter just arrived from ~~him~~ ^{him} it was so interesting and I have shared it with both Heizer and Graham. Finding that astronomical observatory will be the sensational thing about the whole Monte Alto project, I think.

The field trip to Mexico is now set for me to fly from here on 16 Feb. The students (all male) are driving down earlier, and I will meet them in Mexico City on that date. One other wife is going, we will go down together. We'll spend about two days in the City seeing the Museum and other things, then take off to see the sites in Oaxaca, Veracruz and Palenque. I will spend about two weeks with them and then fly to Guatemala, possibly getting a flight from Villahermosa. Then I will go do the dig at Coban which Ed said earlier should be no more than a matter of a few days. Time is going to be a little bit of a factor as I don't want to be gone too long. There is a possibility that Drs. Heizer and Graham will fly to Guatemala at the same time I do, and go down to see Monte Albán. They will only be in Guatemala a couple of days and then will go to Balvador to Chachalhuapa. They said I could go with them to Monte Albán, as I would like to see it being excavated and also see the observatory. However, I'm just not sure about the timing on all this. It may be that I will leave Mexico earlier than Heizer and Graham

to get on with the Coban work. However, just in case it works out that we all come together (the three of us), do you think it would be at all possible to come straight to Antigua that night, and drive the VW down to MA the next day, come back that night, and go back to the city the next day, where, I presume I can get together with Joanie Hempstead and go up to Coban. I will write her very shortly too. The date of our arrival should be about 1 March. Do let me know how you would feel about this plan, as there are a number of ways it can be worked out. Right now Heizer and Graham are planning to stay in Guatemala City, and take a car from there.

I will keep you informed of exact dates and all. At this stage of planning things can still change. I think I have lined up a very nice woman to ~~stay~~ stay with the children.

Uncle Knowles flew to Washington this morning for a ~~week~~. ^{Tonight} Edith will come over for dinner. We had a family get-together on Saturday with them, Nancy and family, and Chuck and Helen. Chuck was out for a week's schooling on some sort of computer science that I don't understand. He and Helen are very well and it was grand to see them again.

Everything is all set for Graduate School in March. Dr. Heizer says they are treating me now as a graduate student, a "pre-graduate" and on that basis get give me the funds to accompany the field trip.

I will keep you informed of plans here as they materialize. I will be so interested to hear your views. Also any news of Hugh and Sally. Give dear Alice our love from the three of us, and much also to you,

Mason
[Hatch]

14 January 1970

Dearest Dad,

Since my last letter to you the plans have changed slightly, although dates are still not settled. The main thing now is to see what date Joanie Hempstead would prefer that I come, so I enclose a letter to her. I find that I do not have her address (I must have it somewhere but can't find it), so would you please forward it to her? ~~xxx~~ Everything now awaits her answer.

Drs. Heizer and Graham have now decided to ~~stay~~ in Mexico City for a few days to give the students some experience excavating burials at Tlateloco. I'm not terribly interested in this part, and they do not feel it is important for me, so now I will join them on Feb. 19 instead of Feb. 16 as I had planned. It would work out a little better for me to go to Coban first, about Feb. 12, and do the work there and then meet the field group in Mexico City on the 19th. Ed said the Coban dig would be only a matter of three days, and I think if we can get the material out and stored in labeled bags, we can store them in Ed's lab until June. However, if Joanie wants me to do the work about March 3rd, I will do that instead. The main thing is that I want to get as much done ~~xx~~ ~~x~~ in as little time as possible because I don't want to be gone any longer than I have to.

If I go to Coban first, and then to Mexico, there is still the possibility that I would accompany Heizer and Graham back to Guatemala, just to go down to see Monte Alto. It all depends on the funds they will be able to supply and what they urge me to do. Right now they are urging me to see Monte Alto, but if I do not get there on this trip, I could always go down next summer and see what more has been done.

At any rate it does not look like I'll be able to spend much time in Antigua. It is so costly to have the children cared for here that I am trying to keep the trip to about 3 weeks in length. I have written Ed of my plans, to be sure they sound workable to him, since he has seen the site at Coban and knows the set-up there.

I would ~~ask~~ like to ask a favor of you, if it is convenient for you, and that is to take some things over to Joanie's sometime when you are going into town. In the Armario in the big bedroom, I left some things in a drawer ~~in it~~. It is the Armario on the side of the room towards the kitchen (the bedroom with the two double beds). In the drawer on the left you should find 3 trowels, a large tape measure, and a penknife. Could you take these to Joanie's house, as we will need them for the dig, and I'm afraid I may not get out to Antigua before going up to Coban. Anytime before Feb. 12 will be fine. I have written her that you will bring them over.

Yesterday I ran into Dr. Graham on campus, and he informed me that the Graduate Division has officially accepted me for admission in March. So that is quite definite now.

It is the rainy season here now and it has been pouring all week. Yesterday I discovered a great puddle of water behind the heating unit, but our very good, and economical, handyman came right out and found the shield over the pipe vent that goes out through the roof had blown off ~~the~~ and the rain was running in through the opening. He fixed it and are quite waterproof again. He says we have a good roof and so far there are no signs of leaks anywhere.

Edith was over for dinner a few nights ago and it was nice having her. Uncle Knowles comes back from Washington tomorrow. They will be gone for two weeks or more to Los Angeles in the middle of February. I believe they are planning a trip to Japan in May or June.

All of us are well here. I have been thinking so much of Alice, for I am in the process of putting new binding on a blanket (the old completely disintegrated) and I remember so vividly all her baskets of this sort last summer and how nice it all was.

Much, much love to you both,

marion
[Hatch]

P.S. It just occurred to me that you might be in Honduras again, so I sent a copy of my letter to ~~Nannie to give to~~ Joanie in care of Nannie in the city. That way she should get the letter, one way or another.

Friday [Feb. 1970]

Dearest Dad,

This evening Ba-Sis and group arrived, and they tell me they are going to Antigua on Sunday, so it seems a good chance to get word to you.

All is going pretty well now. The weather has been good and that is the real blessing. I had some disappointments at the beginning. First, the jeep broke down the first morning. (I don't think it was me, for it seemed to just fall apart, but I felt Terribera about it). Now I use the Dodge which gets me to Chipoc, and then walk about a kilometer to the site.

The main disappointment was that people have been digging in the pit, and it makes a controlled dig virtually impossible. Also, the workers have been using the side that Joanie dug as a latrine. However, we have overcome these obstacles and are forging ahead as best we can. Vicente tells me of an untouched pit, but it seems better to finish up with what we have already started. I am making some control of levels, and ~~washing~~ washing and sorting as we go. I have two excellent, smart Quekchi boys, and am able to learn a little Quekchi and ethnography from them. We have a pleasant relationship, and all is smooth. We're really working hard; I try to get there at 8:00, take a lunch, and return after five, but we are well over half-way through now.

I hope to come back on Tuesday or Wednesday and will send a wire. I hope to head for California on Friday, March 12.

Dona Tulu is so sweet to me. She really is a dear. My only fear is that I am troubling her too much - having to arrange meals and all.

No one seems to have any ideas to solve Sally's problem. I'm awfully anxious to hear what has developed since I left.

All my love to Alice. I wish you many happy returns on your birthday. And I'll be so glad to see you both again.

Love,
Mauron

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3 February 1970

Dearest Dad,

Again I am writing you with a copy, one to Antigua and one to Zamorano. Your letter of Jan. 26 arrived yesterday, and I presume that by now you have my letter stating that the much appreciated check did reach me, and that you have the news that I planned to arrive around the first of March.

Today I went to a meeting with Drs. Heizer and Graham, and the latest of their plans is that they have cancelled the idea of their going to Guatemala and Honduras because of the political troubles that are going on. Dr. Heizer says that constitutional law has been suspended in Guate, and that there is some trouble, also constitutional elections on March 1. However, I am still coming, no matter what, I am proceeding with my plans to come to Guate. around the beginning of March, unless they close all borders, which I doubt will happen. ~~Veracruz~~ ~~is~~ The plan now is that they will spend the whole time in Mexico, and I will accompany them from here on Feb. 15, and will stay with the group for about two weeks until I am in a convenient place to catch a plane for Guate, either from Veracruz or Oaxaca. I would like to see Oaxaca and Palenque, but will see how the time is going and what is convenient. Around the beginning of March I will try to get to Guate., and will keep you informed, probably by telegram as to when I will be coming. Joanie says Avietaca leaves every day at noon for Coban, so it might work out that I can fly to Coban that very day I arrive, if it suits the Hempsteads and the timing is right. I am looking forward to continuing this project, and as you advise, in your letter, I will do everything in my power to continue this work I am in and which interests me so much. The only thing that I would ~~be~~ not do is to cause any real hardship on the children, but as for any hardship for me, I do not care about that; I only want to pursue this work.

I really appreciate your taking the equipment to Joanie. How much I thank you for including a compass. Mine here seems to have the needle jammed, and I was wondering whether I should buy a cheap one to take down, or count on being able to borrow one down there. So thank you from the bottom of my heart. Ahho, I found my knife, so that is a blessing.

I am writing Joanie of my plans to arrive and also Ed Shock, so that every one will be informed. I rather imagine it may be necessary to stay one night in Guate. City in order to get in touch with Joanie and pick up the gear. I'm sure I can stay with one of my friends in town.

What disturbing news about Sally, getting worse and having hallucinations. I do not see how you are going to be able to continue handling this, the constant worry of it, and it seems that eventually we will just run out of solutions. I do hope it isn't too bad right now. One never knows how she is going to be from one day to the next. The idea of paying the bills to have her meals at Rosario sounds good; at least she can eat when she needs to, and hold down on the beer.

Dad, I can't tell you how much your backing and encouragement means to me. You have made so much possible for me, and I can tell you I will do my very utmost to utilize the opportunities that have been given me. I know this interest is what life holds for me now, and this is what I want to build on.

I will be anxious to hear if you are in Honduras, or how bad the situation is and how it affects you. Ex I hope you and Alice and Kitty are well, and my love to all of you,

M. Nixon

Friday

[March, 1970]

Dearest Dad,

As I was about to write you, the interesting letter arrived from you in the mail, so I will answer it at once. I am always so interested to hear the news of Sally, as I'm afraid anything with her can change drastically from day to day. It is disappointing that she cannot cooperate at all with ^{her} drinking, ~~but~~ I guess there is not much that you can do about that, and I think if I were there I probably would have agreed with Alice to go ahead and let her have as much as she wants. Otherwise it is an endless battle. Sometimes it seems like it would almost help if she gets worse, the way it is there just seems to be no solution for her. I hope the day is not far ~~xx~~ off when we can put her into some sort of permanent, private care. I had a long talk with Paul and Betty, and they are in complete agreement with you; they feel everyone has tried with her, and every approach has been tried, and that she is absolutely incapable of pulling herself out of this. I guess they have finally given up the idea that all she needs is love.

The trip back was not too bad. Uncle Knowles and Edith were away, down at Santa Cruz, and the ~~buses~~ buses in San Francisco were on strike, so I decided to take the 7:30 helicopter to Berkeley. After sitting in the airport all night, the helicopter finally came, but it had hit a bird which dented the propeller so they had to send me by cab. In the meantime they lost my suitcase, but that was finally located, after which I had misplaced that book I had so carefully ~~bx~~ carried by hand (Thompson's Hieroglyphic Writing), but after my first panic, I found it, and finally got home. I would have been better off to take the cab as soon as I got in; I think I will do that the next time.

The children were well and everything went smoothly here. ~~Their~~ Their chief complaint was about the cooking while I was gone, and from their descriptions it does sound pretty bad, but at least it makes my cooking seem good by contrast. I think they had good care. Edith and Knowles are well and things going well also for Nancy.

I saw my professors, Graham and Heizer, and reported on my dig and they were very interested. The big news was that I found out that I have been awarded a grant (Special Career Fellowship in Humanities and Social Science) for 15 quarters (five years) of study toward the Ph.D. It will give me almost \$3000 a year (about \$980 per quarter, and ~~the~~ I will put in three quarters a year - summers will be spent in Guatemala). So that is very nice. It is provided so that I can put in full time on study and research, and there is the stipulation that I cannot take on a part time job except with the consent of my advisor (Dr. Graham). So I guess I'm pretty well set now to get going.

Since my return I ~~sk~~ have been putting in all my available time on the potsherds. They are extremely interesting and I have been able to find many, many fitters; and this is before I have yet opened all the bags, or combined the new ones with ~~an~~ what I had ~~in~~ originally. My only problem is that I can't leave it alone, and find I am working with these to the exclusion of everything else. ~~xx~~ One gets so absorbed th at hours can go by without one being aware of anything.

Dr. Heizer said that ~~ix~~ he heard from Rainer Berger about the Radiocarbon dates from Monte Alto, and that the latter is sending the information on to Ed Shook. If Ed has not heard from him yet, you might tell him that the news ^{(will) be} a bit disappointing for some ^{people}. All the samples date to 1600 to 1800 BP, or 100-300 A.D., which puts them in late pre-Classic to beginning early Classic times. I will be interested to hear what Ed says, if this fits with his originally estimate for these samples. Also what bearing they have on the area he is digging now, the part with the astronomical observatory.

Also tell Ed that Dr. Heizer was very interested in what Ed outlined for the Papalhuapa site. I didn't mention anything about myself having a part in it, but Dr. Heizer thinks he might do the dig, as he says he has some free time coming. His other thought is to spend the time doing one last excavation at La Venta which will more or less wrap ~~that~~ up that study for him.

I do not register until March 31, ~~it~~ so I guess we'll go down and spend Easter with the family in Bakersfield. I don't know when we'll get down there again, the earliest would be at the end of next summer, but it might not be until next Christmas/ I always dread the trip a little; I've decided to drive it this time, that seems to be the easiest and least expensive when the weather is nice. We will get off early tomorrow morning.

When I unpacked the suitcase, the paid one that you gave me, I found a pair of eyeglasses in the pocket. They are bifocals, ~~x~~ in an alligator case which says "Bechum's, Gainesville, Fla." If you have been looking for these, I can mail them to you while you are up here in the U.S.

My Social Security number is 578-48-0692. My feeling is that if that money is put in my name, it should be with the understanding that it will be for family needs and to keep the house in Antigua running..

I'm glad you and Alice got away for a couple of days at Atitlan, It must have been so relaxing and just what you needed. You ought to make that a regular habit.

I guess that is about all the news at this point. I imagine I may be talking to you by phone after Easter. We will be back here on March 31.

It certainly was a wonderful treat to be with you and Alice in Antigua so recently. How I love being there with you. I feel so fortunate to have that experience.

All our love to you both,

Thavin
[Hatch]

Thursday, 7 May [1970]

Dearest Dad,

By now you must be happily back in Antigua with Alice, and I hope everything is fine. I didn't realize you were going to stay in Florida so long, and when I received your last note, I had thought you had already been back in Antigua for some time. I hope the visit with Uncle Paul ~~xxx~~ was good, and that you got your strength back from that bout with the flu.

We are expecting to see ~~xxxx~~ Hugh perhaps next weekend; the family here will all get together for it and that should be a very happy event.

The news around here is quite gloomy - the move into Cambodia (the day before I had talked to some Marines about the international situation, and they informed me that as far as the Marine Corps was concerned the war was over; promotions were frozen, there were to be heavy cutbacks, and the Marines brought home, leaving the army there like in Korea. The very next day we entered Cambodia! And it looks like it has really been a mistake). Anyway, then the shootings in Kent, Ohio, (I've always felt bringing in the National Guard on these campuses only aggravates the problem). The University here is closed until Sunday, with some rumor that it may be closed for the rest of the quarter - I can't believe it but apparently anything can happen these days.

The faculty is torn apart over the strike issue. Dr. Heizer was the first to support the closing, or at least the cancelling of classes. At the same time Dr. Graham was defiantly in his office, protesting the strike and ~~xxx~~ resentful of the fact that the statement spoke for all of them as though they all agreed - he feels the closing of the Univ. shows a lack of responsibility of the faculty. However, he told me not to come on campus, not even ^{to} the library, because of too many lunatics running around; he feels it is unsafe. Apparently there was an attempted arson the night before in the Old World Prehistory building, where Dr. Desmond Clark is, although he did not know the extent of the damage. It seems like the whole world has gone ~~is~~ absolutely mad. Things don't sound very good either where you are.

However, I do have a piece of happy news. Dr. Graham told me yesterday that I have won the McCown Prize, which is a prize awarded every year by the Dept. of Anthropology here to the best undergraduate, based on scholastic achievement and highest recommendations by the faculty. I am so thrilled and appreciative. ~~Also~~ Also, as of this year, they have added a \$100 check to the award, so that is in the mail, and my name will be engraved on a plaque in the Gifford Room, which is the social gathering place of Kroeber Hall, our building.

Frankly, I don't feel I've done anything to earn this, but I don't know how these things are decided. The check means a lot to me, because I feel I can buy The Handbook of Middle American Indians with it (\$15 per volume), which I have wanted for a long time, and that will always mean the prize to me.

Also I have been elected into Phi Beta Kappa. The initiation was to be last night, but was cancelled because of all the trouble on campus, but I received the materials on it. I really like what they stand for, of which I will tell you. The ~~maxk~~ Greek initials mean "Love of wisdom the guide of life." This is supplemented by the motto "Per aspera ad astra" and the picture on the key is a finger pointing to three stars. In the pamphlet, at the very beginning a passage from an essay by Woodrow Wilson is quoted, which includes:

"The educated man is to be discovered by his point of view, by the temper of his mind, by his attitude towards life and his fair way of thinking. He can see, he can discriminate, he can combine ideas and perceive whither they lead; he has insight and comprehension. His mind is a practised instrument of appreciation. He is more apt to contribute light than heat to a discussion, and will oftener than another show the power of uniting the elements of a difficult subject in a whole view; he has the knowledge of the world which no one can have who knows only his own generation or only his own task."

Then there is a little admonition too to see to it that this not be the only honor by which you are remembered!

It seems funny to think I have graduated this year; for me it is only the very beginning. As I look back, I really have been working toward getting into graduate school for a good number of years. There is a long road ahead, and an infinite amount to be learned of which I have tapped so little. I heard a good quote the other day: "No matter how much you learn, the amount left to be learned never decreases" or something to that effect, stated a little better.

~~Ever~~ All the family here is well; we've seen Edith and Knowles a number of times and enjoy having them nearby so much. They are fun to be with and a lot of company for us. It is just right. Nancy seems well and staying extremely busy. It looks like we'll get away from here about June 15th now. School is out late this year; as to my schedule, that may be over quite a bit sooner, but we just don't know what will happen yet.

I'm wondering how Sally is getting along. I have that name of the institution in England; apparently they take all kinds of cases on a permanent basis. Even though it seems like an unlikely solution, I still feel we ought to have a list of names of places of this sort, so that in the event of a real emergency, we can immediately start action on something, and not have to start looking at that point. Costa Rica does seem like the best solution, but it is good to have some other names too. You just can't tell what might happen.

I want to get a note off to Ed Shook, ~~xxx~~ so will close now, sending you both all our love and hopes you are well and things going smoothly. I'm hoping you have everything set for your trip, you both need that so much.

Love always,

Melion [Hatch]

I didn't know my brother Hugh is an art collector. I'm so impressed!
Also I hung the newspaper article up in our lab, so everyone will know the "latest word on the Olmecs!" Thanks so much for the news items.

Saturday, 9 May [1970]

Dearest Dad,

Your sobering letter arrived yesterday, with the latest about Sally. I suppose by now you have returned from Costa Rica, and my most fervent hopes are that it is all settled. One feels so terrible for poor Sally, but it was obvious the breaking point was going to come, and soon. All we can really ask for now is that she be in a safe place, with permanent day and night care. I can't understand why Leonor didn't do more to help her out in that bad siege. It should be obvious to all now that Sally is absolutely incapable of managing her life at all. You and Alice have been just heroic, I think. I've always felt everyone sort of pulled out of it and dumped it on you, though Lord knows there just wasn't anything that anyone could do. It has been a superhuman task for the two of you, and I hope you can have a long and happy vacation now. I'm sure it was ~~xxxx~~ an ordeal to get her to Costa Rica, and must have been emotionally exhausting. I just hope so much that it is over for you now. It has been so wonderful of Alice too to bear all of that burden with you and us. I will be anxious to get the facts of how things are there, and when we know for sure that she is in Chapui, we can relax too.

The news of the little house sounds so exciting. How good of Ed to take such an interest! It sounds absolutely charming and I can't wait to see it. And to think of having a little private place there to work and be on our own - I really am excited.

As to the details of the finances, I will keep all that so I will know what has transpired. I still feel very strongly however, that that money is not mine but yours and the family's, regardless of what the lawyer says. It should be kept for family needs, and the expenses of the House downtown. Another thing, I really do not know what Nancy's financial situation is, but I feel the prospects of her ever going to work are not good. She is not being trained for anything and is not getting younger, and is not strong. At my present rate, I will have a job almost guaranteed when I finish - in teaching if nothing else, though I hope field research will be part of it. That should be in about 4 years. Meanwhile, the scholarship I am on fulfills our needs not covered by my widow's pension and social security. Also, I feel if I take the dividends, I would have to pay income tax on that. But that is not the point; I really want to know how I feel about the whole matter.

When you have had the chance to relax and recuperate from the Costa Rica trip, would you let me know if Ed Shook mentioned his reaction at all to the papers that I sent him. I don't want an answer from him, because I will be seeing him very shortly now and he is so busy, but I'd be interested if his ~~xxxx~~ reaction was positive or negative. I haven't been able to find anybody that will really discuss the ideas with me, so I wrote him, and I will be

I thought I could talk about the papers during
the summer when I get down, although
(It may be that they are not worth discussing?)

not only interested, but very influenced by what Ed thinks.

Edith and Knowles were over for dinner last night and it was very nice to have them. They are stopping by to see Nancy tomorrow on the way to Sta. Cruz. They really do stay busy going to one thing and another.

No change so far here on the campus, but we should know something on Monday. I went down for some errands on Thursday, and the campus seemed quite normal, in spite of the strike.

The children are well and growing fast. Carolyn (4th grade) has just joined the Great Books Discussion Group - get that! She loves to read.

All our love to both
you and Alice,

Marian [Hatch]

P. S. One of the things I wanted to discuss, is that I am thinking of bringing Nancy's Marianita down to Antigua with ~~xxx~~ us this summer. She is a help in finding projects for the children to do, as my children are quite shy about meeting people and going anywhere by themselves. Nancy and I thought it might be nice for me to have the children for half of the summer, and then they could all go back together to her house and she would have all the children for the last part. Then I could put in some really hard work and extra hours before coming back myself. I know it makes for more people in the house, but I thought if it would help ease Concha's load at all, we could easily make our own breakfast there in the new kitchen, and probably also our supper. It would be no problem to us.

29 September 1970

Dearest Dad and Alice,

As I sat down to write this the mail arrived with your last letter asking about putting more glass bricks in the rooms, so that was well-timed. It is good to know you are back safe and sound and everything well in Antigua.

I have been very busy for the last couple of weeks writing a paper, but I finished it over the weekend and can now get back to writing letters and catching up on other things. I am anxious to know how my professors will react to my paper, or whether my efforts have been wasted. It is so confounded hard to see anybody here. Everyone has been away all summer and now that they are back, they are busy on correspondence and no one is around. Classes begin next week, I hope I will know by then what is available and what I will be able to take.

As to the question about more light, I agree with you wholeheartedly. It's a funny thing, but Juan said you didn't think there should be more light in the bedroom, that is why I went easy on it. He talked about the moonlight coming in, I'm beginning to think he doesn't want more light. If I get more "looney" than I am now, it won't be because of the moonbeams in the bedroom; I think the moonlight would be nice. But I am in full accord with more light in the bedroom and dining room. Also, I will check into water heaters here; we'll begin with Sears and see what they have. Did you look at the little electric ones in Antigua; I can't remember the name of the shop, but Concha knows, and says they are small, electric, and cost \$45. Juan wasn't sure if they are really good; I think he knows someone who was having a lot of trouble with one.

It was sad to hear that Mr. Kempton died. It's funny how you suspected that. I hope she is set up all right in her new surroundings, and finds a satisfactory type of life.

I can't remember where I was when I last wrote, but I don't know if you have heard that Uncle Knowles, who is in good shape now, fell off the roof a couple of weeks ago and has three compressed vertebrae. He was in the hospital immobilized but now is up and about wearing a cast on his hips, but very comfortable and mending very well. Edith took marvelous care of him; it is so fortunate he has her now and they have such a good life together.

*[Ryerson]

No one ever hears from Hugh, so you mustn't feel that it is neglect on his part for never writing; that is just a trait of his, and everyone, I think, feels a little slighted by it, but it is just the way he is. I only hear when Uncle Knowles phones him, and I just happened to be close enough to hear about it. As I understand it, after Hugh's visit to Costa Rica, he says that Sally is better than she has been in a long, long time, but still has moments when she doesn't seem quite rational. Nancy had a letter from her in which she sounded quite well, asking of the children and Ed; she hasn't been interested in them for a long time. I thought her letters seemed a little more normal towards the end of the summer. My big fear while you were gone was that the Dr. really was talking of releasing her, as she kept saying, but now as I understand it, the arrangement you made with him was that she would stay a full year, which was really a wise move. Hugh says ^(see Dr.) he absolutely cannot give any prognosis at all as to how she is or how ~~long~~ she will be after this year.

Nancy and family are fine. She is looking more seriously for part-time work; she feels the children are old enough now for her to do this more easily.

I don't know if you have heard from Lilly Pokorny that we are trying to arrange to have Olga, her girl Carolyn's age, come up for six weeks to attend school with Carolyn. Lilly wants her to have to experience to learn English, and she would be no trouble for us; I would be glad to do it. She has helped all of us so much in the past. I went to the school today to talk to them, and find that ~~the~~ it is so crowded that they aren't sure they can take her, but will give me an answer Oct. 6. I sent Lilly a night letter, and put a letter in the mail this morning about it. The idea was for her to be with Carolyn. There is another school not too far away that I will check into, and then wait to hear what Lilly's feeling is on the subject.

Things have been busy here ~~what~~ with school starting, the gardening and cleaning after having been away, and working up the paper. By the end of the week, I should have a clear per picture about the immediate future, classes and all, and will write again at that time. I have enjoyed your letters so much; I'm always so interested in your comments on things, and it is such fun butting that little house into shape. I hope you are both well, and that all is in good shape at the house.

All our love to you both,

Maison

P.S. The Stock Certificate arrived from Amer. Security & Trust.

9 October [1970]

Dearest Dad,

Your letter of Oct. 3 arrived yesterday and I was very glad to get it; I am glad to know all is well there and will discuss some of the items you mentioned.

As to the State Street Investment Trust, I did receive a check for \$113 about in July, I think. Apparently it is continuing to come the way you had it set up, and I feel this is best. If the capital gain dividend was reinvested, I ~~wix~~ think the right thing is to keep it that way. The quarterly checks that are sent I will put in my checking account and that will pay the Income Tax on the stock every year, plus a little bit more. I figured it out once and ~~every~~ ^{everything} seems to work out just right the way you have it set up. In other words, the stock will be left as is, and the money I get on it will cover the cost of keeping it there, taxwise.

As to Nancy's situation, I really don't know how she stands. Edith thinks she made a mistake putting quite a bit of her money into stock (or something) which, now that the market is so low, means a considerably smaller return on her money than she anticipated. I've asked her ^{several} ~~several~~ times if she feels she has to work for the money, and she always assures me that she does not, but wants to be heading into something as a permanent occupation, and that any extra money always helps especially with college expenses coming with the children. I think she felt the Hawaii trip was quite a reasonable offer; they went for a week to Kauai and she thought it was quite a bargain.

Uncle Knowles is home now, in a cast that he can walk around in. He seems comfortable enough, but is having a lot of trouble with dizziness. He has been tested for all sorts of things, but they can't pin down the cause of it. The cast comes off in another week and a half and then I think they plan to try some different medicines. Edith is having a family get-together next weekend for his birthday, so I'll be able ~~xx~~ to see Nancy and family then as well.

I am returning Sally's letter to you. It is really ~~xxkx~~ pathetic to me, but there are several things that are different. It is the first time I've heard her talk about being pregnant when she got married. Also that she realizes ~~xx~~ she can't concentrate on anything. On the other hand, there is still a similar pattern in blaming everyone else for her problems; she is now understanding to you, but Ed is all bad. Now she says her children are out of her life, and how ungrateful they are; before it was how much they loved her and needed her. There are just swings of the pendulum. There just seems

nothing, nothing ahead for her. One thing that I feel she must be convinced of, is that there is no future for her as an artist. She admits she gets frustrated trying to paint, and goes off into escapes. The other thing is that she simply cannot hope to make a living by painting. Even the greatest artists starved themselves to buy supplies. She goes off into daydreams about what a future she could have had, how well she was doing at Scripps, what a great artist she could have been if only she had the chance. That sounds like Aunt Gertrude, and is not realistic. What is realistic, is that she can only handle the smallest of tasks, but even this would be a tremendous accomplishment in her life. The only thing she can do with art is to teach it, and to do that would require getting a credential (taking University education courses) and teaching art, probably, to children. But I feel quite hopeless about it; it would be a long hard pull for her, and she really seems unable to do very much. I feel she has got to be under, or very near, medical care, while living a simple and uncomplicated life as possible. I do hope so much that Chapui can keep her, and can really help her. She does seem to be thinking more clearly about things. Staying with Knowles and Edith is absolutely out; I know for a fact they are not willing and especially so now, and neither can she stay with Hugh. Antigua is no good for her, nor she for it. You and Alice have had more than your share of it all. This is the most heartbreaking thing, there is really no place for her and not much that she can do. Now she is complaining that Dr. Rucavado doesn't have "time" to talk to her; I wonder if he has a good idea of her case by now. As far as I know, Hugh didn't find out very much, except Sally was in better shape, and that the doctor ~~waxkax~~ was unable to give any kind of prognosis of how she would be or how long it would take.

In spite of all the above, I still feel we must give Sally some hope. She sounds quite desperate, and hope is all any of us can do. If she doesn't set her goals too high, maybe she can do something. I think she feels she has to be something really great for us all to be "proud" of her, as she says, but we would be so proud to see her ~~do anything~~ constructive, and stick to it. The question is, how really bad is she mentally.

Well, that is a depressing subject but one that is with all of us. On the brighter side, everything here is going well. It sounds like the little house down there is coming right along, nicely as ever.

Ed Shook should be coming back soon, I believe he told me about the middle of October was when he would return. When he does come, and you happen to see him, would you ask him if I could have a photograph of the newly found glyphs painted on the rock. He said I could have one last summer, then I forgot to get it before he left (he had the prints on the table).

I didn't feel right about just taking one after he left, but if he could give it to you, then you could send it with a letter when you have the time, and it would save him having to mail it. I hope he got the star chart which I ~~sent~~ sent to him in Harvard in offer of a trade. Find out also the exact place where these glyphs were found; I was telling Dr. Graham about them and forgot where they came from.

My ~~own~~ professors liked the paper that I wrote, and now I am working on correcting it and rewriting parts; then the Archaeological Facility here is going to publish it. I hope I can get it into good ~~shape~~ shape; it is going to be a lot of work but it is extremely interesting. Dr. Pogo, the astronomer in Pasadena, has been so much help, I have been completely dependent on him, and ~~although~~ although it turns out I am right in my original idea, it is only through him that we can get the ~~astronomical~~ ^{accurate} astronomical interpretation, and this in turn has carried us even further into the study. Dr. Heiser is helping me with the Olmec part of the paper, and Dr. Graham with the Maya parts, and we are all very interested in it. I will be working on this along with two seminars this quarter under Dr. Graham; one is a reading course on ancient Mexico, the other is independent study to learn Proskouriakoff's stylistic sequence in Maya sculpture.

It was too bad that it ~~did~~ did not work out to have Olga Pokorny with us. Lilly probably told you of all the trouble, that the schools here are so crowded they could not find room since every class has been filled to capacity. I feel most schools would have more cooperation from the principal than I did; I worked very hard to get her in, but all it ended with was in antagonizing the principal. It makes me very annoyed, because I feel so often the big things get overlooked and put aside because of small things, and rules and regulations become absolute at the expense of the individual. But that is life in the U.S. now. I prefer the pace in Antigua, and your laughing philosophy when you want to get something in the face of adversity "These things can be arranged." Anyway, Olga is with a nice family in Palo Alto, and we will have Olga for a visit. I too am so fond of Lilly and her family and they have been so kind to me I would have been glad to help them out.

I hear Garavito died in June. I didn't hear about it while I was down here, but a friend here told me of it.

I'll put this in the mail now. Talking about mail, I think your mail is getting through all right. But I question that one I sent you in Europe that you never got. It was a thick letter with lots of postage, and I wonder if it ever left the post office.

Much, much to both you and Alice,

Mason

2 November 1970

Dearest Dad,

I have been receiving your letters with great interest, and am a bit slow about answering them but have been thinking about them a great deal.

A couple of letters ago you mentioned that Alice had not been well since returning from Europe. I am concerned about her; is she better? Was it just fatigue? Perhaps she needs to have a little visit in Honduras; I think she misses it there and it might do her good. Were there any problems with the house or Concha when you got back? I hope whatever we did there last summer was all right. I hope Alice is feeling good again and not working too hard.

I have been a bit under the weather this last month. It has mainly been a stomach problem, but apparently it is just not going to go away, so today I went into the University medical clinic for students and they are doing some tests. I rather suspect I have picked up a parasite; if so, there is a specialist in tropical medicine there so there won't be any problem. I will be so grateful when I can get to feeling better again, and in a few days there should be some diagnosis so they can start treatment.

The news from Sally really sounds good. I had a letter today, as well as one from you. Also Knowles and Edith and Nancy have heard from her. She sounds like she is really getting strong again and encouraged with her art and so positive about the family; everything sounds better than ever before. I like the idea of her continuing as sort of an out-patient; taking art courses at the University there but in very close touch with the Doctor, at least for a while.

I want to tell you again that I fully expect to help out with Sally and Peter when the need comes. We can all share the load; I feel a very strong responsibility toward all of the family, and if we all pull together it won't be too much on any one. We just plan for that, and that is that. Whatever you feel is best for your "estate" is O.K. by me. I feel you and the lawyers know what is best. Foremost are the futures of Alice, Sally, and Peter. I've got some working years ahead of me and I think Nancy will be all right too. I'm not worried about us.

All is coming along well with my classes. I am doing a great deal of reading; sometimes I feel gluttonous - I can't get enough or read it fast enough. I feel in such a hurry to get everything learned, and there is so much to be done. Being a graduate student certainly beats being undergraduate;

to be able to spend all one's time on one's field of interest is just plain luxury. I finished the Proskourakoff study, handed in my estimate, and am now waiting to see if I got it right or if I need to do more work. Dr. Graham's seminars are excellent.

I was really surprised when I got your letter saying today that our little house won't be ready until July or August. Now, Dad, I don't want to offend you and Alice by saying this but I just really feel we will be too much for you to have for so long. I feel very strongly that we ought to take a little apartment at the Rosario; it isn't that expensive and then we wouldn't feel the strain of being under your feet, so to speak, and having all the extra work and commotion with us there. You and Alice are very busy, and a lot of people are coming and going; I honestly feel we should not be trying to live there too far that long a time. Now for me my children are perfectly easy, but I don't feel it is easy ~~for~~ to have other's children around all the time when you aren't used to it. I am ~~as~~ of course completely used to it and just work them right in to whatever I'm doing. My plan is to have them study in the mornings, on their correspondence courses which will finish up their school year here as well as cover some extra work over the summer that will ~~be~~ provide extra grounding for them. They are looking forward to being able to work on their own, and do their work by correspondence. Then they will each have an hour of Spanish a day. Then after lunch I want to arrange for them to spend several hours with the horses I intend to rent at Finca El Portal. I've looked into all this with Lilly and discussed it with the Finca. So if we had a little apartment at the Rosario, we could fix our own breakfasts and light suppers, eat lunch at that lunch room there. The children would study in the apartment, quietly by themselves, and take their Spanish. Then we'd have lunch together, then I'd send them off to the finca. At the end of the day I'd join them, we could come have a visit with you if convenient, then home for supper and bed. It sounds perfectly simple to me. There is also the possibility that they could study downstairs in the Shooks spare room (we discussed this with the Shooks) but I don't think it will be necessary. The Rosario is quite close to Ed, there is also the pool there and we'd be very comfortable. I'm afraid if we are there so long at the Casa Popenoe, you will worry about us, or Concha will get distracted, or ~~the~~ you will certainly have visitors from time to time. Talk to Alice about this; I think she will understand why I feel we should have a place at the Rosario. Then whenever the house is ready, we just move in. I plan to have only Dorothy and Carolyn; they know their way around down there now and should have enough to do to keep busy. Dorothy will take high school courses through the University here, and Carolyn will be on the Calvert system. It is all self-explanatory and I can help them where needed.

There should be more news in a few days, and I'll write again then. I hope you both are well,

Marian
[Hatch]

10 December [1970]

Dearest Dad,

By now you must be back in Antigua and I hope the visit to Honduras was a pleasant one and that you found things at the EAP in good shape.

You mention bringing the Lothrop's back with you. They must be the parents of Jane Lothrop, who I liked so much; she was on the ship with Kitty and I when we went to Europe in 1952. Sam Lothrop was really an outstanding archaeologist. I have read a good deal about him and of his work, all of which commands the greatest respect. I met Mrs. Lothrop, Jane's mother, briefly on the boat. If they are still there, give them my regards, and my very best also to Kitty. I wish I could see her again one of these days.

The quarter has come to an end and all is well here. I found out ~~ix~~ that my stomach trouble was some sort of fly that just seemed to hang on a long time. I am completely over it.

I can't remember if I told you that I had had to stop on the paper I was writing, as I ran into some problems. Now, with Dr. Pogo's help, we have solved it and I am back to work on a revised version of the paper. I don't know how long it will take, but plan to begin on it now as soon as I can, and see how it goes.

I want to ~~xxxx~~ thank you so much for the Christmas money. That was terribly nice of you and I will see that it goes for something worth while.

Yesterday I received ~~xxxxxxx~~ by registered mail from American Security and Trust Co. 667 shares of Lehman Corporation common stock, transferred to me from you. I had already received some shares last August which I placed in the safe at the Bank, and thought that was everything. Anyway this has now arrived and must be part of your original request. I will get them into the Bank to day with the others.

Uncle Knowles and Edith were over for dinner last night, and it was nice having them. They both seem very well. I guess we will spend the holidays in Bakersfield, leaving about the 20th. It is getting to be about the only time we can be with them and it seems to be a tradition to celebrate Christmas together. They always make it very nice.

No one here has heard from Sally for a while. She had been writing quite frequently to all the family. From your letter I gather she may have had a little set-back. I am afraid this is what we always have to keep in mind; it is just like Alice pointed out some time ago, and she was perfectly right: that Sally can seem so well and convince you that she is really on the right track again and seeing things so rationally but the very next day the whole thing can change and she'll be just the opposite. It just makes you reluctant to get too hopeful.

I think things will work out fine for us at the Rosario, but I don't think you should pay for the rent. That should be my responsibility, and I am going to rent the house here, and will also be getting my fellowship checks, so there should be no problem. The only thing I am wondering about is whether to plan on a servant. I thought I definitely would need one if we moved into our little house, but I imagine the apartment at the Rosario will be much smaller. I wonder if it wouldn't be more ~~six~~ satisfactory to just eat lunch out everyday, rather than having a maid do it for us. The main problem might be the laundry, and that depends on what kind of facilities there are at the Rosario. We can do our own, by bringing all drip-dry things, if there is a wash basin big enough for this in the apartment, and if there is a place to hang the laundry to dry. The sheets and towels could be sent out. If we cannot do it ourselves, I guess we will have to plan on a servant and then have her make the lunch as well and shop for the groceries at the market. Concha had brought a girl over last summer as a possible servant for us; I liked her very much. I would rather get along without one in that small place, but if we can't do our laundry, we will have to have outside help. Margot must have some kind of system for ~~handing~~ everyone's wash.

I'm going to get a letter off to Ed, so will close for now and write more very soon. The pressure of course work is off now, but there seem to be so many little things that have to be done.

I hope you both are well, and we send each of you all our love,

Mason [Hatch]

17 February 1973

Dearest Dad,

This letter is long overdue, and many apologies for that. It has been a terrifically heavy quarter and the end is not yet in sight, but I am managing to keep my head above water (just barely); however I'm behind in correspondence as a result.

The news of Sally was so welcome. I was so concerned about ~~ax~~ that ~~x~~ as I really was not very optimistic about what would be possible to arrange for her. I like Alice's idea of staying with the nuns tremendously, and you seem to have found just the right solution for her. She has written Nancy and sounds so enthusiastic. It hardly seems possible that she has been able to get so much better, after being so sick, and that now perhaps she can live a life that is close to normalcy, while being cared for, in a happy environment, and heading towards something constructive. ~~I~~ hope she will be able to manage this first step, taking one small thing at a time.

I have reservations to come to Guate. on March 16. We will have a serious overweight problem, but plan to call Panamerican to see what I can arrange as air freight, or something they have which avoids all of the extra pounds going with us at so much cost. The children will each have books for their courses, not to mention what I am bringing, (books) a part of which I'm returning to you. Also, I wanted to ask you what I need in the way of towels and sheets - what does Margot want us to supply? I can bring anything, but don't know what is advisable. I will bring an iron for I think we will need that. I will bring your geraniums in hand, which will be no problem. Uncle Knowles has them and they are not too bulky nor heavy. Let me know if there is anything else you want, besides chocolates and dried apricots which I will bring anyway.

I have not succeeded in renting the house yet, but feel something will be arranged ~~x~~ even though it may not be ideal; that is to say, even if I just get someone to take it and keep the gardens watered, not necessarily renting it. I wanted a professor and family, but (1) the University simply is not hiring ~~ix~~ due to cut-backs in funds (2) being spring quarter is not the time professors usually come in, and (3) it is rather a small house for a family, having only two real bedrooms. The answers I am getting are from groups of students, either bachelors or bachelors and their girl friends, and that is not really the type of people I want to ~~ix~~ turn the house

over to. It isn't that I frown so much on their morals, but I just don't think they would care for the house, or be as interested in maintaining it, as a wife with family would. Anyway, we'll just have to keep working on that.

Ex There has been so much to do these last months. Getting the house and gardens ready to leave, taking care of the children's arrangements for schooling the month ahead, and carrying a rather heavy load of reading at the same time. I am also working on ~~xxf~~ what I hope will be the final version of a paper on the Olmec for Dr. Heizer, which has been a tremendous amount of work; about 40 pages of writing, and I want very much to get that done before I leave.

Laura Popenoe is definitely planning on coming down about the middle of May. She just wants to come for a week to rest; is coming alone, and plans to stay at the Aurora. She prefers to come while we are there than not, but knows I'll be working, and she just wants to take it easy and wander around on her ~~xx~~ own, and soak up the environment. I don't think there will be any problem about that; it would be different if the whole family were there; I think she may want to do a little painting, perhaps.

I'm going to write Lilly as soon as I can, as we had talked earlier of having the children rent horses at Finca El Portal which is right next to the Azotea. I told her I'd let her know definitely about that, and I still feel very strongly that it would be the ideal thing for the children to be able to ride there. What I want to do is rent them each a horse for the 6 months; I don't care about the cost/ I think the experiences we had at that ~~xx~~ age of a horse of our own, and the hours spent caring for it and riding around in the quiet areas away from city life, was one of the most valuable parts of our childhood. I would like to give them a little bit of that. Of course, they will spend their mornings with their studies. Carolyn will take Spanish an hour a day with Angelina as she did before, and an hour a week of piano from her as well.

I have just written Ed telling him of our plans of arrival, etc. I will keep you informed as things get more definite.

We hope you are both well, and refreshed from your trip, which must have been quite tiring. I hope you found everything in good shape in Antigua.

We send our love to both of you,

Mason

10 September [1971]

Dearest Dad,

It was good to get your note and the clipping from Science; I haven't had the chance to read it yet, but am glad to have it and am anxious to read it. I'm so glad Alice was able to join you with the Greenmans and take the trip through the highlands. I guess you will be joining her now in Honduras, as you said you planned to go over and help her get things in order to rent the house. I hope all goes ~~satisfactorily~~ well (can't seem to get the right word there).

We arrived in Berkeley on the 1st. We had a good ~~wixi~~ visit in Bakersfield, but it was so good to finally get home. The house and gardens are in very good shape; I think I was really lucky with my tenants. They were a very nice couple. However, there is always a lot to do with the unpacking and extra cleaning and doing things in the yard. The children started school this week and all seems to be fine there; no questions are being asked (so far) concerning their work in Guatemala, and they don't seem to be having any ~~xxxx~~ trouble getting back in the swing of things here.

I remembered after I left Guatemala that I had arranged with Aurelia to get her friend with the car to take her and ~~xxxx~~ our things to Casa Popenoe, and we figured we would pay him one quetzal. We figured it would take two or three trips. Then I forgot to give her the quetzal, so I owe her that now. Could you send a quetzal to her via Concha or Juan? I hope they managed to get everything out of the Rosario without any problems. Did you get the bad back all right?

I've been down ~~kk~~ to the campus once, but nothing is going on and no one is around due to the vacation between quarters. I expect to see some professors this coming week and get my courses lined up for Fall.

Apparently Dr. Heizer used ~~xx~~ my paper last spring in his course on the Olmec, because some students have been asking me about it. I had a letter from an astronomer I correspond with occasionally; he had read the paper (I sent it to him) and found one error which I was glad to know about, and luckily it only involves one sentence which can be removed without having any bearing on the argument at all. He says he found it interesting, wants to continue receiving reports; he doesn't agree with some of the things, but not on grounds that they are wrong. I feel my arguments outweigh his in this case, since it is simply a matter of what one can imagine those ancient people were thinking.

Edith and Knowles are very well; I've seen them a couple of times. They are planning a two week excursion to the Caribbean around Thanksgiving (it is a package deal so they can't take a side trip to Guatemala). Then they plan a trip to Hawaii sometime next year I think. Edith received a letter from Hazel Borden; do you remember her, the one that lived with us at 401 Sligo Ave. for so many years. She is coming down to Guatemala on ~~in~~ a tour in October or thereabouts and wants to stop and see Casa Popenoe and you if possible, but won't have time to do much more than stop and say hello. I wanted to remind you ~~max~~ who she is so you can place her if you do see her when she comes by.

I talked to Nancy on the phone and everything is well there.

I'm very pessimistic as to whether Ed is going to get funds on backing on the Monte Alto Project. Things are so tight; even here at UC we are experiencing the same thing. None of the students can get grants anymore; the libraries are operating on much shorter time - no longer will be open at night or on weekends due to the budget cuts. It seems like everything is working against the project (Monte Alto) being able to continue. I haven't heard from Ed or how he is doing, but I just can't feel very hopeful. If he gets back (I believe it was to be October), let me know how things stand.

I'll write again after next week after which I should know more about the coming quarter. Instruction officially ends on Dec. 13, but I imagine I can get away sooner as I do not expect to have any exams. I think there will be one paper to write, but I'll know more about that after I see the professor.

Good luck to you and Alice getting things lined up on her house. Give her our love, and much to yourself as well,

Always,

Mellon
[Hatch]

29 February 1972

Dearest Dad,

This will just be a hasty note but I want to get it off in this morning's mail and I must hurry and get down to campus. Your letter arrived yesterday and I want to answer it briefly and then will write again later when there is more time.

I really feel it might be better for us not to plan to come down to Guatemala this summer. My main feeling is that I will be letting Ed down if I don't, but you do not seem to feel that this is the problem, and also I know myself that I have really done everything I could to help him in the last three years. And now, if I can't work it out to come again, I must let it go at that. I have already told him last summer, and recently by letter that I didn't think I could, and now I will write him a letter again explaining ~~xxx~~ that I definitely will not be coming down.

There is a great deal to be done up here as far as getting organized to do my dissertation, and the sooner I get on with the work, the better. Dr. Graham is back, and although he doesn't deny the rumour that he is leaving, he does say that his students will continue to be under him. I am going to see him in the next few days and see if I can get some definite idea about the program ~~xxx~~ ahead and what his feelings are about my dissertation.

I just wanted to get this off to you so you can get your plans organized accordingly, and to tell you that after thinking about it, I have made the decision to stay and work up here. I will write Ed to let him know too. I hope you and Alice are well and everything going smoothly.

Much love to Alice and yourself,

Mauon

24 March 1972

Dearest Dad,

It has been so nice of you to keep writing and letting me in on all the developments there. It has been tremendously helpful; I'm sorry not to have written sooner but the load has been quite heavy lately. My last final was last night, and I got my paper in on time, so now I have a week to catch up on other things before the spring classes begin.

My thoughts have been very much on the Monte Alto project and how things are going on it. For a while I was really feeling that I was letting Ed down by not coming down, but I just received a letter from him and he does not seem to be counting on my presence for a while. Fred Stross is back and I talked to him by phone; he reported that Ed could use any time I could spend there, and hoped I would come, but Ed's letter today put me at ease that it may be better to come when I can put in six months or so, and it does seem like having to move the lab in July will interfere with any kind of work on the material. So I think it is really for the best that I stay and get things done up here. Right now I feel that I have just pushed so hard for a number of years and I'm feeling quite tired and discouraged. Only one more quarter to go though of carrying the course load, and then I can get to work on something of my own, although I still feel like I don't know anything.

Mrs. Wiig talked to Dr. Heizer upon her return and said she had a wonderful time, and he told me that she offered to finance me to go down. From what you and Ed say there seems to be no rush about going, so that is good. That was awfully nice of her to do that. I would like so much to have the time to work quietly in Antigua, finishing the Project without the tremendous pressure of getting back to Berkeley hurriedly ~~and~~ just in time to load up with courses and frantically meet deadlines. I do hope it will be possible in a year or so to get back to the Monte Alto Project, that Ed will still be working on it, and that we can wrap it up and get the report out. I'd like to do that very much, but not right at this particular time.

I was rather perplexed by the copy of your letter to Jean Shevlin at Davis, as I was certain I knew of no one by that name. Then Dorothy pointed out that she was

quite sure that the girl was a friend of Marion Guillou, and therefore the confusion of the name. She thinks she is a girl who has worked with the Amigos de las Americas, interested in rendering aid in health - it impresses me as a better thing than the Peace Corps. These youngsters raise all the money by themselves and spend months at a time in out-of-the-way spots giving inoculations, etc. So that is all I know about the girl; the suggestion of staying at El Rosario would be the best thing, I agree. I really liked it there. Even though Margot is ~~xxxx~~ all business, she was certainly always nice to us and we had no problems at all - even with Mrs. Pokorny right next to us.

I have been very interested in this course on the Humid Tropics under Dr. Sternberg (Hugh's friend). It has explained so much about climate and terrain, and there has been a strong emphasis on agriculture. It has opened up so many new things - he is an excellent teacher. I may take another seminar from him next quarter, but am not sure if I will have the time. I've had some good talks with him about the subject of the tropics and my field of archaeology; I think he is going to be one who will be on the committee for my oral exams in the spring. The last time I saw him he asked me if I could get anything that either you or Hugh has published on growing temperate fruits at high elevations in the tropics? Could you send any? He wants them for his files.

Fred Stross really enjoyed his visit with you, and appreciated your time as he realized you were loaded down with visitors ~~xxxx~~ just then. I like Fred very much; he knows a lot and is very interesting, and also has a lot of enthusiasm about many things.

I'm not sure about our summer yet, but it looks like Carolyn may spend about two weeks at camp - June 21 to July 5. I might take the opportunity to make a quick trip to Mexico, primarily Oaxaca with another young student here who is interested. We are both interested in the subject of the Olmec, and Dr. Häizer said he could get letters of introduction for us from Ignacio Bernal so we could see and do anything we want. This student is an extremely intelligent and interested young fellow, and will be a handy escort if we want to get to remote spots.

Dorothy is spending next week with my in-laws which will be a nice change for her. Carolyn and I are staying to get things done here. I have to write three field statements and do some heavy cleaning and hard work; Carolyn will probably spend most of the time playing the piano and practicing ballet. I hope you have a good rest and pleasant stay in Honduras.

Much, much love to you and Alice,

Maïson

7 June 1972

Dearest Dad,

The pressure is finally off up here at Berkeley, and I am able to sit down and catch up on things that are long overdue, and get much needed letters written. All is well here. I had my oral examination on ~~Friday~~ Friday afternoon, and though it was an ordeal, it was not too bad, and I passed, and am now "advanced to candidacy" for the Ph.D. The exam lasted for about two and a half hours, during which five professors whom I had studied under each questioned me for about a half an hour. It was exhausting and a strain, but they were so nice to me and I think it all went fine.

I hope things are well in Antigua. Nancy will soon be with you and that will be nice for her and you, especially since it has been so long since she has been there. It is a good idea for her to visit Sally; it will mean so much to Sally to see her.

The problem now facing me concerns getting the dissertation subject organized. I have thought about it so much and weighed the pros and cons to every idea, and think I finally have something worked out. For quite a while I thought of doing a project using the ~~material~~ materials in the National Museum in Guatemala City, but finally decided it was just too risky, since I was not sure of the completeness of the collections, amount of time I would have to spend on it, type of accommodations I could work out for myself and the children, cost of living, etc. etc. My professors advised me that the best thing to do ^{would be to} ~~is~~ ^{find} the easiest and most workable project ~~I can find~~ which would be worth while and interesting to me, without any risks that I might get into ~~it~~ and have to make a major change in the middle of it. So I am ~~fix~~ going to do a library project up here; I have submitted the proposal and will know by tomorrow if it is acceptable to Dr. Graham who is my major advisor. Dr. Sternberg thinks he can get me some money from the Center for Latin American Studies (of which he is temporarily chairman) which will cover trips to libraries and museums in the U.S. and Mexico and Guatemala. What I want to do is to spend about six months or so here going through all the literature, then travel to museums where I need to fill in the gaps - about next January perhaps, spending about a month doing that. Nobody is able to get grants right now, so I will feel very lucky if I can get the money to do that. I had not even considered applying for a grant since they are getting so impossible to come by now. In the next few days I should have definite plans of what I will do, and will write Ed of the final decisions.

I had thought of perhaps finishing the dissertation and the Monte Alto project at the same time by spending from Jan. to Sept. in Guatemala. However, this now looks unlikely for a number

of reasons, some of which I mentioned above. I would really think it easier to live in the City if I were to do work in the museum, and have the children in school. The children could stay out of school for a year but I can see no point in doing that; my feeling is that they should be kept constructively busy, and there would be nothing ~~in~~ for Dorothy at Colegio Belen any more (they do not have her grade), and I think it would be an impossible situation to have the children taking the bus to the City every day; much easier for me to take the bus to Antigua as needed. Anyway, I have now decided the whole plan too difficult - having to rent the house here and not being sure when I would finish the work, and all of that. So I will write Ed that I don't ^{know} when I can get down, and will give him the details of my plans.

I'm rather afraid Ed is not going to get the NGS funding that he requested. Dr. Heizer was one asked by the NGS for advice on the matter, and he thought it was too much money with little guarantee that the Monte Alto project would be brought to completion with a major report out at the end of the year. He also felt by looking at the proposed budget that most of the money ~~xxxxx~~ (about 95%) would end up in Ed's pocket. I really feel so torn about it, because I really have faith in Ed, and yet who can guarantee what can get done in a year? If Ed could just get out an interim report, Progress Report I believe it is called, describing the investigation so far, it would encourage people to support him. I wish I could help him, but it is just so hard to fit in, and I feel I must finish my degree first, or the Univ. will lose its faith in me; they of course have no commitment, that is to say, they have nothing to gain by supporting me to finish the Monte Alto work. So, I'm going to forge ahead right now on the dissertation until I get it finished, then start thinking about other things. I still hope to eventually give Ed some help on the Project.

Could I ask you to send me a table cloth back with Nancy? I enclose a sample on the front of this letter. What I would like is the green weft thread, combined with the white warp thread, or vice versa, whatever the case may be. It gives the soft green color. If the Morans could weave it in time for her to bring back, that would be perfect. It should be about 36 inches wide, by about 52 inches long, just in the green and white. The decoration pattern doesn't matter, as long as they don't put any other colors in it; they are prone to add pinks and yellows and reds, which of course ruins it. I would appreciate it is so much if you will ask them to weave it, and I will cover the price of purchase. Thank you very much.

I enclose a ~~little~~ newspaper clipping of Carolyn in a little ballet performance at her school. Ballet is to her like archaeology is to me - her whole world. She really loves it.

She will be taking ~~XXXX~~ ballet lessons for a while this summer, after which she has signed up for tennis lessons given for children by the local community. She will spend two weeks at camp from June 21 to July 5. Dorothy is going to visit my in-laws during that time, so I will have the time then to do some needed things here. Then Dorothy plans to do some volunteer work at a hospital.

I plan to get caught up on many things now, in addition to starting the dissertation research. First and foremost I must get to the garden and some heavy cleaning. Also I must finish up the pottery analysis from the Hempstead finca in Coban. I do not have to take any more classes from now on - I can't believe that is over, but I feel like I have finally reached the saturation point of taking lecture courses. It is so nice to be able to pursue what I want, and just do the reading as needed. A luxury in my terms!

From now on I'll be writing more frequently. It sounds like you and Alice are ~~XXXXXX~~ heading for a busy summer. I hope it will be a pleasant one. I also hope you both are feeling well and in good spirits.

~~XXXX~~ Edith and Knowles are well, and busy as usual. Uncle Knowles is going to the Bohemian Grove this weekend; we will have Edith to dinner on Friday night.

All here join in best wishes to Alice, and much, much
love to you both,

Maurice

Sunday, 9 July 1962

Dearest Dad and Alice,

All continues well here, as I hope it is with you. Dorothy and Mariquita left on Wednesday to go stay with Nancy. Carolyn and I ~~are~~ have reservations for August 20 to return to California. Ed took gets back tomorrow evening from Peru, to be here the rest of this week, then leaves on Saturday for the U.S. I have finished the work he left for me, and will begin on another little job, to continue on that after he leaves again.

I have an idea about my little house that I want to discuss with you both. ~~How~~ I am very anxious for your opinions. I have had a long talk with Juan the mason and we are agreed not to proceed on this idea until we know what you think. He has finished the azotea now, and the little caracol leading to it. He has not begun the little kiosko that goes over the caracol which was to be just like the one here in the big house. We were ~~at~~ up on the azotea discussing this kiosko yesterday. He tells me that he has to raise the wall along the side of the azotea next to the neighbor's second story,


because they use the wall now as a corridor, and run along it. He will raise it up high, and that will seal off the neighbor's house ^{eliminate their} use of that wall. Now here is the thing: he has to raise that wall, and build the kiosko over the stairway. What about just constructing a little room along that side, so that the stairway comes right into the room, then another door opens from the room on to the azotea. There would be no kiosko, just the room along the side of the azotea. This could be a little laboratory, with picture window looking out on Acateñango and Tuzgo, over the ruins of Sta. Clara. There would be plenty of light for work on sheets, typing, studying, etc. The walls would coincide with the walls of the rooms below, so it would be sturdy. There would be no interference with the Tragalices below. The door to the azotea would be at the end of the room near the stairway, above the bathroom and dining ^{room}. I have drawn a rough plan of the idea. Since we ^{were going} have to build up the wall, and construct the kiosko anyway according to the first plan, this is not a great deal more, and would give me a very useful little work room. And, very honestly, I would agree ~~to~~ wholeheartedly on

~~to~~ paying the extra expense myself. But I don't want to add on anything that you feel would be a mistake; your ideas are always sound and you know more than I about building. However, I have discussed this very thoroughly with Juan, and he thinks it would be a very good idea. ~~the~~

The ~~room~~ caracol, as I say, would lead right up into the room. We can put a little wrought iron railing and banister around the caracol. There would be plenty of light in the room. It would get all the afternoon sun, but we could have a curtain, and it would be warm. We plan to have the little wall around the azotea, where there ~~is~~ exists the bench already ~~for~~ to put potted geraniums around up there. Looking out to Fuego and Acatecango, over Sta. Clara and the potted geraniums would be lovely.

As I say, we are not making a move until I hear your opinion. Juan is working on other parts of the house, just putting a temporary cover over the caracol. My fear is that you would get worried or nervous about the house and feel you had to come back to supervise it. I ~~to~~ earnestly hope this is not your reaction. If you are strongly

against it, we will proceed with the original plan, for I really feel you know more about these things than I do.

I picked out the brick for the floor. It is the design like you have in the site . Juan says the cost of the brick is about $\frac{1}{2}$ the cost of tile, and I like it so much better, as I told you in my last letter. It will be waxed, which seals, darkens, and hardens the surface.

Carolyn and I are invited to lunch by the Ornes. The Pokornys will be there; it will be at the Cortijo on the way to Ciudad Vieja. We had dinner with the ~~Ornes~~ Pokornys a few nights ago because the Picaso's were in town. On Tuesday Margaret Arrot has invited us to lunch.

We went horse back riding yesterday (Carolyn and I) at Finca El Portal. That is a beautiful finca and it was a lovely ride.

I will be interested in hearing from you and hope my plan will not start you worrying about the little house. Above all, you need a happy and relaxing trip. Everything here is fine. By the way, Don Poncho (Juan's father who helps him) got very sick last week and Juan was quite worried. So I told Conecha to send the doctor, as I feared a heart attack, pneumonia, or something. Apparently he had a bad case of flu, with cough and chest

congestion. The doctor gave him some medicine, and he was home all week. He is better now, but weak; I don't know if he will be back on the job tomorrow or not. I told Juan to be sure he was strong before coming back, because a relapse could be worse than before. Juan the gardener has been helping Juan the mason.

Everything else is fine here. Beautiful as ever and unchanged.

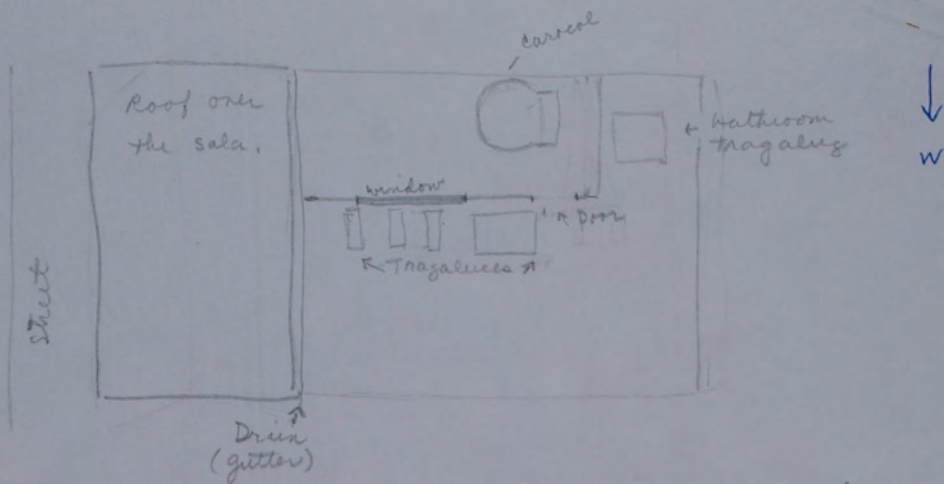
Take care of yourselves and enjoy every minute of your surroundings.

Much love to you both,
Mason

The plan for the azotea is on the next page.

Monday a.m. -

Hugh just ~~had~~ flew in last night, is off this morning for Lake Izabal with Chris, and heads for Costa Rica on Wednesday. He is very well, & very busy as usual. How grand to see him!



This is approximately the idea, though I do not have the measurements. There would be an overhang on the roof of the little room, but this would not cut off the light through the tragaluces, because the sun would be on them in the afternoons. Juan is absolutely positive this would be O.K. with the Oficina del Turismo.

29 August 1972

Dearest Dad,

Your rather sobering letter arrived yesterday afternoon, and I was glad to hear from you, and hasten to answer it now. I hadn't known your plans, that is, when you would be returning to Antigua, and I guess the best thing now is to address this in care of the EAP lest the letter not reach you as was the case the last time I addressed the letter to what I thought was Alice's address.

I'm very glad you had the good visit with Hugh, a much needed one I am sure. I'm also glad you got the straight picture on Nancy, a thing none of us has been clear about up to now. I agree wholeheartedly with your suggestions, and Hugh is dead right on his advice. The death benefit (I hate to talk about that) should be turned over to Nancy or Alice, whichever need is greatest. I too am a bit concerned about the future for Nancy, mainly because the prospects for a job don't look very good. She can't seem to find anything that suits her, and the chances of getting one look less promising as she gets older. What I really feel, and want to impress strongly upon you, is that you do not need to worry about me, or Hugh as you already know. I feel quite certain that as soon as I get the Ph.D., I can get some sort of job in my field. I am not particular about it, at least I am interested enough in my field that I do not care what I am doing as long as I am involved in it in some way. I have really tried to work hard here so that I can prove myself of some worth, and have made a lot of contacts that will probably prove helpful. I'm going to put every effort I can into the dissertation so that perhaps I can present something of interest in it. I have the feeling that my professors are going to help me out - to get a job, get a research grant - arrange temporary employment - whatever, as soon as my fellowship runs out and I need work (I expect to finish the dissertation before the fellowship runs out, ^{maybe} I would love to remain attached to Berkeley in some way, I love it here so much and find the University always stimulating, where one can keep abreast of latest developments, the library is so excellent, etc., etc. However, there are no jobs available at all at the moment, so I may have to seek elsewhere, but I don't have to worry for another year or two, at least, *probably two years.*

Hugh is right that both ^{my} girls will be entitled to veterans benefits for their college education. I don't worry about college for them, for, in spite of what you might think, both are serious about life and not afraid of work. I have seen enough of student life here at Berkeley to know that there are all sorts of ways to get financial help - work study programs, part-time jobs, scholarship programs, etc., for the student who needs it. I think by the time both girls are ready for college, each will have an interest to pursue. Also, I should be taking on employment just at the time Dorothy begins college.

Another thing that helps the situation is that I have plenty of energy and am strongly motivated, so that I want to work hard and the subject I am ~~into~~ in (archaeology) interests me so much that I can put in extremely long hours and not feel tired - other than the need for a few hours' sleep. Should any of us really get sick, we still can use military hospital facilities (costing practically nothing) or use the medicare program. because I enjoy it-

Now, getting back to the problems at hand, I wonder if the shares you assigned to me could be signed over to Nancy? I feel uneasy about having them, as I feel somebody else should have them - Nancy or Alice or they could be put aside for the care of Sally. She is the real problem, and I agree wholeheartedly, in fact there is no question in my mind at all that the three of us - Hugh, Nancy and myself will someday have the responsibility of her care, and everything should be aimed toward that day. It is going to be an expense no matter how it is resolved. She simply cannot be allowed to take care of herself, she hasn't been able to for the past 20 years and I see absolutely no hope of the situation ever getting better. It is just a terrible situation. It is heartbreaking to have to keep her in a clinic, but the idea of her having an apartment on her own - well, we all know by now that it won't work. I think Alice sized up her situation exactly right several years ago when I got quite hopeful that Sal could pull out of it, and she explained to me how often she had got her hopes up too, only to be disappointed. And yet she has the same sensitive feeling and compassion that we all do, that we can't bear to simply have her committed for the rest of her life. Having her with the nuns was a wonderful thing while it lasted, but nobody can expect them to take on her problems again; it seems the best thing to keep her at Chapui if they will keep her. The nursing home seems like a good idea but I don't know if such a thing exists for mental cases, at least cases like Sally where she can appear so rational for extended periods of time. A job is out of the question, further education likewise. If she could only realize that she must be under care and supervision, that would help some.

Sally ~~xxxxxx~~ has been in touch with the Halleys quite a bit recently, and the elder Halley called Edith to discuss the matter - ~~xxx~~ said Sally wants to come up here, get an apartment near the children where she can see them occasionally, and go into graduate work at Santa Cruz or Berkeley, staying with Edith or me or Nancy from time to time. Edith wanted me to tell you that she wrote Sal a long letter (disguising the fact that we think it would be dangerous for her to come back up where she is certain to have another relapse); she told her it would be harder on the children emotionally to have her nearby but not in the real capacity of mothering them, and that it would be better to have the children come visit her where in Costa Rica. Edith thinks the Halleys would be willing to send one at a time for a short visit. She also told Sal, what is true, that it would be a terrible strain on her to try

to take on graduate work - the load would be heavy, competition is tough, etc. Uncle Knowles is certain she would not be accepted anyway. It's simply out of the question as she could not do it with her delicate emotional balance. Edith feels it will be a disappointing letter to Sally, but at least it avoids the flat statement that we can't have her up here. If she would accept care and direction and guidance that would be one thing, but it always ends up with her in revolt against any kind of control.

That about sums up my feelings about this matter - that every effort must be directed to where the greatest need lies - primarily the care of Sal, and to fill in for any lack that Nancy may have. I want you to know how strongly I feel about that. I am really O.K., you must believe that. If Nancy can't take the shares you have so generously given me, perhaps they should be saved entirely for the medical bills that are certainly forthcoming for Sally. We want to keep life as painless for her as we possibly can, and that in itself is the toughest thing we have to do. And ~~xxxxxxx~~ we all accept the fact that the responsibility will ultimately rest on Hugh, Nancy, and me as her closest family and also because we care about her.

I can't believe the summer is over. I have spent the whole of it working around the house - catching up in the yard, repainting the fence, trying to make more room by enclosing part of the garage as a study, getting organized to begin heavy research on my dissertation and making a start on it. However, it really has been restful in that for the first time I haven't had to push and hurry for some deadline. Even in Guatemala Ed and I were always hurrying to get as far as we could by the end of the summer. Under the terms of my fellowship, I have to give two quarters of my time as a ~~xxxxx~~ teaching assistant. I have been appointed as teaching assistant to Dr. Rodden for Anthropology 2 (Introduction to Archaeology) for the winter quarter, beginning Jan. 4. I'M anxious to see how I will feel about teaching, how I will react to today's students, how I will feel about myself in that role, etc. Meanwhile, I will push hard this fall to really getting into the dissertation so that when I get so busy in the winter quarter I will have some momentum built up to carry me along. Dr. Graham is in Germany until January and Dr. Heizer is spending the year at Stanford on a Guggenheim fellowship at the Behavioral Sciences Research Institute, and since I will not be taking any courses, it is going to be a very quiet fall, working at home with books. And I must say I am looking forward to that. By the way, I had lunch with Fred Stross the other day, and he sends you both his regards.

There isn't really any news here, things moving along ~~xxxxx~~ smoothly, happily, and peacefully. I hope both of you are well and find things pleasant for you during your stay in Honduras. Let me know when you plan to get back to Antigua. . I'll be writing again soon.

Much love always,

Melion

Thursday, 14 September [1922]

Dearest Dad,

I'm writing this letter to you because your last letter concerning financial matters has been so much on my mind, and I want to ~~reiterate~~ ^{repeat} it what I answered you in my last letter to you.

As you know, I urge you absolutely without hesitation to get the death benefit signed over to Nancy, unless there is greater need for Alice to have it. I don't know how well Alice is fixed for the future. The other thing I want to say again is about the \$30,000 in stocks you turned over to me. I want to impress upon you that I am not comfortable about that at all, and am not using the money, and I have never felt that it is mine. I really wish you could give the stock to Nancy or Alice; either of them could use it as they see fit - for their own use or to take care of Sal. I had always assumed the money would go for the care of Antigua or Sally anyway, but perhaps either Alice, as your wife, or Nancy as the oldest member of the family should have the charge of it. It is hardly fair to Alice though to dump any responsibility on her - she has more than enough to handle at the moment. But my point is, if either of them had the stock, they could use it as they see fit, to supplement their own income if necessary and wherever else needed.

I realize that no matter what is decided for Sally, the solution is going to be costly, more so as the cost of living rises constantly. Edith says that whatever the fees of Dr. Rucavado have been, they would easily be doubled or tripled for the same services up here. There is no doubt in my mind that she is always going to have to be under some kind of care, more perhaps at some times than at others, but, except for the chance of some miraculous breakthrough in the science of medicine, she is always going to need medical supervision.

I, being able-bodied and mentally sound (at least normal), ~~xxx~~ have the means to take care of myself. I want you to put that money where it is needed most, and let the ~~xxx~~ whole family stand clear on the matter. I really beg you most seriously to do this, because I think it is so important, and the only sensible way to handle the future.

All is fine here. The children are back in school and working very hard this year. The days are ~~ax~~ long ones, and I find I have more time to do what I need since I am not taking classes. I wish I had in my possession your copy of Morley's Inscriptions of Copan and the volume of Goodman's Tables. If any one you know (when you get back to Antigua) is coming up here that you feel you could ask the favor, I wonder if I

could borrow them?

You know Dad, what means far more to me than money is all the direction and advice you have given. If it weren't for you, I would have had a much harder time getting into archaeology, and the books^{and} the contacts you have made possible have given me a real advantage in the academic preparation for the work. I absolutely love what I am doing, I don't ever want to do anything else (i.e. archaeological research), and whether I am teaching, doing field research, or working in a museum - I will be happy. I am certain there will be job openings of some sort; I have no anxiety about future finances. There are always grants which help travel expenses, and my aim is to show that I waste neither time nor money so that I will not be a "poor risk" to anybody.

That's all for now. I really hope you will consider what I have said. The point is, Nancy and Sally have financial insecurity, I don't. It is as simple as that.

Love to you and Alice always,

Manson

Antigua, Friday 22 Sept 1972 I guess

Dearest Mayan,

Your letter of the 14th came today, via Zamorano; yours of 29 August some days ago. But if you knew how we have been warped you would not blame me for not having answered sooner in spite of the fact that I worried you unnecessarily about family finances and want to set matters a bit straight. We have had two ladies from Calif with us for two weeks, and now SALLY is here, bless her heart, and in such normal mental condition that it makes us feel very hopeful. She says she knows that if she can just stay away from alcohol she can get along allright. Dr Rucavado let her out of Chapul a week or so ago; she moved back to the Nuns of Santa Ana, but only got settled there when Anne Lau and husband were driving up to Honduras to see their son and brought Sal to Tegucigalpa hence she flew over here. If all goes well we shall keep her a couple of weeks more, while Alice has seven dresses made for her by the excellent costurera she has found here.

Ed Shoek is building a tremendous "laboratory" utilizing two old stone walls of the monastery; I think it is to be a temporary structure. He said the other day he is still hoping to get another grant from the National Geographic but has it in sight yet.

Your little house is finished, except for putting in lights. Alice and Sally and I are going to the City in a week or so to get the fixtures, then in they will go. I am not yet clear about the floor; I think what I will do is get a can of Silicnite or whatever they call it and try it; if it makes the floor too hard and slick for me I am going to stick to the good old baked tile like we have in our house, until you come. Then we can decide. I suspect Alice may talk me into silicnite ya ya because she can't stand dusty floors!

Now about business. I think the first thing for me to do is to have an understanding with Hugh, to the effect that no matter what my will has to say - dividing everything into equal shares among you four children, we should have the mutual understanding that among you, the money will be used where most needed, and that will include Alice, to whom I have given \$25,000 in cash which she has invested in a Bond Investment Trust of that great Swiss Bank Corporation, one of the soundest institutions in the world. If her business in Tegucigalpa continues to get along allright she will have an income from that, but I never feel too sure about businesses here in Central America. Anyway, you do not need to worry about Alice, but it is dear of you to do so, and I will always know that you children and Alice will work together as a gang, to take care of each other and Sally which is where the most need may lie. Oh, how I hope we can keep out of expensive psychiatric hospitals! Oten Jimenez, who handles things for us in Costa Rica has been furious because the Hospital Chapuisada runs up the costs until we have been paying a total of almost \$12 a day there; but she will be back with the nuns, where the cost (basis) will be only \$65 or \$70 a month, which is fine; and we will allow Sally ^{to} have spending money on a liberal basis if she keeps in good shape. Anne Lau wants Sally to stay with us here; it is impossible, because there is no place for her if she cracks up and no hospital of the right sort. We just can not bear to see her amongst all these terrible mentally disturbed people in Chapui if it can possibly be helped. So what we hope and pray for, is that Dr Rucavade, who is excellent and has her confidence can keep her out of Chapui. But this will cost something; you sent psychiatrists get big money, but in Costa Rica not more than 1/3 what they get in USA.

Now as to the last paragraph of your letter of the 14th: "It is just as simple as that: Nancy and Sally have financial insecurity, I

dent". My precious, it is not as serious as that. But here is what I am going to do, right away: I am going to ask Unifruitce to make Nancy beneficiary, when it comes to the death benefit fund. You are going to keep the stocks I gave you, that is final. You should have an anchor to windward, and this is it. These shares should total close to \$50,000 (if the market doesn't collapse) and you don't know what you run into some unexpected situation where you will need real money. So that is that. I am terribly happy to know that the Marine Corps takes care, up to point, of the girls' education. I had now known that, nor had I known that Nancy is probably not going to be able to make a full time job again and that she is having, at times, to eat into her capital at times to carry current expenses. So I suggested transferring the death benefit to her, and I am going to see if I can transfer \$3000 each, shares on Lehman Co or General Investors, to Nancy and her 3 children, before this year is out - the Income Tax Bureau allows this - and maybe do it against next next year. That would get all of you, except Hugh on an equal footing, - but by Gosh, I forget that I have done enough for Hugh in connections with his farm to put him on an equal footing with the rest of you. Then when I die, as I have mentioned above, whatever is left after the lawyers hit me, Hugh, as Administrator will use for the family, unless Hugh makes a silly marriage and his wife tries to skin the rest of you. I trust he will not do this; but frankly I am a bit worried about his health. When he was down here two months ago and I got a good chance to see him, I realized, or thought I realized that he is carrying too much work; I fear he might have a nervous breakdown and have to lose that fine salary he is getting

About the Inscriptions at Copan, and Goodman's Tables. They are yours. The only problem is how to get them up to you. I don't quite date send them by Mail. I will watch for some opportunity. Why don't you get a list of names at Copan and pick up these and some other books?

2 October 1972

Dearest Dad,

I have before me your letters of 22 Sept. and 27 Sept., the latter which arrived just today. I was very pleased to get them and hear the good news. It is wonderful that Sally can be there a while, and I will try to include a note to her in this letter. I'm also very happy that the Geographic Society is still interested in the Monte Alto Project, to bring it to its proper conclusion. I was really surprised that they did, and I think the conditions they have set in paying "upon delivery of the goods" is probably ~~very~~ wise. I will do what I can to help out on it; perhaps next summer will be open.

The little house sounds like it is really coming along fine. I am very much in favor of treating the floors with the silicone or the linseed oil. In fact I think it is probably going to be essential in that small, closed up house. Furthermore, I think the dark, hard floors are really beautiful when treated thus, and I am quite sure they will not be slippery. The waxing would only ~~have~~ have to be done once every six months or so - that is really easy care. I wax my kitchen floor more often than that. Once they are hardened, one only has to run a mop (wet or dry) over them once a day; that is so much easier than the care of the untreated brick would be, not to mention tracking the brick dust into the bathroom, and getting it all over everything. I am very much in favor of it; probably the silicone is the best, but I am not sure. I have seen Negra Ayau Minondo's floors which are brick hardened with linseed oil and I like them immensely, and she recommends it.

I've been meaning to tell you and think I have neglected to do so, that I agree with you that you could rent the little house when it is not in use. When not rented it will be a perfect little guest house for people that come to see you, but also ~~xxxx~~ it might work out for someone to rent it by the month. For instance, what about letting Josephine Jardine rent it until she gets something built on her property?

I have just finished converting a portion of my garage into a study, as Uncle Knowles informed you. I had a very long garage (a previous owner had lengthened the two-car garage so he could put his boat in it). So I simply sealed off the end which connects with the dining room, putting a door through to connect them, and knocked out a window to let in some light. Now I have a nice little study to work ^{with} with a desk by the window and space to move in and spread things out. Uncle Knowles gave me an old file ^{cupboard} which is a tremendous help. Carolyn can use one end of the room to practice her ballet, as there is no rug or furniture to bump into. Until now I had been

working on the dining room table which had become an almost impossible situation as there was no place to put anything, the light was bad, the table really too high to type on, and when we wanted to use the table to eat on, it was a major operation to clear everything away. The room is finished now and I am extremely pleased with it. I had the construction on it done, but did all the painting, inside and out (doors and windows as well) myself, which occupied a good part of the summer. I touched up some other areas which needed repainting as well, but I finally am through and it has all been worth the effort. I can get more done now; the room is quiet, and everything is in easy reach.

May I make two requests from you? Could you send a copy of your publication concerning growing temperate zone fruits in the tropics at high altitudes to me. Dr. Sternberg asked me ~~if~~ for a copy, and I mentioned it once when you were in Honduras, and you said to remind you when you returned to Antigua. He would be very pleased to have it. He is the one here who is a friend of Hugh's, and has been my professor and is now on my thesis committee. He is Brazilian, ~~xxx~~ is in the Dept. of Geography where he gives courses on the humid tropics, Brazil, etc. He has been terribly helpful and nice to me.

The other request is something I wonder if you could ask Ed and give me the answer. If Or, if Ed plans to write me, perhaps he could tell me. I hate to bother him with a question which he will have to sit down and answer when I know he is so busy and has a hard time getting ~~letters~~ ~~writing~~ anyway. A friend of mine here, who has just received his Ph.D in the same way that I am under Dr. Graham and Dr. Heizer, says he has come across some references to some excellent maps Ed made of Puuc sites (especially Kabah and Sayil) around 1935. He would like to inquire where he might get these or if they are available at all. If, when you see him, you could ask ~~xx~~ him this, and relay the answer to me, I will tell Chris and it might save some correspondence.

The fall quarter has started, and I am going to do nothing but work on the dissertation. I think if I devote all my time to that and not much else, I should really make headway. These research projects always tend to get bigger and bigger as you go along. One good thing about the subject I am working on is that it enables me to get acquainted quite well with the monuments from all the Maya sites. The dissertation may not be much good, but I will have learned a great deal from it.

By the way, Nancy told me of Alice's suggestion for a family reunion at Christmas in Antigua. I thought it was just a wonderful idea, so sweet of her to even think of it, and I was really excited. However, now I understand that Hugh can't make it and Nancy is rather doubtful that she can, so I guess it isn't going to be possible. In regard to your suggestion that I come down at Christmas to get some books - that I would love to do, but I rather think I ought to wait until I can ~~xx~~ come down and really do something, since at

A. T. D. - Pollack
Re: body

some point I am going to have to come down and do some work on my dissertation. I'm afraid there won't be much time at Christmas, and there is another complicating factor. My father-in-law has just had a coronary attack and all the family is very upset and worried, and I'm not sure just what is going to be the situation in the next months ahead. The books from there that I asked for aren't urgent; at times I wish I had them, but for the most part I have them here from the library (except when recalled). If it is ever convenient for someone to bring them up and mail them (e.g., Hugh) it would be very helpful to me -- but not vital.

I guess that is all the news for now. We hope all continues to go well there, and send all our love to Alice and Sally, and

much also to you,

maison

14 November 1972

Dearest Dad,

I have here before me your letter of 17 October, which I believe is the most recent; I can't believe it has been almost a month since then. I am finally rallying from a two-week bout with the flu; Carolyn is down with it now but I think she is about well also. I am at present sitting in my study staring out the window at very gray skies and a torrential downpour of the Guatemala type. We have had so much rain these past weeks. It always makes me keenly aware of how grateful I am that I'm not in a thatched hut with mud floor.

A long letter arrived a few days ago from Ed. He outlines a highly attractive and inviting semi-permanent plan of work down in Guate. with him beginning January 1. I say semi-permanent because I would imagine that after a couple of years as he suggests, I would be in a good position to take up something else down there, having had the experience and accumulated knowledge. It is rather frustrating because it makes me feel that I need to be two people. What he suggests is what I eventually am aiming to do;- actually working in Guatemala, doing fieldwork, analyzing the excavated materials and publishing. He wants to immediately begin more or less on salvage archaeology on the south coast which is a desperate need while new roads are being bulldozed through important early sites - that is all right in ~~my~~ field of interest. Then we would also get out the MA publication. However, I am completely committed starting ~~x~~ in January to be a teaching assistant in the introductory course in archaeology here at the University. Under the terms of my fellowship I must give two quarters as a teaching assistant, one will be this winter and the other I presume sometime next year. Also, I must work full time on my dissertation now and in the coming year, and get that finished and behind me before I take off and get involved in something else. I don't think I'd ever finish it if I came down with the idea of writing it ~~down~~ there in my spare time. I know how that goes, and before you know it all the research is "cold" and you never get around to the final preparations of the dissertation. I'm going to write Ed in the next day or so and tell him more definitely of my plans. I wish what ~~ix~~ he plans could just wait a year or two. I don't see how he'll ever get out the MA report without help, and there simply is no one else who knows the material by having worked with it except me.

I hope it won't be too big a job for you ^{and} Alice in Zamorano for the graduation. It is so good of Alice to consent to take all that on. I hope it goes well and that everyone concerned is cooperative and nice.

I've been meaning to ask you in every letter, what is the name of the patron saint of cooking? You have the saint in ~~xxxx~~ the old kitchen in Antigua, a set of tiles manufactured by Ragerio mounted on the wall. Uncle Knowles purchased the same thing some 20 years ago and has never mounted them and ~~he~~ ^{we} gave the set to me; of course I am thrilled with them and am in the process of mounting the set to hang in my kitchen. Can you recall the name of the saint?

I hope Hugh can get down for Christmas; Nancy seemed doubtful that he would be able to. If he does I will definitely send you the list of books (the two I already mentioned plus a very thin pamphlet) ~~kax~~ for him to bring up.

Maybe if Bob Armour is really appreciative of you and Alice coming to help him out, he may let you have back the Inscriptions of Peten (6 volumes). I understand the set is for sale in San Francisco for \$300. The point is, what student or faculty member at Zamorano is ever going to need to use the Inscriptions of Peten? It seems like the Zamorano library should concentrate on agriculture. (Sometimes I feel like I'm running this subject into the ground - I don't mean to, for I really understand your feelings about it completely and what you are up against. I would feel the same way in your shoes, but someday the opportunity to get them just might come about.)

That is about it for now. All is well up here and proceeding normally, no problems. I hope both of you are feeling well, and that you will have a happy and not too pressured a time in Honduras. Give our love to dear Alice

and much also to you,

Meior

19 December 1972

Dearest Dad and Alice,

This letter is to wish you both a very happy Christmas. Our thoughts will be with you very much, and we hope this next year will be the best ever for you both.

I'm wondering how your stay in Honduras was, and I hope it wasn't too tiring. It must have been a huge job. I guess Hugh was there for part of it, and it must have been good to see him again.

Thank you ever so much for the Christmas checks. They will be put to very good use, and we really appreciate them. I am sure I will use mine for my favorite pastime - buying good books.

All is well here. I just handed in some 58 pages of my dissertation as a Progress Report, and am waiting to see what kind of reaction it provokes. It largely depends on Dr. Graham's approval, or ~~lack~~ lack thereof; he returns from Germany on Jan. 8. I got an immediate answer from Dr. ~~Kaga~~ Pogo, who comments, "I read it carefully, with generally sustained interest and silent approval..."

We have had freezing cold weather, even about a centimeter of snow last week, which is very unusual for Berkeley. I'm wondering if there will be anything left alive in the garden by next spring.

As usual, we will spend the holidays with my in-laws which has become the tradition for our annual visit with them. They always make it nice; we'll only be there for four days this year, as I think it gets to be a strain on them after that, and we have so many things to do here. I love this time of year, but just wish it didn't always get so hectic.

We had dinner with Knowles and ~~with~~ two nights ago. They are very well and happy. They will have Nancy and her children over this Saturday.

This isn't much of a letter, but I did want to get our warmest greetings and good wishes to you for the holidays. I wish I were there, but our thoughts will be with you, and much
much love from all of us,

Maion

8 January 1973

Dearest Dad and Alice,

(enclosed)
My Christmas letter to you came back, as you can see, for lack of postage. I don't know whether the stamps came off in the wet weather or if, in an absent-minded state in which I frequently find myself, I forgot to ^{put} the stamps on it. At any rate I'm very sorry the greeting did not get to you and I offer the message belatedly; may I extend our sincerest wishes for the happiest New Year ever, and also a very happy anniversary to you both.

The year has not begun well for me. I recieved a letter from Dr. Graham sent from Germany who had read my Progress Report which I mentioned in the previous enclosed letter to you. He rejected the report, not approving of the topic nor agreeing with the results. This means I have to begin all over again, a very discouraging development. However, I want to remain under him as I respect his opinion; it just means picking myself up and shifting gears. I feel part of the problem is that he is so inaccessible; extremely diffeicult to see when he is here and he is gone at least half of the time. It all means, though, that I have lost about six months of time, and I want very much to be through by June of 1974, then move down to Guatemala for an extended length of time if I can manage it. Sometimes I get rather depressed thinking I possibly could have spent these years better working in Guatemala, doing the work I'm aiming for now, and not struggling with this academic program. Yet I know too, that the study is also necessary and that someday the Ph.D. in hand may mean the difference between being able to get a job or not.

The quarter has begun here at the University and I am one of 7 teaching assistants in the Introduction to Archaology course. There are some 500 students enrolled in the course; we each have four sections with approximately 20 students in each section, and each ~~ax~~ section meets once a week for an hour in the lab. Each teaching assistant will go over the lectures and discuss general principles, drawing for examples in the area of our own specialty. We will show slides, demonstrate materials, answer questions, correct exams, read papers, etc. It will be rather busy quarter for all of that will be combined with digging ~~xx~~ into my own research.

I just talked to Uncle Knowles on the phone. All is well there and no particular news. Nancy and family seem well too. I talked to Hugh on the phone and he ~~as~~ spent ~~Chh~~ristmas with you - how nice for you. He gives a good report of you both.

Hoping you are well, and we send all our love,

Marian

28 March 1973

Dearest Dad and Alice,

Your good letter of 25 March arrived today, and I was so happy to get the news. Also, I appreciated your recent letter so much Alice; it meant more to me than I can say, and it was so typical of you to be so sweet and thoughtful to write the note to me. Thank you so much. I believe you have a birthday about now, Alice, and I wish you many happy returns, and hope this next year will be filled with good things for you. I didn't get a note to you on the 9th, Dad, although I wanted to but was so swamped at the time; our thoughts were with you, though.

It sounds like you are staying very busy with company and trips. I hope this letter reaches you before you head for Costa Rica. The news is sad about Sally, but truly there seems no other place for her than under medical care. Any other plan is only a temporary solution, and then it always ends in hardship and heartbreak for you two who must then go down and start all over in getting her back in the clinic, then out again and into another new situation. I always fear for what you will be up against, and the terrible heartbreak of dealing with her problems.

How fine of Mrs. Wiig to be reprinting Santiago de los Caballeros. It will be worthwhile to get that in print again. It's nice to think they are going to have a home in Parramos. It sounds like you might have been influential in that choice, as it seems to me you spoke from time to time of what a good place that would be to have some property.

The quarter is finally over, and I sure am glad. I like teaching all right, but it took so much of my time, there was hardly any time for anything else. I have such a weak background in Old World archaeology that it was just a struggle to prepare for the section meetings and keep up with the course. Then grading papers and essay exams just took hours. However, it was excellent experience for me; I know so much more now about how to teach than I did, and I learned about Old World archaeology. The experience was, like the Peace Corps, probably better for the donor than the recipient.

I had dinner not long ago with Janet Stahl Tressel, my classmate at Colegio Lehnzen. She lives not far from me here. ~~xxxxx~~ Her parents, the Gustavo Stahls were up from Guatemala; they have an apartment in San Francisco where they stay from time to time. At the dinner I also met ^{the} woman, I can't remember her ^{you have} name at the moment, but she is the author of Tito the Pig, a children's book about Guatemala. She knows you; she was quite a nice person. _{it}

With some other friends who invited me to dinner last week I met Mrs. Jenkins, wife (widow) of the Jenkins who ^{was} a geneticist and spent some time at Zamorano, and she has visited with you in recent years in Antigua. She was quite interesting, as she spends her time studying Mexican folk art and crafts.

The new quarter starts next week; it's been a short break with barely enough time to catch my breath. I plan to work on my dissertation mainly this next quarter; at the same time I will be a reader for Dr Graham, which means I attend his lectures, show slides, grade papers, and get paid for it. It is not a hard job, and the money will help. Then I am starting in on a program of learning to read German. It is a graduate course in reading German, without grade or credit, in which I can go at my own speed under supervision. I plan to ~~dx~~ start this now, and continue it all next year, which I hope will be my last year here. It meets every day for an hour; this will take some time on my part, but I find that so many important things on Maya archaeology are written in German and it is a handicap not to ~~xxxx~~ be able to read it. I've kept putting off this task for lack of time, but Dr. Graham, when I presented the idea to him, said that I should take advantage of this course now, and not wait until later because chances are I would never get to it once I finish up. I'm sure that's true. If I concentrate on the reading part here, I hope I can ~~xx~~ work on the conversation with Alice.

Dorothy is in Guanajuato at present, and things seem to be going very well for her. She will be back the end of April.

I have spent the last two days on my income tax; every year I've had to pay a penalty for not figuring it out right. This time I discovered the error. I have been under the impression that I am married and head of my household. In the eyes of the government, I am single and not head of the household, and that puts me in a different tax category!

Tomorrow I am joining Knowles and Edith at the Charter Day Luncheon. I don't particularly enjoy these things, but they do and once in a while I comply and go with them. I think I will skip the ceremonies in the afternoon. I've attended one before for the purpose of seeing Uncle Knowles sitting on the stage with his group in cap and gown; the affair takes all afternoon and I really don't find it all that interesting.

I like the idea of staying at the UFCO hospital at Quirigua. That will solve my problem nicely. The conference in Mexico is June 20,21, so I'll head for Guatemala after that. I haven't made definite plans about the summer yet, but will get them organized in April and May.

Thanks for the Inscriptions of Copan. It has already arrived with the Motul Dictionary, and it will be a tremendous help to have them. If the EAP turns over to the Latins, lets get the Inscriptions of Peten out! I wish Hugh could get them before he resigns as president. You know the Hondurans will never read them.

9 May 1973

Dearest Dad and Alice,

You've been in my mind so much since your last letter bringing the news that Sally was with you, and the report of the situation in Costa Rica. I hope things are going all right. I'm quite concerned and wish there was something I could do to help out. I hope Sally can find something constructive to do to keep her busy and happy.

The reason I am writing this morning concerns my plans for this summer. I have reservations to Mexico on June 19 to stay just a few days. The question now facing me depends on what you feel it is best to do. Shall I come on to Guatemala after that for a week or two, get Aurelia or someone to come and stay ~~max~~ and help us, living in our little house, or at the ~~Kaxka~~ Rosario, whichever would be best. I'm concerned now that you are going to have your hands very full, especially with Sally with you; I don't want to come if it is going to put any strain on the situation at all. I don't have to come right at this time. I could come later in the summer or even in the fall - there is ~~na~~ nothing really urgent at the moment. I simply thought of coming since I'm planning to go to Mexico anyway, but I could just as well come straight back after Mexico and dig in on my dissertation here. I want to talk to Ed at some point, but I can write him just as well; there isn't anything I can do for sometime now anyway but work on my dissertation and finish up here.

I understand that Bill Coe and Bob Sharer are going to do some work at Quirigua. That makes it very convenient for me as I would like to be able to consult with them and tie my glyphic work into what they are doing. I believe they will be working there next winter.

Things have been awfully busy here. I feel like I do nothing but work on German, which meets everyday and goes through the grammar so fast. We are now on the subjunctive, which completes the grammar review and will work on translating after that. I love German; I won't be able to begin to speak it, but already can manage some translating with a dictionary. I hope someday to practice with Alice and be able to hear it spoken much more. It takes so much time out of my day, I am not sure I will continue taking it next year; if I can refer to the rules and the dictionary, and keep working at reading it, I may be able to get by on the grounding I am getting now. I need more free time to myself to really work on the dissertation; all these distractions of having to run to class everyday, etc., make it impossible to maintain any kind of steady research.

Edith and Knowles just got back from the East, and had a very nice trip. They are in good health. She has been busy since then working in their garden. The frost this winter killed so many things, that there is much more yardwork than in the past. I lost a hedge, a tree, and a bougainvillea. All the dead things

Clive: I thought you might enjoy seeing our German exam.

German IG -
20 minutes

Quiz # 2

No: Mason P Hatch

Die politische Geschichte der Deutschen beginnt mit Karl dem Großen. Er wurde 742 geboren und starb, fast zweiundsiebzig Jahre alt, im Jahr 814 in Aachen. Am 25. Dezember 800 krönte ihn Papst Leo III. in Rom zum Kaiser.

Große Teile des heutigen Deutschland, Frankreich und Italien gehörten zu seinem Reich. Die Franzosen und auch die Deutschen nannten ihn Kaiser. Die französische Form des Namens, Charlemagne, kommt von dem lateinischen Carolus Magnus. Seine Muttersprache war ein althochdeutscher Dialekt.

Er führte ein Wanderleben und ritt von einem Ende des Reiches zu dem anderen. "Die Deutschen lernen reiten, bevor sie sprechen können," schrieb ein Historiker. In den letzten Jahren seines Lebens war er in seiner Hauptstadt Aachen; dort steht sein Königstuhl, dort ist sein Grab.

Karl der große war kein nationaler Kaiser. Er war Kaiser eines Universalreiches, des christlichen, nicht politischen Idealen dienste. In Spanien nannte man ihn "König des Ostens". Nachdem er zu Weihnachten im Jahr 800 Kaiser wurde, nannte man Karl, rex, pater Europae, "König, Vater Europas". Wenn man in der heutigen Zeit von den Vereinigten Staaten Europa spricht, so denkt man an das Reich Karls des Großen. Seit 1950 verleiht die Stadt Aachen den sogenannten "Karlspreis" an "gute Europäer", die der Idee eines vereinigten Europas gedient haben.

Erst mit dem Tod Karls des Großen begann die deutsche, französische und italienische Geschichte.

The political history of the Germans began ⁱⁿ with ^{Charles} (Karl) the Great.

He was born in 742 and died, when ^{only} 27 years old in the year 814 in Aachen. On December 25, 800, Pope Leo III crowned him the emperor in Rome.

Large parts of ^{modern} ~~his~~ Germany, the ^{Frank} (Frankish kingdom) and Italy belonged to his empire. The French and also the Germans called him Superior Charles the Great. His mother tongue was an ^{old} ~~German~~ ^{High} German dialect.

He led a transient life and rode from one end of the kingdom to the other. The Germans learn to ride before they can speak, wrote an historian. In the last years of his life he was in his ^{capital city} ~~his~~ Aachen. ^{at} his throne stands there, his grave is there.

^{Charles} (Karl) the Great was not a national emperor. He was emperor of all Christian lands ^{not serving political ideals}. In Spain they called him "King of the ^{East} ~~West~~". After Christmas of the year 800, he became Emperor, they called him ^{Charles} (Karl), King, Father of Europe, (or) "King, Father Europe". If one speaks at the present time about the united states of Europe, one thus ^{thinks of the empire of Karl the Great} ~~thinks of the empire of Karl the Great~~. Since 1950 the city of Aachen ^{commemorates} ~~commemorates~~ the so-called "Karlspreis"

^{for} good Europeans, who have served the idea of a united Europe.

before. It's really such a shame.

✕✕ After I hear from you as to your recommendations about my coming this summer, I will organize my own plans and then ✕ will write Ed Shook about them. I am anxious to hear how things are going with him, the Project, and the work on the south coast.

That's about all the news for now. I have to run to German class now, and will drop this in the mail on the way.

Give Sally my love; I will try to get a letter to her soon. Let me know how things are. I hope both of you are well. I had a nice visit with Paul and Betty when they were up, who brought wonderful reports of their stay with you. They mentioned you had hoped to get back to Europe this summer. How wonderful that would be for you. Perhaps I could stay with Sal while you do that. I hope you can get away, I know how much you want to and how much ~~you~~ good it would ^{do} be for you.

I'll be writing again soon.

Much, much love,

Mauion

Antigua, 15 May 1973

Dearest Mayan:

Mighty glad to have your letter of the 9th and to have this opportunity to help you line up your summer. It seems that the program has changed considerably. I thought you were going to come to spend some time studying the glyphs at Quirigua, and to that end I had made some inquiries about the possibility of your living somewhere near the ruins. As you perhaps knew, Quirigua is no longer United Fruit but Del Monte, who bought all UF property on the north coast. I don't know the new folks, of course, but if you were coming down alone to work a month or six weeks I think we could get you a place to stay close by the ruins. The Supt of Agriculture on that region is a Guatemalan named Muñiz who was one of my boys at Zamorano; later went to Berkeley; and I think got himself a Ph D and worked for some time in the Research Dept at La Lima.

But this last letter of yours sounds as though you are swapping the time this summer to German instead of Quirigua, which I think may be a good idea. Get those incidentals offn your hands as fast as you can; when you get started on Quirigua glyphs you will find it is a long time job, I'll bet. But Dr Graham will have to tell you what you are to do in that connection.

I am glad you are going to that meeting in Mexico. In your modest I don't think you have told me much about the part you are going to take but I believe a paper (talk) is included which is splendid. I have been reading about the meeting from the WSPIE AS literature they get out and I feel that meeting is going to be big thing of the year and you will get a tremendous lot of information out of it, if you have your time all free to take part in the meetings. Incidentally, Ann Arnold

has an apartment in Mexico City and I think might be glad to take you in, if alone, and it would save you some money. Of course we don't know for sure that she will be in Mexico at the time, but I imagine she will be. On the other hand, you may want to be housed in some hotel with other delegates to the meeting when you want to know. I have found in my long life that these international conferences are great; you meet so many people if you are right among them all the time.

As to coming down here after Mexico, unless you are going to do a lot of work at Quirigua I don't see that it is worth while. To fix up your house for living (we can't leave a thing there it is not occupied except the heavy furniture, because of theft) is quite a job - more than you realize. Getting the electricity turned on, seeing if Aurelia is available, and so on. Don't try it for less than six weeks. As for Ed, if you want to fly down here alone after the Mexican meeting and stay with us for three days while you talk to him, it might be a good idea, but Eucan tell you frankly that he isn't doing much on the south coast. He has a fine big room fixed up in Santo Domingo and long rows of drawers filled with petsheds but I don't see him out in the fields very much. I suggest you write to him right away and ask him if he would like you to fly down from Mexico for two or three days for a talk with you about future plans. I feel that he is waiting for you to get thru at Berkeley and come down here and settle down for a long time and get out the reports which he has to turn out if he is to get regular instalments from the National Geographic which I think Matt has promised, based on reports en progress. You know Ed has always found it hard to prepare reports. I consider him one of the best field archeologists in Central America but he just can't seem to turn out reports and matter for publication like the Coes do and Ted Kilder did.

Alice and I both strong for your getting a good grasp of German. Get the necessary grammar and vocabulary so you can use it as you certainly will have to in your work, then when you have your Ph D and come here to establish yourself for a year or more, Alice will teach you to talk like a fraülein from Esslingen.

Sally is getting along allright. She is needy at times, and often just sits still hour after hour, smoking and drinking coffee. Her last doctor in Costa Rica put her on a new sedative which seems to be the best thing she has had, and so far she has shown no desire to go out in the highways and the byways, and mingle with old beer-drinking crowd. She understands her problem which is a fine thing, but she knows that she will crack up once in a while and go back into hospital for two or three months. Charlie Ainslie helped us line up just the right place for her here, here in Guatemala City, if we have to face another "episode". I think in another couple of years or so the permanent solution will be to send her back to California. She talks so much about wanting to be near her children, and as long as she does not have to be in a hospital she would get along allright with some of the family or our old friends who could take her in. I don't know how much longer Alice and I shall be able to carry this burden. And if she doesn't "go off the handle" for another six months or even less, I think it may be feasible for us to send her to California and count on her leading a more or less normal life with some of you.

We are expecting Barten down here on 31 May. I am going to let him drive us around the highlands a bit where I am trying to do a little work on fruits, but the family doesn't think I should make long drives any more. My strength is waning, faster than I like but at the same time I can still get around. We don't try to go to many cock-tail parties any more, because we can risk taking Sally to us; she loses control of herself occasionally. Much love from all of us

21 May 1973

Dearest Dad and Alice,

Your welcome letter arrived today and I was so glad to get the news and hear of your suggestions. I hope everything is continuing to go along well for you. It will be nice to have Barton there to drive you around to some of the places you need to visit. I agree that you shouldn't be making these long drives yourself; the roads aren't easy in Guatemala and it is always a strain to be on them as you never know what some other driver may try to risk on those narrow turns.

I didn't mean to give you the impression that I am giving up everything to study German. What I meant is that it seemed this quarter to be taking over my days. Sometimes I feel all I do is get ready for and go to German class. Actually I need very much to get on with my dissertation, and I'm afraid I'm not going to be able to ~~xxx~~ continue to put so much time into other things. I'm not going to be able to keep this pace up next quarter (in the fall) because I'm simply not able ^{to} spend the time I need on my research. I've gotten a good start on being able to translate German, perhaps for a start on the texts I need to use. Certainly, this ~~xx~~ was the time to get going on the matter. However, there isn't enough time ~~or~~ in a day or in a week to ~~xxxx~~ do that and the other things which are really important to get to work on. I plan to concentrate very much this summer on my dissertation - really to do that and nothing else. I have been so uncertain as to what is going to happen this summer in Guatemala. I guess I told you that Bill Coe and Robert Sharer are going to work at Quirigua; they apparently are going to begin this summer cleaning off the sculptures. They seemed to be interested that I am doing my dissertation on the glyphs, so Dr. Graham told them I would be in Guatemala this summer and we are waiting to hear what they might suggest. I don't see how they are going to get very much done in ~~the~~ rainy season. At any rate it would be a good opportunity for me to get to work there in conjunction with them. As soon as I hear what they are planning to do, and how I might fit in, I will let you know. Meanwhile, I think I might take your suggestion and not plan on spending more than a few days in Antigua; I may just come down alone, spend a few days with you if it is all right, at which time I can really talk at length to Ed. Then perhaps a quick trip to Quirigua to see what is going on there and get a good look at the site and the sculptures, then come on back here. I will come straight on from Mexico.

I am giving a paper at the conference in Mexico, on calendrics; I hadn't realized it, but a couple of months ago we were informed we were to have manuscripts in hand at the meeting, as they wish to publish the papers read at the conference. Consequently, I have been doing ~~nothing~~ but writing it up, which is much more complicated

than simply talking about the material! In fact I've decided to not attend German classes this week in order to have the whole days to write without interruption.

I gave the same paper recently at the Society for American Archaeology which held its annual meeting very conveniently here in San Francisco. The audience seemed interested in it.

I just received ~~xxxx~~ word that I have been awarded a grant of \$450 to do my dissertation (I had applied for it in December) from Wenner Gren. That gives me a total of about \$1500 to do the research, combining the grant I have from the Center for Latin American Studies here at the University. That will help pay for travel expenses and other costs of the research. I hope very much that I can finish up the dissertation in the next year, and be through here.

The news of Sally is encouraging. I hope she stays well.

Dr. Graham suggests I stay at the guest house at Bananera while visiting Quirigua. He says that is where he usually stays and that it is very comfortable; about 3 miles from the site. I like your suggestions also for lodgings. I guess it all depends on what is going to be going on at the site, and where and how I will fit into the picture.

That about sums up the news for now. I will keep you informed. I will leave for Mexico on June 19th, the conference is the 20th to the 23rd, and I will probably then come to Guate. after that. There is also the possibility of coming later on in the summer, but it seems most convenient to come after Mexico, when I am already half-way down there. If it turns out to be a bad time for you though, I can make other arrangements; there are plenty of options to choose from.

And so, back to work. I hope you are both well, and not working too hard. You've really got a big job on your hands.

Much, much love,

Marion

Antigua, 5 June 1973

Dearest Mayan:

Your letter of 30 May was received yesterday. Before going into your own plans I want to give you the family news. Barton is here; a wonderful lad, a crackerjack mechanic, and loves to work. We are planning to drive over to Quezaltenango tomorrow; he leaves Saturday for Zamorano. Sally is getting along alright, some days better, some days she just sits in the library, smokes and drinks coffee, and reads a little from time to time. You can not depend on her settling down to painting birthday cards or anything else. She paints a little; Alice has fixed up a swell little studio in the pigeon loft. But after knowing her history for so many years we must not count on her suddenly becoming a normal person like the rest of us. I am afraid the sex problem is bound to come up every once in a while and get her off on a tangent. We have reason to believe it did in Costa Rica and it worries her; she knows her troubles and is often very discouraged and unable sometimes to control herself.

Now as to your own problem: I have just had a long talk with Ed Shook; like yourself, he is a bit confused and doesn't know just what to advise but finally agreed on this: You are coming down to Mexico alone. At the end of the meetings, fly on down here alone and stay with us a few days; He says the archeologist Sharer is here and you can see and talk with him. A Ed might drive you down to Quirigua to look over the situation. And he says, if you do not come down here as suggested, he may go up to the Mexico City meetings and see you there, and come back down here with you and spend a few days with you trying to work out plans for the future. He has hoped that you would want to spend a

a bit worried that your dissertation has put you on the Quirigua work, he says there are plenty of archeologists in the Mayan Lowlands and you have your nice little house here in Antigua and are here in the highlands where you should make your future.

Obviously you had not yet had anything definite from Pennsylvania when you wrote your letter and we must wait to see what they offer. If they are to use you for a couple of weeks at Quirigua on cleaning up the stekae, then they must make arrangements for your housing at Bananera or wherever you are to stay, and if that is to include the two ^{girls} they must know that. I think by the time you receive this you may know something from Philadelphia. Everything was pretty vague when you wrote.

When I get anything more I will write or maybe even send you a radiogram. Ed says in the meantime just take it easy and try to hold things down to the plan he suggested - either come down direct from Mexico for a few days, stay with us, and talk things out with him - with perhaps a visit to Quirigua to look things over (he feels as I do that this a rotten season to work in the Maya lowlands; and maybe he will fly up to Mexico for meetings and see you there.

Hastily but with much love

Dear Ed: [Shook]

The enclosed letter from Marion is certainly a mess. In the first place, she is absolutely unreasonable about those children. She was last t mr, but now Dorothy is old enough that she has recently gone to Mexico for three months, by herself, to take part in a program of "International living". In the second place, I am not acquainted with the Del Monte crowd at Bananera and would not want to ask them to put up three people, when only one is going to work.

And there is the other problem: I know your relations with the Univ of Penna people have been too corcial at times, and I dont like this idea of trying to get Marion tied into their work. She is committed to your project wants to stay with it, but here is Dr Graham, who has made her switch her dissertation to a study of the Quirgua glyphs - and what is she going to get down during the rainy season, in two weeks, and with two kids all needing (or asking for) attention?

I am planning to write or radio her to stick her own suggestion that she come to the Mexico meeting, go right back to California, and then take time to work out her plans for the rest of the summer.

Did you write to her as you planned, after reading her last letter? I dont know what to do. If we could only get her to leave her kids up there - surely she could put them in a small hotel or somewhere and it would be a lot cheaper than bringing them down here, and I know darn well if she has to keep two kids happy at Bananera she is not going to have much time to work on the stelae - and it is going to be raining like Hell besides.

We are probably going to have to take my grand-on over to Quezaltenango this afternoon or tomorrow morning I wish I could see you before noon today to get your advice, but our car is in the shop - that is why I am sending this note - and wont be available until p.m.

30 May 1973

Dearest Dad and Alice,

By now Barton must be there and I'm sure that will be very enjoyable for you. I hope everything is going along well in Antigua. I got the news from Edith who talked to Nancy who talked to Hugh by phone, that he had just been with you and he had very good reports.

You might tell Sally that I saw her Mother's Day card to Edith, and I thought it was absolutely lovely. It was really one of the prettiest cards I've ever seen - the composition, the colors, balance, feeling -- it was just exquisite. It occurs to me that she ~~can~~ could do a little business with making cards. It is nice to be able to send lovely cards now and then - for birthdays, illnesses, thank yous -- and it is absolutely impossible to find anything that is different or original in any way. I would at once order a dozen from her if she would care to make them up for sale. Cards up here run from \$.35 to \$.50 each. I really feel if she could whip these out without too much effort or expense, it would be a very worthwhile thing for her. I'm just positive she could sell all that she could make. And it might be pleasant for her - creating different designs to suit her own whims, they would not be lengthy jobs that she would tire of or lose interest. And she would be doing something very constructive that would also bring happiness to many people, (i.e., who would eventually receive one of the cards).

As to affairs here, I am still in a terrible state of indecision about this summer's plans. Last week I had a very long talk with Dr. Graham, telling him my long and short range plans (it's rare to have the opportunity to really talk to him.). When I told him of my plan to only briefly visit Guatemala, he had the following suggestions. He thinks the group from U. of Penn. are going to be working at Quirigua this summer (that would be under Bill Coe and Robert Sharer). They will (he thinks) just be cleaning the monuments and treating them with a new substance that has just been developed which hardens the material (stone) of the monuments to aid in their preservation. Such a task would be ideal for me since I could closely observe the glyphs and texts as I worked. He still hasn't heard from them as to whether they want me on the project this summer, but if they do, it would be useful for me to do it. The one stipulation I have is that I can work out something where I could have living accommodations for two or three weeks (I think that might be enough time. I have no place to leave the children for that length of time, but what I wonder is whether the idea of staying at Bananera would work out. Dr. Graham says they have guest houses and a mess hall. That is absolutely all I would need a place to live and some way to get meals. Do you know if such an arrangement would be possible for me? He thinks UFCO. still owns

to stay there with the children

Bananera. I know all of this is just a shot in the dark, but if I could find some arrangement like that, it would give me a bit more time. The other possibility, is that I think I could probably leave the children with my in-laws for about two weeks; I wouldn't want to leave them longer than that, and spend that amount of time in Quirigua; at least that would give me some time at it.

It is getting so late now (I go to Mexico on the 19th of June) that I am also thinking of coming down for just a few days, and look over the situation myself and see what I can arrange. Then if I can do something about it in a satisfactory way, I'll come back, get things in order here, and go down for a month or so with the children. Since everything depends on hearing from the U. of Pa. group, it is ~~awfully~~ awfully hard to make plans. I ~~am~~ just have a feeling I'm not going to be able to work it out; perhaps the two week stay is the best plan. To be able to stay there any length of time, I have to find someone to either stay in my house here, or hire someone to water the yard. But I can't do anything until I have some definite plans!

No matter what plan develops, I won't be in Antigua more than a couple of days, in order to see you both and Sal, and talk to Ed. Should I bring the children, I should think we could take a room with Margo Dressler for the two nights or so, and we can get perfectly good meals there too.

I regret having to write you this indecisive letter, but I want to let you know just how the situation is. If you have any suggestions about staying at Bananera, or if DEL Monte has accommodations of any sort - I'd be very interested. Or if you think any such idea is out of the question - that is important too. In view of the short time left, I simply may not be able to work anything out before the middle of the summer. In that case I could just go to Mexico and come back here, and go down to Guate. in July. That might not be a bad idea now that I think of it.

If I get any kind of decisive news, which will dictate what I must do about going to Quirigua, I will let you know at once. It might happen that U of Pa. group will have some kind of solution.

I will get this out in the morning mail now, so I'll close wishing you both the best and enclosing much, much love to you both and Sal and Barton,

Mauon

14 June 1973

Dearest Dad and Alice,

This will just be a brief note, but I want to let you know of my plans. It just looks like nothing is materializing in regard to the work at Quirigua so I guess that takes care of that. So I've gone ahead on the best plans I can work out which are as ~~fast~~ follows:

I am flying with Dorothy and Carolyn to Mexico on June 19, Tuesday. The conference lasts for three days, although never for a whole day at a time, so I don't have to leave the children for more than an afternoon or morning and there will be things that they can do. Then we are going to go around Mexico just a little; I might try to get down to Palenque.

(Four) We fly to Guatemala on the 28th to stay at the Rosario for ~~4~~ ^{two} days, ~~leaving~~ July 2. Would you get a room for us with 3 beds at the Rosario, with Margo Dressler. I imagine we can get a room there, otherwise we can stay at the Aurora, which would be fine for just the 4 days. We can eat our meals at either place. We will then fly back to Berkeley on July 2.

My idea is mainly to come down and talk to you and Ed Shook, and the four days will take care of that. I want to try to formulate some plans for the future while I am there. Also, I hope to inquire about doing some work at Quirigua; Dr. Graham never had an answer to his letter to Robt. Sharer about the possibility of my helping out there. The letter probably never reached him, but if he is there at Quirigua I might go see him. I would like very much to go down to Quirigua for a day; if Ed Shook is still offering to take me, that would be perfect. If it turns out that I can do something at Quirigua this summer, I could go back down in July or August. I must come back here on July 2, because I must take care of things here. There is the lawn and garden to take care of, and I haven't quite finished the last details on the paper I have been writing for the AAAS. Also I just must get ~~really~~ started on my dissertation which has had to be put aside in all the preparation for the Mexico conference.

I know you are having the Crists with you and will be busy, so don't worry about us at all. I really think we'll be best having a ~~taxi~~ ~~room~~ or something to ourselves for the four days. I will be running around and the children will be with me sometimes, and other times have friends of their own to visit. There was absolutely no other solution for me but this one, and I think it will work out fine. Don't worry about meeting us at the airport; I don't know what time we will get in, and we won't have many bags so we can take a bus, or a taxi if we feel like it. There will be no problem at all to getting to Antigua. I'll come over to the house and let you know as soon as we get in. You won't have time to ~~write~~ answer this letter; I'll just go straight to the Rosario, and Margo can tell me if she can't put us up. We can get a good meal at the little café at the Rosario; we might even eat in the City before coming out.

Everything here is fine. We've all been busy, but I think we'll get off all right next week.

You must have had a nice trip to the highlands with Barton. It was ideal for him to be there and able to drive you around.

I hope you both and Sally are well. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you.

Thanks for your last letter, which arrived Special Delivery on Saturday. It is the only definite word I've had about anything regarding this summer. I was surprised that Robt. Sharer had been staying with Ed, and yet Ed doesn't seem to know much about the Quirigua project. I think the only thing to do is come down and get an idea by talking to everyone as to just what I might arrange for future work and living arrangements.

Much love to all of you,

Marion

30 July 1973

Dearest Dad and Alice,

Thank you very much for forwarding the letter regarding the teaching job, and also for your letter of 18 July which I was happy to receive. I am delighted that you are finding ~~xxxx~~ suitable renters for the little house. It ~~x~~ undoubtedly is better to have it occupied.

The teaching job is for the position of teaching assistant for the Introduction to Archaeology course given here, which I am obliged to ~~accept~~ ^{accept}, under terms of my scholarship. In receiving the scholarship financial support, I agreed to give, in return, two quarters as a teaching assistant. Of course, I don't get scholarship funds while teaching. The purpose is to train one for a teaching career, which I don't intend to pursue, but it is good experience nevertheless to do this. I really ~~wanted~~ was hoping I would not have to give a second quarter (I was a teaching assistant last year) as it is so terribly time consuming, but I was told that I am obliged to under the terms of my fellowship agreement. Perhaps now that I have done it once, it will not be as time consuming as the first time. I really want to get my ~~xxxx~~ dissertation done this year so that I can get out and start working on my own. My plan when I finish here is to come down and help Ed finish the Monte Alto project and get into the work on the Pacific coast with him. I imagine once I am in Guatemala I can work on a number of things that are going on there; projects are ~~also~~ ^{always} being started and it is helpful to ~~have~~ ^{help} people ^{to} working that are already down there. I will be very sorry to leave Berkeley but there is not much hope of a job here. I plan to keep the house here anyway, in hopes of coming back from time to time, perhaps to do library research or to do something of my own.

Dorothy will start college ~~a~~ ^a year from this September; the probable choice will be UC Santa Barbara, although the plan is not definite. Carolyn will just be starting high school; probably the best place for her will be the American School in Guatemala City.

I have been spending as much time as possible working on my dissertation. I plan to fly to San Diego in a week or two to spend a couple of days in the Museum there where they have plaster casts of eight of the stelae from Quirigua. I am writing several sources to see if I can obtain good photos of the texts on the monuments. When I have exhausted the sources here in the US and am fairly well along on the research, I will probably make a quick trip to Quirigua to have a good look at the site and fill in any details that are still unclear. I'm not sure when I will do that, possibly next spring.

Everybody here is well. Uncle Knowles is at the Bohemian Grove for two weeks. Nancy and her girls came up last week for an overnight visit with Edith, and they seem to be fine. We are having a cool summer, but today the weather is lovely. I have some potted bright red petunias outside my study window and they are brilliant in the sunlight. I'm also training the honeysuckle into a little arbor and that is going to be very pretty.

Carolyn is not wasting a minute of the summer; she is taking typing lessons, and continuing with her ballet and piano. She is also making a doll house out of orange crates; it is an outgrowth of the collection which began with the furniture she got at the market in Antigua, and you, Alice, made the little brocade cushions for it. Dorothy is working on a high school report, swimming, and has been a tremendous help to me around the house.

We hope you both are well, and that things are ~~going~~ proceeding satisfactorily with Sal. Nancy mentioned that you plan to go to Honduras soon. I hope it will be a good trip for you.

All join in love to you both,

Maion

Monday, August 13

1973

Dearest Dad and Alice,

It was good to get your letter with all the news, but I was very sorry to hear of the latest trend of events with Sally. Her marriage to Neri can lead to nothing but unhappiness; I don't see how it could be otherwise. Does he have a job or any kind of income at all? Of course, it is out of the question for them to think of living in the big house, that would never work. I just don't know what the solution is. It is really a shame that the burden rests so heavily on you and Alice. Perhaps when I come down I can share the load; if she ~~ix~~ does not marry Neri and continues to live with you, at least I could take her with me part of the time and give you a rest, *and her a change of atmosphere.*

I can't remember when I last wrote or what news I gave you, so if I repeat myself, you will understand. I spent three days last week in San Diego, which was very successful. The children stayed here where they were involved with a lot of projects, and spent the nights with Edith and Knowles, so I was perfectly at ease about leaving. I flew down to the Museum of Man in ~~El~~ Balboa Park where they have plaster casts of 8 of the monuments with hieroglyphic texts from Quirigua. These were given to San Diego for the World's Fair ca. 1915. They are now in storage ~~x~~ behind some current displays, but I was allowed to go back in there and spend as much time as I wanted. So it was an absolutely blissful two whole days of nothing but complete peace and quiet, all by myself working with the texts. The only problem was that the light was rather poor and since they ~~use~~ in ~~xxx~~ storage, access to them is only in very cramped circumstances. The director said that now that they know what I am doing, if I want to come again they will provide me with lights and ladders. Anyway, I finished what I went to do, and it was a very pleasant interlude for me; even though I was working, the nature of the materials was such that it was a veritable luxury.

All is proceeding ^{well} toward the dissertation. It is slow but I am satisfied with the way it is going. Everybody here is fine. I think I might have told you that Dorothy is scheduled for a tonsillectomy on Aug. 27. This will be done at the US Naval Hospital at Oak Knoll, in Oakland, a very fine hospital. She has had so much trouble with infected tonsils that it was finally advised to have the operation, and I hope very much it will clear up all the frequent bouts with colds and throat infection, ~~xxxx~~ which have been occurring at least once a month for the last couple of years. She will only be in the hospital for three days, if all goes as expected, and there will be no cost to me, since I am able to use the military facility.

I guess Ed and Ginny must be traveling around the east coast.

I have tried to reach him several times by phone at his home in Harvard, but apparently they have not arrived there yet, or have been there and left again. I want to thank you very much for getting the tablecloths for me. I did not want to bother you with getting them as I know you have your hands full; I will be very happy to reimburse you for them. They have not yet arrived, but I know they will be just what I would have selected myself. We live a very simple and uncomplicated life here, and ~~wh~~ one of my little pleasures is keeping a fresh Guatemalan cloth on the table where we eat and using the Guatemalan pottery when we can.

I will be glad to have the book on Copan, which I understand has some good photographic plates. Thank you very much. The book on Quichean Civilization that Ed gave you is a book I was bringing down to you as a gift, and when we didn't come, I sent it with him to give to you. It is just off the press, and I think it is very good, and extremely useful. I felt sure you would enjoy seeing it and that it will be very much at home there on your bookshelf, since it is a good compilation of all the source materials on the subject. I have a copy here and I find myself referring to it all the time. It ~~is~~ is the sort of thing for which there has been a great need for quite a long time, and it makes the task of doing research on Guatemala much easier.

Edith and Knowles take off for Micronesia in another week, to be gone several weeks. I guess Uncle Knowles told you that he had lunch with Mr. Gustavo Stahl and Mr. Lewis, whom you ~~ma~~ knew in Guate., up at the Grove. Mr. Stahl ~~ix~~ and his wife live in Guate. most of the year, but have an apartment in San Francisco where they come from time to time. His daughter Janet was in my class at Lehnson School (in fact it was Mr. Stahl that got Mr. Lehnson started with it). She lives in Berkeley about five minutes from me and we see each other several times a year.

Alice, you must be back from Tegucigalpa by now, and I hope all is in good shape at your house there and that you found some nice tenants again for it. And Dad, I hope you and Barton had some good trips around the country and have the apple situation well in hand.

Much love to all of you,

Maion

[Oct, 1973]

Dear Grandfather and Alice,

How are you? At the moment I have a touch of asthma but it might just be a chest cold. School is fine but it seems like the older I get the harder the gets. History is my hardest subject and Spanish is the easiest because it is so boring.

Mother told me that ducks had babies. That is so exciting. How many are there? They must be so sweet. Are any of them tame? It would be neat if you could tame some of them so they would come to you.

I am still taking Ballet lessons and I love it. I have ballet four times a week and piano once a week. With homework and all it is quite a job and I am quite busy.

I really miss Guatemala a lot and I want to live there so much. I cant wait until we come down. It is going to be so fun. I hope I can take ballet lessons and piano lessons down there.

How is our little house there? I am so mad that we couldnt come down last summer. I am so curious to see what the house looks like. Is it being rented out while we are not there?

Say hi for me to everybody down there.

Love forever,

Carolyn

[Hatch]

6 October 1973

Dearest Dad and Alice,

It has been some time since I have written but it is only because time has slipped by and my correspondence has suffered in the interim. I hope you both are well and that things are improving for Sally.

I've been trying to get things done here in Berkeley, and then week before last made a trip to the east coast to get material for my dissertation. I had an extremely nice stay in Boston, where I spent five days at the Peabody Museum looking over photos ~~xxxxxxx~~ of the Quirigua monuments. I met many interesting people, and they were so helpful and kind in every way. I saw my mother's collection from the Uluva Valley which was a very special treat. I also had a very good visit with Kitty, and saw her mother twice - once at the Thorne's for dinner and ~~an~~ the other time when she invited me to Kitty's birthday party. I loved seeing them again, and really enjoyed the best visit I've had with Kitty in years, since it has been so long since we've seen each other, and when we did it was only for the briefest time. She is really staying busy at the School of Public Health, with events in Manchester, and with her beautiful home.

After Boston I went to Washington to spend a day at the Smithsonian, and was able to spend a little time with old friends there as well. I got back last Tuesday, and found everything here in good shape.

I saw Ed in Boston as he will tell you. We had a very good visit and talked a little about future plans and things of mutual interest. I guess it will be the last time he will be coming up now that he has sold the library and is selling the Folly.

I talked to Hugh earlier in the month and he told me of his plan to go to Guatemala at the end of ~~the~~ September to talk over future plans for Sally. We realize fully that you can't physically carry the full load and we want to do everything we can to help, at any time. I still think perhaps I can help you out in Guatemala, if the plan for her to go to Florida does not materialize.

I'm still working on my ~~xxxx~~ dissertation full time, and getting rather discouraged at times. I plan to go to campus this quarter as little as possible, and spend my time working at home. I do want to be finished by next summer.

While at Kitty's I met Claire who had been with you in Guate. in July and reports that everything was going well, and that you both seemed in good health. I was sorry to hear from Kitty of your bout with food poisoning or whatever it was. I hope you are feeling fit again now. And Alice, I hope you are able to have some pleasant

hours away from the pressures and problems of managing the house.

Edith and Knowles had a good trip in Micronesia but said it was not a particularly easy trip. They were very glad to be back; said they loved it but do not plan to do it again.

Dorothy's tonsillectomy went well. It was an ordeal but within a week or two she was back to normal. Now the rains have begun, and Carolyn is down with her first bout of the season with bronchial asthma. I guess winter has begun.

I'll run get this in the mail and will be writing again soon. Meanwhile I send my love to you both and Sally.

Much, much love,

Marian

19 December 1973

Dearest Dad and Alice,

The children join me in sending you warmest season's greetings and best wishes for a happy year ahead. I guess Hugh and Sally will be there and that you will all be together to celebrate. We had a wonderful visit with Hugh and were delighted that he was planning to be there for the holidays.

Did you know that the OAS had purchased this painting by Velasquez, and that it has been printed as a card this year? Dorothy saw it advertized in Américas, and that is how I found out about it.

I was invited to dinner the other night at Janet Stahl Tressel's house because John Armstrong was in town, and she had a dinner for him. I had not really known him before, though I remember the big white house near Lehnsen School where the Armstrongs used to live. I was glad to get acquainted, as he is quite a nice person.

I have been working hard on the dissertation, and am very pleased with the way it is finally beginning to take shape. I have started writing it now, although I think it is going to be quite a big job. I begin on Jan. 3 as a teaching assistant, and that is going to take up a lot of time. That will continue until March. Then I will have the rest of March until June with uninterrupted time.

Lately I can't seem to remember anything, and at the moment I can't remember if I have already thanked you for the Christmas money. If I haven't told you already how ~~mu~~ grateful we are for it, I must tell you now. Thank you ever so much for it; it means each of us can put this money toward our special interests.

On Sunday the 23rd we will head for Bakersfield to spend the holiday with my in-laws, returning on Thursday the 27th. That will give me a few days here to get organized before the quarter begins at the University.

Our thoughts will be with all of you, and we hope most fervently that the holidays will be the happiest ever.

Much, much love from the
three of us,

Mellon

Friday, 25 January [1970]

Dearest Dad and Alice,

It was good to get the last two letters from you and to hear that everything is O.K. We were concerned about your operation, and what happy news it is to know that you ~~and~~ are feeling so much better now. I'm glad Hugh made it down for Christmas, and hope you got caught up on exchange of ideas and discussions.

The day I received your letter about taking over the sales of my mother's book, I also got a very nice letter from Mrs. Wiig. I would be very happy to handle the job; it would give me a little income, and I would be there to manage the sales, and will always be in touch with people who are interested in it. I do want to discuss this matter of finances though, very seriously with you. I feel very deeply and earnestly that I am getting more than my share of good fortune. You have given me the stocks, the little house there, and now this little business. I think I am better off than I deserve or need to be; I have done very little to help you out, but I hope to be more useful to you in the future. I feel optimistic about the future; I think I can live a productive life and can undoubtedly manage to keep employed in some line of work involving archaeology in Guatemala.

What I am trying to get at is that I am concerned about Nancy. Apparently, although she will never discuss financial matters with me, though she mentions things to others, she has suffered quite a loss in her investments and is just ~~xx~~ barely making it with what she has. She can't seem to get into any work that she likes, and her bargaining power in getting a good job does not improve with the passing years. Furthermore, she doesn't seem to have much strength; a full time job is probably more than she can handle. I want to urge you as strongly as I can, to look into the matter of transferring the stocks you gave me over to her. I feel uncomfortable with them; I really don't have any right to them, and she needs them more than I. I can live a modest life in Guatemala; it won't cost me as much to live there in the little house as it does here, and I can rent my house up here for some time to come. You say you are going up to Florida soon to handle your taxes and money matters, and perhaps you can inquire about turning this money over to her.

My plan is to come to Guatemala next summer; it may not be ~~until~~ until July, considering that I want to finish my dissertation, then it will be a big job to pack us up and get our things stored and turn the house over to somebody. Then I plan to come to Guate. Carolyn can work on her Spanish until January when school starts down there, perhaps we can also get some ballet lessons ~~xxx~~ lined up

for her a couple of times a week in the City. When January comes, the best plan is probably to put her in the American School where she gets the equivalent of U.S. high school credits. ~~At that time, in January, I can see better how to work the matter out of her getting back and forth to Guatemala City every day. Perhaps I can arrange for her to board at Opus Dei, or I might take a little place for a while in the City until she gets the feel of things and knows her way around a little bit. We'll just have to see how every thing goes. I hope it will work out well enough to stay several years; if things are not working out well, we might come back for her last two years of school up here. Should we need to do that, I can get some kind of job here for the duration, then can move permanently to Guate.~~

As to the matter of Dorothy's college, I really do feel that University of Pacific is the best choice for her. The tuition is higher than the State University systems, but I think the whole college plan is better suited to her needs and interests. I can afford the tuition this year and probably the next; then I will see how things are shaping up for me. By then, if it seems needed, she can apply for some sort of fellowship to help out; by then she will have some contacts and will be beginning to make her interests more definite, and it will be easier to secure any help that may be needed.

I realize that I am coming down with very uncertain financial arrangements with Ed. However, I understood originally that I was considered in the budget from NGS to finish up the Monte Alto Project. I think I can work out something; Ed won't expect me to work for no pay at all. Should there really be no pay available at all, I would be very interested in getting on the Quirigua Project and I'm sure he would understand my need to be on some kind of salary. After doing my dissertation on Quirigua, I think those on the Project might consider having me work with them; I would demand ^{only} the minimum pay, and would work hard at any job that might need to be done. Should that not work out either, I might try for some grant to do some research task through the Guatemala Museum, or to continue the work on glyphs that my dissertation has begun. So I feel once I am there, something should work out for me - I would be willing to do anything, and would do it to the best of my ability. My only condition is that I be able to ^{do} something that would allow me to still be a parent to Carolyn. And I want to be able to give both of you all the help that I can.

So that's about the way things look at the moment. Edith and Knowles are looking forward very much to there trip down there, which is not far off. Perhaps they can discuss this matter about Nancy with you a little further.

Give our love to Sally. I'm so happy that things seem to be going a little more smoothly for her now. And we send both of you much, much love,

Marian

In a teaching assistant again now; it will continue until March. I don't mind it, except that it takes so much

19 March 1974

Dearest Dad and Alice,

It's been so long since I have written, and I have been thinking of you so much and wanting to get a letter off. The quarter has been such a busy one; having to teach the four sections has really been a lot of work. Tomorrow the students take the final exam, then I will spend the next few days grading them, and by the weekend it will, hopefully, all be over. I really prefer to do research than teach; somehow it suits my temperament better and I feel it is more productive. I like teaching all right, it's just that you can't get to your own things because you are so involved in presenting the course.

It was wonderful to get the news of you from Uncle Knowles and Edith; it sounds like things are going so well. They loved their visit with you. ~~She~~ They gave us some photographs; the children just got so excited about them and felt they wanted to see you again so much. Carolyn had a fit ~~over~~ the picture of Alice, and just stared at it for a long time, then finally said "Alice is my best friend."

Edith told me of the letter you had had from Nancy; it sounds like she is getting along all right, i.e., you don't seem to be as concerned as you were that she doesn't have enough to live on.

I want to tell you how much in favor I am of putting the house where you are now living into Alice's name. I don't know why the thought never occurred before. It would just be ideal; Alice, if you would prefer, it might not be a bad idea to put my house in your name. I just feel very strongly that Alice's name should be on something, - it doesn't matter which, as long as it is what you want, Alice. I want so much for you to feel at home, and I want very much for things to continue as they are, and that we can be together as a family there, with each of us happy in the kind of situation we each like. I want very much to help, in any way I can. I really feel that the best thing for me is try to ~~do~~ archaeological research in Guatemala, probably starting with Ed. I want to live a quiet life, being ~~xxxx~~ nearby all of you whom I love very dearly. I am happy as long as I have my books and some kind of research going on. At the same time, I can, perhaps be of some help in some way. My hope is that we can work things out so that it is a ~~xxxx~~ happy living arrangement for everyone. It won't be the same if Alice decides not to say on there -- for me you are a vital part of the whole ~~xxx~~ picture. You've brought sunshine back into the house.

I haven't ~~k~~ been able to get back to work on my dissertation for several weeks. After this quarter is over, I intend to do nothing but that. I've decided I may not be able to get down before the summer is over. I have so much to do on the dissertation and

then must get the house ready for renters. By staying until Sept. I can then get Dorothy off to college before I go. She is definitely going to ~~Salix~~ University of Pacific, which has a unique Spanish program in addition to the rest of the curriculum.

We have been following the election results between Montt and Langerud. I guess Montt is going to be able to stay in; for a while it looked as though there might be some trouble about it.

If we come in September, schools down there will be ending for the year. We won't have to worry about getting Carolyn in to a school until January, and she can work on her Spanish until then. She will probably be best-off in the American School. As for putting her into a boarding school, they simply don't have them in the city anymore, except for Asuncion. I ~~x~~ looked over that school before, and was not too favorably impressed. However, there is a boarding house there for young girls, called Opus Dei, and I think that might be a possibility. Many young girls from out of the city live there; it is run by some nuns of a new order, who wear street clothes instead of habits. It looked pretty nice, and it is within bus distance to most of the schools in the city. It's located in a section not far from the old Lehnsen School.

I must get some other letters off now, so I'll come to a close. I'm so glad the quarter is over - I'm really tired of it. Now back to the books, and I'll be writing more frequently.

Much love,

Mason

10 April 1974

Dearest Dad and Alice,

Your good letter arrived a few days ago, along with a very kind one from Mrs. Wiig. I want to discuss the matters of which you both spoke, but first let me say that I hope all of you are well and that things are going along smoothly.

By now you may have seen my friend Janet Stahl Tressel who was my classmate at Colegio Lehnsen, now lives near me in Berkeley, and who was to drop in on you during a visit to Guatemala over the Easter holidays. You once mentioned (letter before last, I believe) that an English archaeologist (?) had come in to look at your library; you mentioned that he had studied at Cambridge and knows Eric Thompson. It sounds like it might have been Normand Hammond, a very fine archaeologist who has done quite a bit of work in British Honduras. Did you ever find out who he was?

Dr. Graham has returned from Germany, and will be here until ~~August~~ June 20. Then he informs me that he is returning to ~~Munich~~ Munich to remain until next January. I am working hard to get a rough draft of my dissertation submitted to him by June 1 so he can read it before he leaves, and I can get some idea of his reaction and how much more work I will need to do on it.

And that brings up the whole subject of our coming down in September. I believe it is still definite that we will come, no matter what happens. The timing is right for me to come, since I will be able to get Dorothy placed in college before leaving, and can bring Carolyn with me before schools get started here. I have decided that even if I am not completely through with my dissertation, I will be far enough along to finish it up down there. Therefore, I think ~~the~~ best ~~xxxxx~~ for me not to try to get things lined up too definitely about what I will do when I arrive. I really appreciate the interest you and Mrs. Wiig have in my future, and all you are doing to help. However, here is what I feel about the situation. I don't think I will be quite ready to jump into any project on my own. The best thing for me is to get started on something where the work has already begun, get familiar with it, and then gradually work into something where I can ~~xxxxx~~ carry on after getting thoroughly acquainted with all the materials. I still think the best idea, if Ed is interested, is to start by helping him finish up the Monte Alto Project. I'm familiar with the work, we have always planned to get the report out together, and I'm interested in finishing up the job. ~~E~~ If he can provide a salary of \$500 a month, that would be sufficient for me to live on for a while at least. If he finds he can't provide any funds, and really indicates that he is not going to do anything more on the Project, that is another matter. I have just written him to find out just exactly how he feels.

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If Ed does not ~~xxxxx~~ plan to finish up the project, or ~~x~~ if he wants to but has no funds, I want to put in some time with him - in any extra time I may have. I still feel I can learn much from

him, and I respect his knowledge. He has a vast store of information to work from, and he has said in the past that he would allow me to use all his field notes in order to work up a report on the Pacific Coast if I can get a grant to do so, and if I am interested in working it up. I don't feel that he is using me in making that offer; that would be an ideal situation for anyone. Every student I know in my field would jump at that chance. So I want to keep that possibility open. The prospects for getting grants are extremely slim at the present time, and the probability is that I will not be able to do such a job for a while, but I want to keep it in mind as a possibility at some time in the future. In addition to all of the above, I value Ed's friendship very much; we have the same attitude toward doing archaeology, and we work well together. I know ~~ix~~ he is tight with money and so forth, but that isn't my primary concern.

Should I have to work on my dissertation more after I come down (and I am going to do everything in my ~~max~~ power to finish it up first, but it just might not be possible), I think I can get by without a salary at least until January. I have been putting aside money for Dorothy's education, and it won't cost ~~x~~ as much for Carolyn and me to live there as it does here. Once Carolyn starts at the American School, of course, that will be another expense. However, if I am working on my dissertation, I can continue to be enrolled at the University here and continue to get the fellowship funds. Should this be my situation, I then will simply work with Ed as I can ~~and~~ according to what his plans ~~are~~.

Now, the next matter. Should I be through with my dissertation, and should it not work out to continue with Ed, then I want to look very seriously into getting into the Quirigua Project. I understand that the project is to be started, but I do not yet know when or how. I don't think Dr. Graham's suggestion for my dissertation had any connection with getting into the project. He came up with the idea before we heard of the Project, and he is not really in touch with it. Through my work here in Berkeley, I have become very interested in Maya epigraphy, and I feel there is a tremendous amount of work to be done, and that so much more is going to come to light than we ever guessed. I don't agree that "enough work has been done on the Maya." I hope and plan to continue my own work in it regardless of anything else I take on. My research on the dissertation has opened up all sorts of questions and possibilities, and it would be fascinating to be able to continue on it by joining the Quirigua Project. So that is a very real interest of mine, and a very hopeful possibility.

As to my getting into work on the Pacific coast. Yes, I am interested in that very much, and feel I have somewhat of a start in it already. But I can't launch into anything in that line completely on my own at this stage of the game. I can't initiate any field work just from scratch or do site surveying alone. That sort of thing would have to be done under the direction of someone much more experienced, namely Ed Shook. It is the sort of thing that

I would need him to get started, then after it was on its way, I could carry on alone with advice from time to time. What I can do on my own is to work from his field notes and try to get a report out on what is known to date.

Another ~~small~~ detail I want to discuss is the matter of being financed by Mrs. Wiig. I know she must be a very fine person and is deeply interested in archaeology. ~~However, I~~ I look forward very much to meeting her and knowing her. However, I really feel it is best not to be financed ~~by~~ from private sources, because then one gets into all sorts of personal obligations and one is not quite a free agent. The ideal thing to me ~~is~~ ~~to~~ is to get on at a salary, no matter how low, and work up from there. I will continue to get my widow's pension whether I'm on a salary or not, and the income from my savings and capital. Also, I will be renting my house here, even though I won't make any money on it, at least it will not be an expense.

So, what I think is best in view of all this is to wait until September when I can go down and sort of look things over and see what will be best and most workable. There is no rush for me to get money. While I'm getting things worked out, I can be spending some time with Ed's materials. ~~Should~~ If I apply for a grant, it will take a good deal of time for everything to materialize, so, at best, I simply can't be in a hurry. Should nothing turn up immediately, ~~then~~ I can be completely happy working from my books. In fact, I could spend several years working every day all day long simply from the literature. That is more or less what I have been doing already for the past few years.

I talked some time ago to Dr. Heizer, long before your letter arrived, about the possibility of getting a grant to do postdoctoral research. He said it is really hard to get them now, but should I want to do so, they can appoint me as Research Associate with the University (no pay of course) so that I can receive the funds through them ~~(from some other agency, tax free)~~.

What I am trying to say is that the future is very uncertain at the moment, but it looks definite that we will come in September. Then, it is quite uncertain as to what I will be able to do - whether the dissertation is completely finished, whether Ed really is planning to take me on, whether the Quirigua Project will be a possibility, whether I should do something else, etc. But I think there will be opportunities to do something, and my whole objective for the past few years ~~is~~ is to get myself prepared to come down and work in Guatemala. I don't want to take a job up here. In the first place, I want to spend some time with you, and help you out as I think you both need someone in the family to help you. My fervent hope is that ~~xxxxxxx~~ circumstances may ultimately turn out so that Alice will find Antigua a very pleasant place to stay and won't ever want to leave.

Furthermore, I want to work in Guatemala, because I am ready now to come and work with the raw materials. One can't do archaeology forever from an ~~xxxxxxx~~ armchair with books. So that is about the way it all stacks up at the present time.

8 May 1974

Dearest Dad and Alice,

It was so good to get your last letter; thank you very much for writing. I was interested to hear of your visit with Ed, and I'm glad you think the plans sound O.K. The dissertation is still moving along and I hope very much I can be through before I leave. I have about 140 pages of rough draft, and my goal is to have about 175 or so rewritten by 2 June 1 to hand in to Dr. Graham. What he says then will effect how much more work there is to be done. The rough draft will be about 2/3 of the study, just to show him the way it is coming together.

I want to tell you that you might get a visit from a friend of mine, Dr. Christopher Corson and his wife. Chris is assigned to a tour of ~~Mexico~~ Mesoamerica for several weeks; he is the lecturer on Mesoamerican archaeology. He just received his Ph.D. a couple of years ago under Dr. Graham, and has been doing some teaching here since then. He ~~knows~~ thinks they will be in Antigua for a brief visit, and I told him that you have the library there should he find the need to look up any of the materials. ~~z~~ I doubt if he has the time to stop by, but should he come, I wanted you to know who he is. He is one of the finest graduate students Dr. Graham has had; I think very highly of him and like him and his wife very much. I felt sure he would want to meet Ed Shook, ~~xx~~ to see the lab and talk about archaeology, so I imagine he will try to get in touch with him.

As you probably know, Edith had to have a minor operation; they had to put her internal organs back in place as they had slipped, something that got started a long time ago after she delivered her babies. She was in the hospital a week and now is confined to doing absolutely nothing at home until the operation completely heals. It is awfully hard on her not to be able to keep going at her usual pace, working in the garden and lifting things, and doing all the things she usually does. Everybody has helped in taking up meals and visiting her. In another week she should be getting back to normal. She feels very well and has been cheerful and optimistic all along, even though I know it must have been painful, she never complained.

We've been battling a ~~knak~~ throat virus which was a tough bug but we finally seem over it and all is back to normal. It is so nice to be able to work every day at home now and not have the job of teaching as a constant thing to interrupt one's concentration.

We hope both of you are well, and Sally too. The rains will be starting soon I guess, and that's always nice when things get green again.

Much love to you all,

Macion

Monday, 16 December [74]

Dearest Dad, and Alice,

Everything is moving according to schedule here. I have completed the dissertation, the title page is signed, and I plan to have it filed by Wednesday or Thursday. I can't believe it is finished. As to your question about it, yes I will have the Ph.D. degree as soon as I file it. I am requesting that it not be microfilmed until I hear further from Dr. Graham, which means that it will not be released to the libraries, and no one can see it until I lift the injunction. If Dr. Graham is still very critical, I may try to do some more on it, and release a revised version to be microfilmed. However, I feel somewhat satisfied with the paper; a great deal of work has been put into it, and I'm sure some of the details may not be correct. However, the main thrust of the argument seems firm, and as to the matter of glyphs, there simply is ~~not~~ no agreement anyway, and I feel that any interpretation is worth offering if it seems to hold up consistently. At any rate, I feel I can do ~~more~~ no more on the subject at the moment, and my time is up. I must go on to other things. One could work on refinements and revisions the rest of one's life.

Carolyn and I have reservations to Guatemala on PanAmerican on Sunday, Dec. 29th. We should get in around 4:00. We will probably have quite a few pieces of luggage, so we will just hire a car at the airport; it will be too much for you to try to meet us there.

I want to thank you very sincerely for the Christmas check. It was so kind of you to send it to us. I hope you both and Sally have a very pleasant Christmas and we will be looking forward to seeing you shortly thereafter. It's a bit late to ask, but can I bring you anything? I've been meaning to get this letter in the mail much sooner, but every minute has been taken up with the dissertation and trying to get us moved.

We will drive to Bakersfield on the 23rd, and leave our car with my in-laws. Then Carolyn and I will come back on the 26th and take care of final details on the house. We will spend the last night with Edith and Knowles. So far, there are no problems about anything. Edith and Knowles are well. Nancy and her family are coming up this Sunday for a get together with everyone.

May all of you have a very happy Christmas. Our thoughts will be with you so much. It will be so nice to get down there again.

Much love,

Maurion

P.S. Carolyn has been accepted at the
Evelyn Rogers school.

[May, 72]

Dear Grandfather and Alice,

Thank you so much for inviting me to Guatemala this summer. I would really love to see you again! It seems like a long time since I was last in Antigua and I have missed you!

My last day of classes is June 12 - I will probably go home on the 13th. But I won't be able to come down with mom and Katy. Burton and I are going to stay home and take care of the house and pets.

Did you read in Uncle Paul's last newsletter where he mentioned Ellie Lewis? She is a very good friend (we will be sharing an apt. with 3 other friends next year) and also my third cousin! We were both so surprised when we found out! We are both interested in Latin America and Spanish and so have been hoping to take a trip to Mexico and Guatemala this summer - sometime soon after mom and Katy get home. I hope our plans will materialize and that we can have a good visit then!

Thank you again for your warm invitation and I hope to see you this summer!

Love always,
Marianita

Friday afternoon
August 4, 1972

Dear Grandfather and Alice,
I hope you had a nice stay in Honduras. We certainly enjoyed our visit! Thank you both so much.

We had an interesting (!) trip home - there was quite a lot of turbulence and lightning and going through customs in L.A. was an experience! First we went through Immigration + they asked for proof of citizenship - Ellie showed the man her driver's license - fine. Then he asked if I had a credit card - I didn't so I took out my license - but he wanted other proof - because he told me that "south of the border" a lot of fake licenses are being made - he finally accepted my birth certificate + social security number.

And then we went through customs - now don't we both look like terribly suspicious characters?! We were suspected of smuggling in stolen jewelry and narcotics from

South America. Supposedly (as they told us) the jewelry + narcotics are brought up from South America and given to young girls (many times in Guatemala) to bring into the U.S. So since our plane was originally from South America + we were 2 young girls who got on in Guatemala they thought we were likely suspects! A woman customs official lightly searched through Ellie's suitcases + then told her ^(Ellie) to come with her + they left the room - when Ellie came back she had a shocked expression on her face! A man searched my things but much more thoroughly - he went through everything! He spent 10 minutes going over every single letter I had received while I was in Guatemala. He didn't read them but just checked + rechecked all the addresses + dates on the envelopes. He wanted to know the prices of everything and was

So suspicious of everything I said. I really felt like I was being interrogated ~~for~~ the people standing in line must have wondered about this innocent-looking guy - who is really a terrible criminal (in disguise!) He dumped everything out and searched it - after he was done with one of the bags I was carrying I started to put things back in it and he got mad - "Leave those things alone!" Then that same woman customs official appeared, took me into another little room, locked the door & frisked me - no wonder Ellie had looked shocked! It is an ~~very~~ uncomfortable sensation - feeling so innocent but having everyone treating you with ^{terrible} suspicions! It was an experience I will remember for awhile, it was good to get home & see everyone - while I was gone they had remodelled the bathroom - it really looks nice!

We may be driving to Santa Barbara in 2 weeks to take most of my things down & while we're there hopefully ^{we'll} have a chance to visit with Aunt Betty & Uncle Paul. Next weekend Ellie, Dorothy & I are all going to try & get together. This weekend a friend from Santa Barbara is coming for a visit so I'll stay busy showing her around the area.

Thank you again for giving me a chance to see Cuatemala again - It is such a beautiful country & I love the chance it always gives me to speak Spanish. We had a nice visit with Louis Paganini (he is a wonderful person) Ellie especially enjoyed talking with him - She has been thinking about declaring herself a geography major & his enthusiasm for the subject is really contagious! And Concha fed us her fantastic meals - it was 3 weeks in paradise - say hello to everyone there in the house and much love to both of you and many, many thanks!
Love always, Marianita CHITRE

experience.

This has turned out to be a fairly quiet, slow-paced summer. It has been a good, much needed change from school. Last year was pretty busy - now I'm half way through college - the time when I enter the real world (leaving the world of the university behind) is getting closer! I'm really starting to wonder just what I'm going to do in two years with degrees in art history and anthropology!



Probably get a job
in an office - typing.
Or maybe I'll hope for
something a little more
interesting & stimulating!

I miss you both.
I hope to see you
again before too long -
maybe the summer after
I graduate.

"Saludes" to everyone
in the house.

I love you,
Marion

July 19, 1973

Dear Grandfather & Alice,

I hope everything
is going well with both
of you. I've often been
down in Guatemala
in my mind - I've been
doing a lot of reading
about Guatemala and
Latin America. It's
really been interesting!

The letters we have
gotten from Barton
have been so enthusiastic -
he sounds like he is
really enjoying this

[1974?]

Dear Grandfather and Alice,

How are you both? I hope very well. We are all fine. Mother is working very hard on her Ph D, Carolyn is always dancing on her toes, and I'm finishing up my last year in high school. These past few weeks seem to have gone so slow! It's exciting knowing I'm almost through but it's also kind of sad having to say good-bye to some of my best friends.

Next year I will be going to the University of the Pacific in Stockton, Calif. It sounds really fun. I'm not sure what I want to study but I'm thinking in terms of bilingual education or psychology.

Today Uncle Knowles and Grandma Edith are coming for Mother's Day dinner. We are going to barbecue chicken. It should be fun.

I hope both of you are very well and happy.
Love, Dorothy

August 6, 1974

Dear Grandfather and Alice,

I haven't written ^{you} in a long time so tonight I decided I would.

Last year ~~the~~ school was really hard. the hardest year I've ever had. It was especially hard to study because I had ballet class everyday for 2 hours. But somehow I managed to get through it with my final grades being all A's!

This summer has been really great but it's going by so FAST. I take ballet everyday and I love it. I've made a lot of friends there so I really enjoy myself.

I am so excited about coming down! I can't wait. I'm so anxious to see all of you and our little house. I miss Antigua.



It's going to be great ~~is~~ going to school in the city and taking ballet. It's going to be so exciting.

Mother wants to come down too.

Mother's paper is coming along ^{fine}.
Every day she gets more done. She really is working hard. I have been making lots of the meals lately. I don't cook very well but I'm learning!

Everybody up here is fine. Dorothy is getting ready for college. Edith and Knowles are fine too. We see them quite often.

Well, as I said before, I can't wait to see you. (Probably around the end of October),

Love always,

Carolyn

[Hatch?]



December 28 [74]

Dear Grandfather and Alice,

I hope you had a very merry Christmas, Thank you so much for the Christmas money - it helped pay for a new coat - which I'll get alot of use out of in Boston!

Now that Christmas is over we're starting to make plans for the wedding - tentatively set for May 31 here at The house. I wish you could be here! But hopefully John and I will be able to get down to Guatemala for a visit within the next couple of years - maybe after he receives his master's at M.I.T. He then plans to get his Ph.D. from Berkeley or Stanford.

Thank you again for the money. I hope this new year will be a very biappy one for you!

with love always,
Yvanion

Veteran's Day (out of school!)
Monday, Nov. 11, 1968

Dear Grandfather,

Thank you so much for your wonderful letter! By now you know Nixon is the president-elect. There wasn't a terrible amount of excitement over the election - no one was very excited about any of the candidates.

I am really enjoying my Spanish class - it's alot more fun learning Spanish now I have a goal - to speak Spanish in Guatemala! By the end of this year we will have learned all the verb tenses. My teacher is helping me alot with my pronunciation.

I hope you didn't have to go to too much trouble with the dresses. I really appreciate it and I can't wait to see them - I know they will be so

pretty! mom says to be sure
and send her the bill.

The idea of spending the
summer going to school in
antigua sounds so wonderful!
and to wear a uniform and
maybe even march in the
parade - that would be very
exciting!

I hope loli and maria
are feeling better.

Everyone send their love!

Love,
marianita