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9- to necessary etc
+ your judgment let
some friend or neutral
party send this to you
It

HAROLD S. VANSCHAACK
8506 WOOD HOLLOW ST.
NORTHFIELD, OHIO 44067

2-23-82

8606 Wood Hollow
NORTHFIELD Ohio
NORTHFIELD Ohio 44067

Dear George -

My Typewriter Broken

I will try to WRITE plain enough. Will
WRITE or call you soon. You WRITE or call or
have someone do that etc

Good to talk to you. You sounded quite OK
But I do have trouble getting it all.

I understand you to say that you want me
to come out + you would come here with
understanding we would make some sort of
arrangement here or near here etc.

I will see you there if you can arrange
credit of 1000.00 to 1500.00 + we will figure
what the whole story is or should be

Things are pretty mixed up with me But
all could be worked out. Betty is away now.
at Deanes. I talked to her on phone. She
is wonderful in so many ways But we do have
our problems. Its a long story But all
could be handled

I of course only get a "part" picture
of it all and there is no question we

To Geo
from H - 2-23-82
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+ sit down about it all and maybe then
you come back with me on plane or drive
back if you want to get car + have me drive
I would figure to be there 3-4 days, I
would think

~~I cannot be~~ Apparently you are in
an unhappy (very) state + the way things
are now - you should be here or ~~there~~ near
here. There are good places not far away

I think you would like the climate here
better than Florida and in this connection
there seem to be a lot of angles ????:
I will keep open mind on all. I do not
understand what there is to all this

You just have Wilbur and me - you
should be East and I will do anything I
can for you. You should be arse (I can not
- I can explain it all to you if I see you etc)
It does not make sense for you to be so
far away from the only folks you have

On Sunday when we talked, apparently
Gary left the home after he placed the call
I have a weird feeling about the whole.

✓
Rec
from H- 223-82

We could make arrangements about the whole thing + I will help you and do what you need + we will get a local attorney in on it all if need be.

I make no judgement one way or other about the present arrangements but it is clear all this is not good and if I am to be involved which I AM glad to be if I can HELP you - AND I think I should to Gary is now having things he should arrange the 1500 or so credit for me to use the round trip fare is now about 550⁰⁰ + your coming back (with me on plane) that is the way it would be would be about 300.

If ok with you lets get into this and MAKE the whole thing MAKE more sense

I have talked + WRITTEN Lubman + do not quite understand it all. As I understand it, He does not intend to do anything unless asked etc etc. As I understand it you are asking me to do what +

4

Whichever it is all pretty mixed up
+ some of us are young etc etc. I will
Do what I can for you + I will be
Further touch with you. I do think you
should see me or us - or whomever you
want to or will etc etc

I know a Real nice place right near
~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ of that is the way it
worked at (At the moment there is a
waiting list which would not last too
long.)

My health is very good - My teeth is main thing
that are bad + need some expensive work -

So much for now. I want to get this in
today's MAIL)

Communicate with me Best way you know.

See 5

5

If you and Gary do not see
Eye to eye (And I am not
suggesting there is trouble that can not
be handled - etc) have some neutral
person call me

I have to Run now -

Keep Brotherly love + I will do
what I can + care for you as you
MAY need

For A card

If you want to Establish credit for me
do so with

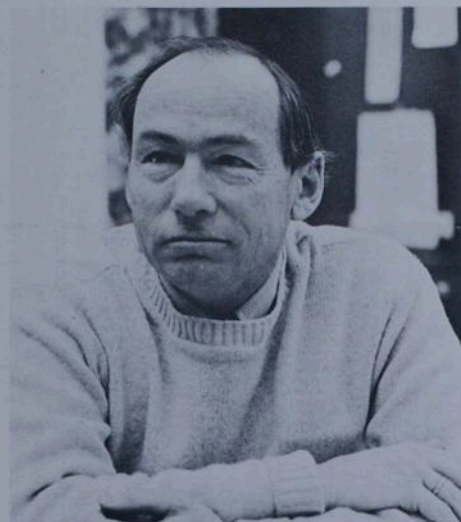
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Crystal ball gazing: long range planning at NMH

by John Clark



The author, a member of the English Department at NMH and on-campus staff coordinator of the Long Range Planning Commission, notes that a long-term commitment to continuous planning is necessary to meet the challenges of the future.

Northfield Mount Hermon is no stranger to the idea of long range planning. Since 1960, no less than five significant planning efforts have been undertaken: "Operation 1970" (1961), the Elsassner study (1963), the Academic Study Committee (1969), Frantzreb & Pray merger study (1970), and the Long Range Goals Committee (1973). The planning process now underway at NMH is the direct result of action taken by the Board of Trustees on November 4, 1977. A number of factors contributed to that step, including the recommendation of the Visiting Committee of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges that we develop a long range plan; the approaching celebration of NMH's first 100 years of service — a time to look backwards and forwards; the implicit commitment by the Trustees in 1975 to review the present structure and mode of operation of the school in 1980; ongoing concerns about financial stability and enrollment; and a widely shared feeling that Northfield Mount Hermon needed to evaluate and restate its mission as clearly and forcefully as possible. The Board action set a process in motion, but delegated the detailed implementation of that process to a five-member Planning Commission. The Commission was charged "to study program and financial options for the school as it enters its second century for the purpose of determining how we may make the most effective use of our human resources and two campuses . . . to meet our institutional purposes."

The Planning Commission created a three-stage process with an accompanying timetable. The process and timetable in brief outline are: *Stage One* (completed by August 1978) — a study of the experience of the school since the merger of Northfield School and Mount Hermon School in 1971; *Stage Two* (completed by April 1979) — an analysis of options for 1980-1985; *Stage Three* (completed by October 1979) — the weaving together of those options deemed most desirable by the Board into a coherent plan, including a timetable for implementation and evaluation. These three stages constitute one complete planning cycle. Experience here and elsewhere with long range planning has led to the conclusion that a long-term commitment to continuous planning is needed to meet the challenges and uncertainties of the 1980's and beyond. Thus, we are embarking on our first journey through a continuing cycle of planning. While the method or persons responsible for it may change, planning will remain a necessity as long as NMH continues to exist.

STAGE ONE

One of the Commission's first acts was to invite me to serve as the staff coordinator of the process. During the late winter, spring and early summer of 1978, I worked with academic and administrative department heads to collect various kinds of information about the school's operation since the merger in 1971. Much of the information already existed in one filing cabinet or another. My task was to bring together in one place some facts and figures that might help us become more effective planners and managers. This information, distributed to faculty and trustees in early

Leop
over

Dear George 4-11-79

This was best captured for me when I was coming in from a run in the middle of November. It was after five p.m. and already cold and dark. As I approached the gym, I saw figures running around practically in total darkness. Finally I realized it was the Junior I football team working on kickoff-return coverage for next day's game against Deerfield. Coaches and athletes were deeply involved in what they were doing. I thought of yelling, "What difference does it make? Go in and take a shower!" But then I realized that they had already beaten Deerfield. There was no way they could lose, because they had built something on those warm and sunny fall afternoons which kept them together in the dark and cold long after daylight savings time had ended. Somehow, these people had built a group which had taken on a life of its own, and you simply had to be part of it from day to day to understand it.

... to know NMH is to live its life from day to day, to be proud of its successes and understanding of its failures."

The annual Bemis-Forslund Pie Race works the same way for me. There is room for competition and congeniality, for excellence and sheer ploddingness. It matters to win, but it also matters to take part. The Pie Race is the great athletic event of the year for NMH. For those outside the school, it is probably boring or crazy. (On race days, I've often wondered if those drivers on Route 10 think the students are actually trying to escape.)

I think Kate Nielson was getting at something very similar in her excellent valedictory address last year when she cited the greatness of faculty members Kathleen Barber, Anne Davies and Louise Schwingel. She didn't stress the brilliance and originality of their ideas or approaches, but rather seemed to suggest that you had to be there, day by day, to see the genius of these people, to fight and argue and get your ideas shaken by Kathleen, to be pushed and prodded and made to sweat by Anne, and to be entertained to tears and laughter by Louise. But Kate pointed out that all these relationships were reciprocal, and when NMH works today it is because of such reciprocity. That is, students feeling they have to do their best not only for themselves but for the people they work with; and teachers, coaches and directors feeling the same way.

After all, "we eat o' the same bit and drink of the same cup, and think o' the same things from one day's end to another," and this is enough for us, even if process doesn't turn into product. Godfrey can offer Eppie a "better" life, full of more things, more status. But if she takes that life, she will no longer be herself. And at its very best, NMH today allows a person to find a life which has enough integrity, commitment and respect that one can call it one's own.

He says I tell him All, I wrote him and said NO you do this. You only think you do !!!!!

I may write again—who knows?
How is your garden? I doubt that we will have a garden or anything else, the ball game is about over. I know I said that before
The Ganss tribe and others will be around here this weekend. How we will serve toothpicks I have no idea

I pick'd up the letter sent to David (How did you know I was to be there—but we were on Mon anyway) and have the card. My many many and sincere thanks for all on your mind about me and for your interest and all. I will cover all as xxxxx suggested and advise if I am sorry Eva indicated that I was in a panic on this but she has a point in that this is just one thing or panic. Actually I am in a constant panic and things are so much worse than you ever heard it boogie the mind and I can not begin to describe the other dimensions of this chaotic situation. At the moment I have no idea how I will get to the weekend in any area (pick any one you choose.) I wish I could at least tell you how bad things are without suggesting that it is Betty's fault which it is not except for the fact (and this is not fault) in any real sense that there is a total inability for us to see eye to eye and the whole ball game is in such a mess that any day the whole house of cards could collapse and I expect that. That this is true is impossible of believe by you or anyone and it has to be my fault I suppose. That I negotiated myself into having gone to school 8 yrs after high school, having had the child from whom I am in large part estranged, that I have nothing except an upper plate, regular bowels and memories (both kinds) at age 72 is something which seems impossible—but here it is. I have no real desire but to wake up some morning and pick up the paper and find that I died the day before and that the funeral will be day after tomorrow. It would be better for all that way but I do not seem to have the guts to arrange this—not yet.

(Never GET INVOLVED WITH WRITING OR TALKING ON ANY OF THESE WITH BETTY) some rift has developed between Betty and Eva very very sad and somewhat inexplicable (but not too much knowing the parties etc))

I never see Eva But can not speak any thing

Holland Feb 5, 79

Dear George,

What a winter! 12°
today 74" of snow its stacked
up 12 feet in back of town
house but its crumfy, I got
one day last month.

Dona Eva has had her
troubles too, two leaks in
her ceiling having pails
to catch it. What do you
think she told me the other day
she said she has to make
other plans to live in other
parts, smaller quarters or
something else. Please do
not displease this to her.

Hope you plan to
come for a visit. I'll meet
you in G. R. Airport.

Truly
Rudy.



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SEAL



The design on this note was drawn by Ann Adams, a polo patient, who prior to her illness was an artist. Through per-
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to complete. ANN ADAMS — 3600 SAN VISCAYA DRIVE — JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32217 This is design no. 188

March 22

Dear George,

I hope you'll forgive my taking this long to send you a letter. MIT keeps me fairly busy, but not nearly busy enough to explain a six months' procrastination. Back in September I told Joan that I would send you a note of thanks for the Eleventh Edition, which may explain how I arrive at the figure of six months.

The one advantage to my having waited this long is that I'm now able to tell you that I do use the books, and rather frequently at that. It took me a while to find out what I was best able to use them for: articles on history and literature. I also find that I still indulge in the new encyclopedia owner's habit of taking a volume and opening it at random to see what will turn up. I've also looked at some of the mathematical articles and the famous article by Newcombe on Mercury which nearly anticipates the general theory of relativity. I can't hope to express our thanks adequately, so maybe I shouldn't try.

I've had numerous dealings with draft boards over the last sixth months, but it's beginning to look as if I've held them off successfully for at least another school year. The details aren't very interesting. I've come out of the experience with a number of unpleasant memories and one anecdote which may be worth one more telling. On December 2, I called the local board in Cambridge (located in City Hall, in Central Square) to ask them whether they had scheduled me for a physical. The conversation was like this:

"Well, if you haven't heard from us by now, you aren't scheduled for this month. Our physicals for this month are all being given either tomorrow or Friday."

"Then my examination won't be until January?"

"That's correct. If you like I'll take your name and check the files." (I gave her my name and she went off for a minute. I was feeling relieved. Then she returned.)

" Uhhh... yes. Your physical will be on December 6. That's in about three weeks."

"No it isn't. It's this Friday."

"Oh, yes. That's right. Well, if it's this Friday I guess you've heard from us by now."

"No, I haven't. That's why I called. I've had no letter from you at all."

"Well, you probably haven't gotten it because the letters were just sent out this afternoon. I suppose you'll hear tomorrow."

I've touched up her grammar a bit in relating the conversation. Subsequent contacts with her confirmed me in the opinion that draft boards really are staffed only by people who are too stupid to appreciate the significance of what they're doing.

The physical was held as scheduled and I didn't pass it. To this day I don't know why. There were a number of things that might have done it. Eventually they'll schedule me for another physical. If I fail that one they'll probably forget me for good. Otherwise I should be able to fall back on the fact that MIT has arranged deferments for some of its teaching assistants, those who have full-time assistantships.

Three of my friends have been less lucky. Two of these were bitterly opposed to the war and gave much consideration to going to Canada. Their letters make unpleasant reading. One is just starting basic training, the other has finished it and I don't know his present whereabouts. Several other friends are now living in Canada, and some of Joan's friends are in England.

I can not see

I know nothing from
nothing as to what to
do or say at the

Moment. Best take care
from

Dear

(all as a matter of fact in any degree of affinity or whatever)

That 'degree' word makes me think of a fellow on TV (ILL SHIFT TO CAPS FOR EVA ANY YOU OTHERS WILL NOT COMPLAIN) WHO WAS TALKING ABOUT THE POLLY OF SOME PEOPLE GETTING ALL THESE DEGREES AND OF COURSE EVENTUALLY DIE "BY DEGREES ETC) HOW DID HE KNOW I WAS LISTENING ?

WELL LETS SEE IN A WEEK OF TORTURE AND PEANUT BUTTER SANDWICHES I HAVE STRUGGLED WITH MYSELF AS TO WHETHER I WOULD WRITE THIS LETTER BUT WILL UNLEAS I CHANGE MY MIND (THE LO % THAT MAY BE LEFT) AT THE PO. I DO NOT KNOW EXACTLY WITH WHOM I WAS STRUGGLING B I WAS AHEAD @ # DAYS BUT AS USUAL I LOST (THAT @ AND # IS BECAUSE OF THE WAY I AM TYPING YOU KNOW IT MEANS 2 3 - y u MAY RUN INTO THAT AGAIN SO STOP COMPLAINING). I HASTEN TO TELL YOU THAT IT WILL NOT BE AS BAD AS IT SOUNDS. I CAN HEAR WI BUR NOW SAYING : GOOD GOD HEAR COMES GLOOMY GUS AGAIN ... ~~ZZZ/XXX~~ I WROTE THE ATTACHED WHICH I MKNOW IS PAINFULLY SELF EXPLANATORY (ACTUALLY WHAT IT EXPLAINS I AM NOT CLEAR ON BUT LETS GET ON ..). I DESIGN D THAT ODN A FIP OF LEGITIMATE INSANITY (WHICH IS THE WORST KIND) AND THEN DECIDED NOT TO SEND IT SMART FOR ONCE BUT IT DID NOT LAST. SPEAKING OF DECISIONS MAKES ME THINK OF THE BOY THAT WENT TO THE PSYCHIATRIST. HE SAID HE WAS LOSING HIS MIND. THE DOC ASKED WHAT HIS WORK WAS. HE SAID HE WORKED IN THE APPLE SORTING PLACE AND HAD TO PUT THE GODD APPLES IN ONE BIN THE BAD IN ANOT AND THE MIDDLE ONES IN THE MIDDLE. DOC SAID THAT SOUNDED LIKE A GOOD EASY JOB THE BOY SAID "MAYBE BUT THESE DECISIONS THESE DECISIONS" MONDAY MORNING WHEN I WAS CONVINCED I HAD A GET OUT OF HERE, I WROTE WILBUR AND SENT HIS COPY AND FRANKLY ASKED FOR SOME AID IN A TRANSITION PERIOD. AND THEN IN A DA SO I SENT HIM A CARD TO FORGET IT (WHICH MAYBE I SJOULD NOT HAVE DONE AND YOU CAN SE THE PROBLEM . I AM NUTS) ANYWAY, I CONCLUDED THAT YOU ALL SHOULD HEAV EQUAL TIME MY BASIS JUSTIFICATION (WHICH I AM SURE WOULD NOT MEAB A THING TO A RATION AL PERSON (BUT PUT YOU FEET IN MY SHOES FOR A MOMENT I HOPE THEY FIT). IF YOU CA N FOLLOW THESE PARANTHESIS YOU ARE BETTRTER THAN I WHICH I AM SURE IS TRUE .. I SAID SOMETHING A BOUT A "JUSTIFICATION". I MEAN IT MAY HELP ALL BR SOME OF YOU TO " UNDERSTAND" IF SOME SPECIAL REASON TURNS UP WHERE Y U NEED THATTYPE OF HELP.

THE PRIOR LETTER (THAT MISGUIDED MISSLE) THAT DID GO OUT LIKE MAYBE (JUST MAYBE) AN UNHAPPILY SENT ARROW NOT TO BE RETRIVED (THAT SPELLED WRONG) DID CONTAIN BOTHNON LINES AND BETWEEN THEM WORDS PROMPTED BY A MIND THAT HAS "HAD IT" BUT I WILL LEAVE THIS SUBJECT AND NO DOUBT LEAVE IT ALL TOGETHER BUT HOW. ? I WISH I COULD CUT THIS LETTER SHORT. WHERE WAS I . IT SEEMED I WAS HERE BUT SEEM NOW O BE OVER THERE IF I COULD SUMMARIZE (M E SUMMARIZE WHAT A JOKE) I WOULD JUST SAY THAT I HAVE TO SET OUT ON A COURSE AND EVERY AVENUE THAT I EXPORE IN MY MIND AND AT THE WINDOW OF DARKEST NIGHT , GOES NOWHERE BUT AGAINS A WALL I CAN NOT CONCEIVABLY SURMOUNT.

THIS SECOND MARRIAGE OF MINE (WHICH I DO NOT REGRET FOR A MOMENT AND WOULD DO IT AGAIN BETTY HAS KEPT EVERY ROMISE THAT WAS AT LEAST CONTROLLING AT THE TIME AND CONSIDERING EARLIER " POINTS OF TIME " WHAT ELSE DO YOU HAVE TO DEAL WITH.) AND THE "SLINGS AND ARROWS" REFERRED TO, IN THE OTHER LETTER HAVE ME IN A POSITION AT MY AGE WHICH IS INTOLERABLE. IT WOULD SEEM THAT THERE WOULD BE SOME RELIEF I HASTEN TO AGREE THAT THERE ARE MILLIONS ALL THE TIME ASKING THE SAME QUESTIONS. I INCLUDE THEM ALL IN Y THINKING AND ~~REKEXX~~ REALIZE THAT I AM AN UNPOPULAR ADVOCA TE BEFORE THE COURT THAT THEY SAY CAN RUN THIS GAME. BETTY AND I CAN NOT POSSIBLY MAKE IT AND MY DILEMMA IS THAT I CAN NOT LEAVE (WHO WOULD GET HER COFFE AND STADBY HER WHEN SHE HAS THOSE WEAK SPELLS) AND I CAN NOT STAY. SHE SAYS TIME AND TIME AGAIN "JUST LEAVE AS YOU CAME"" AND THEN SAYS THE TOTAL AN D MOST SINCERE REVERSE AND "WE'LL MAKE IT" AND MY MIND BOGGLES AS I TYPE AND DO NOT KNOW WHY I DO THIS. I PROMISED MYSELF I WOULD NOT GET IN DEEP LIKE THIS AGAIN.

BUT AS FOR "LEAVING" IF ANY I'LL DO IT HER WAY. I LOVED HER WHEN I CAN AND WILL IF I LEAVE..

i'll sweat this out and if i mail it will only confirm the twisted STAB OF MY MIND.

I USED TO SAY THAT I HAD ONE REAL ASSET (I AM SURE THERE WAS ONLY ONE AT ALL LATELY (EXCEPT MY UPPER PLATE AND THAT CIGARETTE BOX I MENTIONED SOME OTHER TIME TO SOME ONES OF YOU NOT ALL I THINK THAT I WAOON AT BANK NIGHT IN CLINTON NY BACK IN L L L 1927 -and that was my health. YOU CAN START SCRATCHING THAT OFF. THERE ARE THE TEETH , THE EARS ,THE EYES (PERSONAL THINGS NOT ITEMIZED) AND NOW FOR 3-4 weeks I APPARENTLY HAVE BURSTITIS IN LEFT SHOULDER AND HAVE BEEN ALMOST CONSTIANLY IN EXCRUCIATING PAIB. I CAN NOT DRESS EXCEPT IN EXTREME DIPPICULTY.. IT DOES NO^T SEEM TO TROUBLE MY PRSIDING OVER THE TYPEWRITER AND FOR YOU ALL THAT IS A DAMNED SHAME...

I MADE A GARDEN BETTY DID A LOT OF IT BUT I HAVE DUBIOUS THOUGHTS ON WHO WILL HARVEST THE LAST TOMATO. I HAVE THEUSUAL STUFF AND IT IS AS ALWAYS EXHIBITING PROMISE IN VARYING DEGREES. I WAS GOING TO TRY INDIAN CORN AGAIN(I HAVE THE OTHER CORN .) I WALKED OUT THE STORE WITHOUT THE SEED I GUESS .. AND THEN TOO I WANTED SOME GUOOD PLANTS . THEY HAD NONE SO I BOUGHT TWO PACKS OF SEED AND IMMEDIATELY LOST ONE(THIS I WOULD HOPE IS THE HIGH POINT IN THIS LETTER OF USELES INFORMATION BUT ITS CONTENT CERTAINLY IS AN IMPROVEMENT ON SOME OF THE STUFF ABOVE) BACK TO THE GUORDDS. THE SEED I PUT IN WILL BE SUCCESSFUL THE WAY IT LOOKS. I NEVER HAD SO GOOD LOOKING CARROTS. MOST OF THE BIG ONIOND DIED BUT THEN WILL BE SOM. AND THE LITTLE ONES ARE WONDERFUL LOOKING. THEN THERE ARE THIRTY TOMA AND EGG PLANT AND PEPPERS AND BEETS (NEVER SUCCESSFUL) 3-4 kind so f squash .. cukes. I BOUGHT SOME SUNFLOWER BUT THAT SEED MOST HAVE BEEN HAD. A D THAT IS ABOUT IT .. ABOUT @%%) 2500 SQ FT. BUT TH ROWES ARE WIDE AND SOME PUMPKINS I FORGOT . I ALWAYS SAY "FORGET ANYTHING BUT NEVER A PUMPKIN"

WE ARE HAVING SOME RAIN AND IT IS A GOOD THING.. THAT IS IF YOU WANT RAIN...

THE BIGGEST THING OF DOING SOMETHING LATELY IS ALL ABOUT FIXING UP THE HARVARD AVE HOUSE.(AS FOR DOING WHAT NORMAL PEOPLE DO THERE IS NOTHING TO REPORT YOU GUSED IT)DAVID HAS BEEN HERE A LOT , STAYING OWER AND HE IS WORKING FOR HIS MOTHER IN HIS USUAL INCREDIBLE WAY. ITS A LONG STORY. HIS BROTHER AL WHO LIVED IN THAT LAST LITTLE HOUBE HE RENTS, HAS JUST MOVED AND I HAVE BEEN BUSY RENTING THE HOUSE FOR HIM. ETC. ABOUT % 50 PEOPLE WANTED AT LEA TO SEE THAT LITTLE PLACE. HE IS ACTUZZLY GOING TO RENT THAT PLACE PER #)) 300 and to me it is a commentary on the complete screainess OF THINGS . WEA TALKING ABOUT A PLACE THAT IN TIME PAST WOULD RENT FOR ABOUT \$ 60 and heat with oil nad no one knows AT AL OF THERE WILL BE ANY OIL AT ALL.

OF COURSE I HAVETO BELIEVE THAT MY VIEW OF THINGS AND MY GENERAL STATE IS IN PART OF JUST A PIECE OF THE NATIONAL PSCH THA S NOT RIGHT TRY AGAIN PHYS I DOUBT THAT THAT IS RIGHT BUT WHAT THE HELL. THE COUNTRY IS HELL BENT FOR RUIN NO QUESTION. I AM NOT FACILAR WITH ANYTHING THAT MAKES ANY SENSE AND I CAN HEAR WILLEUR SAY "ESPECIALLY @XEXXX Y U" . THAT'S POSSIBLE. BUT I HAVE TO GO DOWN T LINE, GETTING SOME RESPECTABLE ATTENTIO N "" THAT THE FACT IS THAT THE OIL COUNTRIES HAVE HS (NO I BETTER NOT SAY THAT) WELL, WHERE THEY WANT US ANDIF WE DO NOT WANT TO BE RUN BY THEM , WELL HAVE A WAR OF FURVIVAL. CoUNT ME OUT -- I JUST DISCARDED THE LAST SHIRT THEY GAVE ME AT FT EUSTIS.

I'S NOW @)\$ 2 06. have had 2 3 PHONE CA LIS. NOTHING OF VALU WILL TYPE AWAY A BIT . UNLUCKY YOU.....

these many years --not all maybe but what a dent and what a catastrophe. i hasten to say that I BLAME NO ONE AND DO NOT WANT ANY OF YOU TO. BUT YOU WILL AND THAT'S LIFE. ALL I KNOW IS THAT THESE THINGS HAPPEN. I HAVE NO WHILLITY TO SAY AS MOST DO ITS YOUR FAULT ITS. I KNOW ITS STUPID AND FLYS IN THE SACE OF ALL CONVENTIONAL WISDOM BUT THAT IS THE WAY I FEEL. I AM BITTER BUT FRANKLY DO NOT KNOW WHO AT. I AM JUST SICK NAD HAVE SEEN ENOUGH OF HOW CHIPS FAL L

JUDY WANTS ME TO SEE THEM IN NJ. IY IS ALL SO PROBLEMATICAL. BUT I GUESS THIS IS PERSONAL AND I WILL WRITE HER A NOTE AS I SHOULD. SUOERIMPOSED ON ALL OF THIS IS (AND NOT NECESAR ILY IF AT ALL CONNECTED) IS THE PACT HARD TO ACCEPT AND DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND THAT NOT ONE OF MY BROTHERS AND SISTER HAVE EVEN SEEN ONE OF THE KIDS. BUT HERE AGAIN I DO NOT BLAME ANYONE. ANYTHING ABOUT SEEING JUDY IS OFF UNTIL OCTOBER IN ANY EVENT AND THEREB IS AN ANGLE HERE. JUDY WANTS BETTY AND I TO GO THERE IN CONNECTION IF ANY VERY REMOTE VERY VERY WITH OUR GOING IF AT ALL POSSIBLE VERY VERY REMOTE TO HAMILTON REUNION (50) THE WEEKEND OF OCT 12-14. BETTY WILL NOT GO TO JUDY'S AT ALL ANYWHERE ANYTIME UNLESS THERE IS SOME CHANGE IN THIS WHOLE BEHIND BALL GAME. NO ONE SEEMS TO WANT TO INITIATE ANY(BUT AGAIN I'LL MAKE SOME PERSONAL MENTION. BUT ANYWAY. BETTY MIGHT NOT GO TO HAMILTON. IF A MIRACLE HAPPENED I MIGHT GO ALONE AND THEN WE'D SEE.I DOUBT THAT ANYONE WILL GO ANYWHERE ANY TIME. THIS IS THE BOTTOM LINE OF SOMETHING SO BAD I CHOKO ON IT WHEN I THINK OF IT.

A FRIEND OF MINE CALLED YESTERDAY FROM CHATHAM NJ(MUST NEAR JUDY FROM WHAT HE SAID ASKING ME IF I WOULD BE THERE IN OCTOBER. HE IS ONE OF THOSE REAL NICE FELLOWS THAT MADE IT BIG IN MERCHANDISING AND WILL NO DOUBT ARRIVE IN A PRIVATE PLANN. I AM HAVING A FEUD WITH THE LOCAL (SAGAMORE HILLS TRUSTEES) ABOUT A SURETY CO. CLAIM BY REASON OF PRIOR TRUSTEES.XRXX IT IS ALL A MESS ABOUT THE PRESENT PRES OF THE TRUSTEES PROFITING FROM ACTIONS OF THE FORMER ONES AND HE IS OF COURSE AGAINST MY COLLECTING for the township because it will REFLECT ON HIM THE PRESENT BIG SCHEM TRUSTEES BECAUSE HE GOT PART OF THE MONEY THAT THEY TOOK ETC ETC.. (SUBSTITUTE THIS LAST FOR NO, ONE HONORS ON "USELESS) AFTER YRS OF "SUSPECTING "I KNEW AFTER THAT THING FOR DAVID WITH THE LAW IS NOT FOR ME I AM OF COURSE IRY SORRY I STUDIED LAW AND CAN NOT G TOUT OF MY MIND THAT "NESBIT " MAN, STILL AT HAMILTON WHO TOLD ME TO GO TO JOURNALISTIC SCHOOL. THERE IS NO CRAFT AS YOU MUST KNOW SO EVIL AS THE LAW. HOW I WOULD HAVE ENJOYEE BEING A PARTY TO JUST TELLING ABOUT ALL THIS CHICANERY INSTEAD OF THIS TRAGIC-ATTEMPT TO BE PART OF IT. I HAVE EVA'S LAST LETTER. SHE SAYS SHE WANTS A LETTER AND I HAVE THIS TERRIBLE GUILT FEELING ABOUT WRITING ONES WITH NOTHING IN THEM BUT BAD.. BUT THIS IS MY NATURE AND THIS IS THE WAY IT IS. I CAN NOT, AS THEY SAY(WHO I DO NOT KNOW WHO SAYS THIS WITH ANY AUTHORITY BUT ANYWAY) "I CAN NOT PUT IT ALL TOGETHER " AS CHURCHILL SAID TO THE ENG LISH I CAN ONLY GIVE YOU BLOOD SWEAT AND TEARS AND _____ (I THINK TH RE WAS ANOTHER ONE BUT I CAN NOT THINK OF IT. IT WASN'T GOOD..

WELL MAYBE I SHOULD PLAN TO QUIT. I HAVE 15 -20 lines yet .OH I HAVE BEEN ALONE SINCE MONDAY AM, DIANA AND THE MAFIA WERE HERE ONE WEEK. I WAS GOING HIT THELEST HOUR CONVINCED ME "NO". THEY ARE ALL COMING BACK SUN. AND THEN, DEPENDING (EVERYTHING DEFEND ON A LOT OF THINGS I MAY BE AT COTTAGE FOR \$TH 4th. What I am saying is that BETTY WENT WITH THEM TO W VA ETC ALL VERY MIXED UP LOTS OF FUN ACTUALLY SOME IS FUN BUT DO NOT ASK ME TODAY.....BETTY HAS CALLED TWICE. I HAD NOT BEEN GERE WHEN THEY LEFT BETTY SAYS ALL IS OK AND GOD WILL TAKE CARE AND REFERRED TO LOVE AND EXHIBITED HER USUAL INABILITY TO LIVE IN THE REAL WORLD.. BUT ACTUAKLY WHERE SHE LIVES AND SOO MANY OTHERS IS SOOO MUCH BETTER. AT LEAST I HOPE IT IS.... WIL L GO CHURCH TO,COROW AND SS. MAYBE, WHO KNOWS, THEY MAY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO COME UP WITH SOMET ING TO SOLVE MY TROUBLE. HERE WOULD BE A " FIRST " FOR SURE AND NO DOUBT WILL BE (SHOULD BE) REPORTED IN THE WASHINGTON POST AT LEAST THIS IS REDICU OUS AND NOT FUNNY . I WILL LEAVE FOR NOW AND BE BACK. IT LOOKS LIKE ILL MAIL THIS MON. WILL. TRY A PERSONAL NOTE (SHORT ON EACH) FORGIVE ME. ACTUA LY I AM NOT A BAD GUY BUT WAS PUT TOGETHER BY AN UNSKILLED WORKMAN I AM AFRAID... BE BACK. I M GOING TO MAKE A SANDWICH....

Sun PM.... AROUND # 3

I renewed my strenght with the sandwich +FELL ASLEEP

Monday A M. around 4 . Little did I think the sequence of all of this would change in time etc so quickly. As I was typing Betty and Diana returned with the two younger ones and dog . I HAD NOT EXPECTED THEM UNTIL LATE. I SUSPENDED THIS TIL NOW. THE SHEER UNHAPPINESS OF BETTY AT " RETURNING TO THE SCENE" OF ALL HER WOE WAS CLEAR AND OBVIOUS TO THE MOST STUPID AND THE WHOLE THING IS TELESCOPING I FEAR.

ANYWAY DIANA WAS HERE ABOUT TWO HRS. THEN TO THE COTTAGE AND WE WILL GO THERE TOMORROW PM AND WHAT THE WHOLE SCORE WILL BE OR IS I DO NOT KNOW I WENT TO SS AND CHURCH. THE CLASS WAS OF & 7 or 8 and led b by the new asST MINISTER, ONE PAVELKA OR SOMETHING, A LOCAL BOY JUST OUT OF MINISTER SCHOOL OR WHATEVER IT IS CALLED. HE ISSED THE BLACK BOARD AND THREE TIMES WAS AT PAINS TO SPELL " SACRIFICE" " DESERT " AND ONE OTHER SIXTH GRADE WORD THAT I DO NOT NOW RECALL. I ONLY HOPE HE WAS BETTER ON THE MAIN COURSES OF THE SCHOOL IF HE IS TO SAVE SOULS AND THERE ARE A LOT INCLUDING MINE AROUND HERE THAT CAN USE THAT.. THE DAY WORE ON AND WAS CAPPED AT ABOUT LO PM BY A TAPPING AT THE DOOR WHERE A DISTRAUGHT LADY FROM THE NEXT STREET SAID SHE WAS LOOKING FOR HER THREE PET CHICKENS AND HAD I SEEN THEM, SHE SAID THEY HAD BEEN TRAINED TO STAY IN THE YARD AND SHE WAS CONVINCED THAT SOME SCOUNDREL HAD SPOLEN THESE TREASURES AND HER WORLD HAD FALLEN IN. I WAS NEMPED TO SAY " COME IN AND JOIN THE CLUB" BUT DID NOT. I AM REASONABLY SURE THAT I EXPRESSED BY CO CONDOLENCES AND SAID GOODNIGHT.

IN THIS PREDAWN WITC ING HOUR, I MUST STBP THIS AND SEARCH AT THE END OF THIS FOR SOMETHING I FOOLISHLY THOUGHT WAS EASY TO IDENTIFY WHEN I STARTED--- BUT I WONDER. THAT IS WHY DO I DO THIS. I WILL TRY TO SATISFY MY GUILT BY AT LEAST CLAIMING BELIEVING THAT THIS CAN SERVE AS A WHITE PAPER TO THOSE WHO MIGHT ABLE TO USE IT ABOUT THE STRANGE STATUS OF THE FAMILY BLACK SHEEP. WHY I EVER GOT ON THIS CHASTLY BINGE OF SO DISTUBING A TALE THESE MANY YRS NOW I DO NOT KNOW ---and so what else is new ? I AM AND HAVE BEEN FOR SOME TIME AT THE POINT OF NO RETURN WND SO STUMBLE ON TO YOUR DISCOMFORT IN MASSIVE DEGREE I AM SURE....

I WILL GO ON TUES IF FOR NO OTHERREASON THAN THAT BETTY SHOULD NOT DRIVE, OF COURSE AT THAT TIME (ONE CONSTANTLY NEEDS A SCORE CARD) THERE MAY BE MORE(AT LEAST CONSERVATIVELY) HAPPY REASONS. IT LOOKS LIKE A RETURN ON THURS..~~XXXXXX~~ DIANA AND ENFORAGE(AS YOU UNDERSTAND MY ERRATIC SPELLING IS A MATTER OF FINGERS AND NOT THE FAULT OF ANY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIO N) (IN THE CASE OF FRIEND MINISTER A ABOVE I WAS ~~XXXX~~ WONDERING IF BY ANY CHANCE I WAS WITNESSING ANOBJECT LESSON IN WHAT B WIDE CIRCLES IS CLAIMED TO BE A TIME WHEN PEOPLE ARE BRING GIVEN DIPLOMAS THAT THEY CAN NOT READ. BUT HERE AGAIN I AM ON THIS ICE,, I WOULD HAVE BEEN GLAD TO BE UNABLE TO READ MINE(ONE I CAN NOT ITS LATIN)---HAD IT HAD SOME OTHER MIS_PACED MAGIC THAT NEVER GESTATED.

IF I DO NOT STOP ON THIS SHEET I WILL BE COMPLETELY GA GA AS SURE AS NIXON IS A CROOK AND THAT POPEYES OLIVE OIL IS NO BEAUTY. OF COURSE NOW IN A MATTER OF DAYS IT IS CLEAR THAT THE COUNTRY IS COLLAPSING AND THIS POSES A NEW BALL GAME FOR US ALL. OUR CHANCES OF SURVIVAL IN MY VIEW AR E ABOUT THE SAME AS CLEVELAND WINNING A GAME OVER WHOEVER WHEN THEYNTAIL A S THEY USUALLY DO ABOUT ~~17~~ 17 to 1 in the last of the n-nthe with 2 out. THEY HAVE NOW WON ~~2~~2OUT OF LAST ~~4~~ 4 OR IF YOU WANT IT WITH THE BARK ON -- 2 out of 14 las T

EVA CALLED YESTERDAY AND S E KNOWS THAT " ~~ENDING~~ FROM OTHER THREE DO. LOTS P RAUN. IF IT STARTS RAINING PENNIES GROWN ~~LEAVE~~ LEAVE LOTS OFV RAIN . IF IT STARTS RAINING PENNIES GROWN ~~LEAVE~~ LEAVE IF ANY MORE I'LL WRITE ON BACK AND YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO REUN OUT HEAD ETC ETC

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Twenty three June '79

Dear (an understatement in all cases) *Jan*

I have been pacing the floor these many hrs and I think it is about 5 AM OR SOMETHING. I HAVE THIS COMPELSION TO WRITE THIS NOT TO THE FOUR WHO ARE SO CLOSE TO ME. YOU KNOW MAY ARGUE THAT I SHOULD NOT DO THIS BUT SOME FORCE BACKS ME ON.

THIS WILL BE BRIEF.. THAT IS SOME PROGRESS ANYWAY.

DO NOT IN Y EVENT ANY ANY CONTACT BETTY OR ANYONE IN HER FAMILY . IT WOULD BE AN EXERCISE IN DISASTER. IN MY CASE THE SLINGS AND ARROWS OF OUTRAGEOUS POT UNB ARE CLOSING IN ON ME AS THEY HAVE BEEN IN NOT PURSUIT THESE MANY YEARS AND SEEM TO BE IN QU TE COMPLETE CONTROL. (I SUPPOSE I USE HERE WORDS TO APPEAR INTELLECTUAL . I SEEM TO RECALL THEM FROM SOME ENGLISH LIT COURSE IN SOME INSTITUTION I WISH I HAD NEVER ATTENDED BUT THAT SEEMS TO BE A SILLY COLLATERAL STATEMENT WHICH SUBJECT I WILL ABANDON.

FOR ME TO STAY HERE OR TO LEAVE (AND I USE THOSE VERBS IN AN OPTIONAL VE Y BROAD SENSE ARE BOTH TOTALLY IMPOSSIBLE OF ANY IMPLEMENTATION HAVING ANY IDENTITY WITH SANITY. BETTY IS NOT WELL AND IN THE SITUATION WE ARE IN WHEN COMMUNICATION IS SO NECESSARY THERE IS NONE OF ANY MEANINGFUL QUALITY. AS I HAVE REPORTED BEFORE, HER SOLE STATEMENT IS THAT IF I ASCENDED TO ANYTH G WE WOULD NOT BE IN THIS SITUATION. AND YOU CAN NOT ARGUE WITH THAT BUT NEITHER CAN YOU EAT IT OR WHATEVER.

SO AS I SAY I WRITE THIS AS I HAVE THAT FEELING THERE MAY BE SOME POINT IN IT—BUT AS I TYPE THIS LINE I PERHAPS WOULD BE HARD PUT TO PROVE THIS BUT I WILL FAIL. A LOT OF NESS WOULD SERVE NO PURPOSE. THE WEATHER IS AS IT GENERALLY IS THIS TIME OF YEAR. I HAVE AND THANK WILSON FOR HIS LETTER THAT CAME YESTERDAY. IN THE OTHER THREE CASES THERE HAS NOT BEEN MUCH LETTERS EITHER WAY LATELY — I AM NOT COMPLAING I JUST MENTION THIS. I MAY BE IN ERROR HERE AS I HAVE HAD MORE THAN USUAL I GUESS FROM JUDY. I AM SURE I HAVE LOST MY MIND. THERE IS NOT A FACET OF MY BEING (MATERIAL OR OTHERWISE) THAT IS NOT IN COMPLETE SHAMBLES (I HAVE USED THQ T WORD BEFORE AND USE AGAIN AS IT SEEMS TO BE THE BEST AS CARTER SAYS "WHY NOT THE BEST" I HAVE UNTIL LATELY OBSERVED TO MY COMPLETE DAPPERMENT THAT MY HEALTH WAS UNUSUALLY GOOD BUT THAT IS A THING OF THE PAST I FEAR AND IN THE BIZARRE WORLD I AM STILL IN THAT MAY BE GOOD. AS ABOVE, BETTY'S HEALTH IS CATASTROPHIC IN MY OPINION BUT IT EXHIBITS A QUERER MANIFESTATION WHICH IS PAR FOR THE COURSE. THE LAST THING I SHOULD DO IS LEAVE (AND WOULD NOT KNOW HOW) BUT ON THE OTHER HAND I APPARENTLY LOVE HER POORLY BY STAYING. SOOOO.

Well, if it com s to that (and I am not saying WHAT THE SCORE IS BUT WE ARE PLAYIN PLAYING IN LATE INHIBID AS Henry Mencken said— NO I WILL LEAVE THAT OUT....

WELL IT' S STRANGE VERY STRANGE... I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO UNDERSTAND IT ALL.

Many thanks for writing this

N

Editing - see over 'Antiques'!

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12 February 1965

Mr. George Van Schaack
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Dear George:

I am glad to hear from you and appreciate your keeping me informed as to developments. I am particularly sorry to hear that things are not promising to turn out as you had hoped at the Missouri Botanical.

My advice about Mrs. Bliss and her librarian is do not waste your time or hopes on them. They have caused me a great deal of trouble and inconvenience, sending things back and forth, and there is always some evasion. I think they like to talk more than anything else.

Dr. Ransom will probably not get around to doing anything more with their science collection for a while. I understand he is having some difficulties and he also has a tendency to lead one to expect more than he is able to fulfill.

Your mention of Mr. Mellon prompts me to suggest that you write Mr. Willis Van Devanter, who is his librarian. The address is: Oak Spring, Upperville, Virginia. Some time ago I had occasion to recommend Ian MacPhail to them and they were very happy to place him at Yale to catalogue the Alchemical Library of the former Mrs. Mellon, now deceased. I know that the present Mrs. Mellon has quite a collection of botanical books and that Mr. Mellon is also collecting a great many fine illustrated books. It may be that they will want someone with your experience and capacities. I know that the working conditions are very pleasant and the salary is good. If you wish I shall write to Mr. VanDevanter, recommending you.

p. t. o.

3318 Regal Place
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February 18, 1965

Dear Jake,

Many thanks for your very kind letter of the 12th, and for its pungent comments! The one about Mr. Coney distresses me most. The library profession, so-called (!) is being depleted of its proper meaning so rapidly by many who hold it that the word 'librarian' threatens to become a term of opprobrium. Where devotion to books and learning was once his mark, one singles him out now by his enthusiasm about computers and automation. Properly curbed, these latter are undoubtedly of assistance, but they are not the be-all and end-all of librarianship as some of the youngsters and not a few of the oldersters seem to feel. Well, we'll talk about that when we meet!

I have taken your advice and have written to Mr. Van Devanter. Among other things I told him that you had kindly asked to write him a letter about me--this is very gracious of you and I should very much appreciate your sending him some word.

Things here continue to develop badly and I have every reason to believe that in my next letter I shall have the most appalling piece of news. It seems quite certain that by July or September at the latest the 'climate' at the Garden will be intolerable. For example, by no means critical, but certainly indicative, is the following incident. Last fall a new curator took office and at once had himself made editor of our Annals. He recently circulated to the editorial committee he appointed a paper which had been submitted for publication. The first entry in the bibliography was: *Auctores, Papilionaceae in Flóra du Congo Belge ...* The first reviewer, a new appointment at the University, pencilled beside 'Auctores', 'What are Auctores initials?' The next reviewer was the editor himself--he added his own remark, 'Yes, what are his initials?' He claims to be a biologist but rather proudly disclaims any knowledge of Latin. When I told this story to Joseph Ewan of Tillam, He suggested the reply should have been, 'Well, his second name is *Ibid.*, but I know know his first.'

I hope that you do get up here this spring and save enough time for us to be able to talk things over at length.

Most cordially,

Mr. J. Richard Binns, Librarian at the University of California, Davis, is very much interested in their rare book section and it might be worthwhile to write him.

Mr. Coney does not like rare books and I think would not throw his weight very hard on the side of your capabilities. In fact, my feeling is that they have much to learn in the way of courtesy. They have never learned to respect librarians nor to pay decently. The Huntington Library is not a place that I think you would be happy in.



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August 6, 1981

George B. Van Schaack
1964 Harris
Eugene, Oregon 97403

Dear George:

I wish to extend my sincere appreciation for the magnificent gift you have made to the University Library and to scholars of the University of Oregon community. I have attached an itemized list of the individual gifts and will later provide a statement for income tax purposes. It will follow as soon as we are able to complete our work.

Your gracious donation of these materials to the University of Oregon Library is indicative of your dedication to the printed word and scholars everywhere. We sincerely appreciate your generous contributions.

Warmest regards,

George W. Shipman
University Librarian

GWS:cmd
Attachment

June 21, 1972

Dear Dr. Van Schaack of the mysterious
black box,
And even from hundreds of miles
away you continue to educate me!
I am now deep into the green
antiquity of China and swimming
up and down the Nile river to
find the home of my little glazed
Pharaoh. I knew it would be
easy to inquire at The Oriental Inst.
and the Art Inst. but I knew how
great the flights would be to do
it alone. No matter what they are
they remind me of your dignity
(in every synonym) and love, inter-
est, and concern for all life of all
times. I have your photo over
my drawing board to remind
me of the level I must strive
for in all endeavours. !

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Life is all of a sudden new with great potential somewhere and also empty and lacking in the great catalyses that I leaned on so heavily to inspire ^{me} and reward ^{me} with enthusiasm. So I have gone to sea with Ishmael for the first time and for his very same reasons. And illuminating the trip is Rockwell Kent a genius with drama and the graver, (1930 edition). In some ways it must be what you crave in Beethoven and young minds ... ?
enough "Life uses"

I hope, well, I guess I really know you have found people to talk with. I also hope you are about able to sit upon your hair! It was sad to see you consumed and frustrated by your moving those last few weeks. I hope it is all now

③ far back there and you can
continue.

I thank you for my wondrous
box and all it has brought. I do
not thank you for moving but I
am selfish and wandering.

My love to your gentle, deep,
sister

and
great love to you,
Nancy



The Pierre

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3 May 1979

Dear Jorge,

Well, I have been waiting for the letter you announced to me over the phone when I called you from NYC. So far I have received nothing. Perhaps it was lost in the mails. You were going to send me some record catalog or at least a part of it. You were also going to order Walter Klicus version of the piano solo music of Mozart on 10 Murray Hill records. These records were a special offer because I could not find them any place in NYC, nobody carries that label anymore. Well, however that is, I hope you are well and having a good spring with a lot of green and cool but not cold.

On my return from the US we went with Dave to the South of Argentina, Bariloche, there together with the rest of the clan we celebrated my aunt and uncle's diamond wedding anniversary. He is my father's oldest and only surviving brother, both he and his wife are going to be 89 years old this year! He had a wonderful party. On the way back to São Paulo we stopped in Buenos Aires for a few days.

Since then we have kept quite busy, various long weekends down at the beach, a lot of visitors from abroad, long days at the office.

Luis and I are enjoying the sailboat very much, we go for day long sails. We also do a lot of diving, skin & scuba.



We have some good news about Tatiana. The doctors say that they no longer can discover the tumor and think that she may be cured. Anyway we were recommended to take her to various specialists to see if she could be made to walk again as well as regain control of her sphincters commanding bladder and stool. After seeing the doctor it seems that the sphincter problem can be solved by reeducation while the orthopedist will operate shortly to correct her tendons. He assures us that she will walk again shortly. You can imagine our relief, I hope this is for good and this shadow will leave our lives.

Next week I will proceed to Europe for a few days. Business only to Rome, Zurich, a small town on the German-Dutch border, Paris and home.

This is all the news for today. I hope to hear from you very soon.

Most affectionately

Concetta

Fred

250 College Ave.
Nallaed, Mich.
49423

August 22, 1973

Dear George -

After all this time I am
sending you a check to pay
for telephone calls and sundals.
I wish I could wear them but
I should not do so. Hence I
take particular pleasure in
paying for a pair for you.

I'd be cool now - 68°F indoors
and outdoors. 55°F this morning
I've had to take a rest for
a couple of days because I was
stung on my right foot Monday
afternoon. I don't think this
is my first experience of
being stung enough to make

The flesh swell considerably -
 Not until last evening did
 it occur to me how thankful
 I ought to be that I wasn't stung
 very badly. Somehow or other
 my attention seemed to be
 focused on just two bites. There
 is a yellow jacket's nest in the
 ground underneath the way in
 front of the house -
 I was mistaken when I told you
 there was fire in the Yowants.
 The fire was near that park -
 Did you think we might try
 to go there? I think the park
 is open until sometime in
 early October. That would be
 an ambitious trip and?

don't know ³ that you would want
to do anything that strenuous.
If you have any idea what we
shall do let me know so I'll
be able to plan about clothes.
My friend in Oakland has had
an operation for varicose veins in
both leg and will not be busy
for a long time. I would not
want to go then now. Unless you
want to do a lot of visiting, I
would be happy to just visit
you and go to the coast for
a day or so.

Did you ever know anyone
who always writes letters at
the 11th hour?? - Needs
love - Eva



IN FLIGHT

Sp, 23 January 1973

Dear George:

With great relief I read your letter of 14/12 - 2/1 and notice that your writing is as difficult to read as ever, but apparently you are in good spirits and health and this is obviously the most important thing. Sorry you had such a hot summer, just the thing you wanted to get away from. From the little you say about it, apparently you have only arranged the outside of your house, the inside does seem less important to you, you have not even set up your bookshelves again. Don't you ever want to look at your dictionaries and encyclopaedias? We are just rebuilding ours to accommodate everything we have bought along the years and have some free shelf space. We have a first rate carpenter and he does everything very slowly and conscientiously. He should finish by July. There will also be some large glass cases for my fossils.

I have the impression that you lead a very lonely life, you tell only of students dropping by, they must be impressed by your voluminous hair growth, I wonder how much of your face is still visible by now.

Unfortunately I have not yet been able to locate your friend George EITEN, nobody with that name is listed in the São Paulo phone book and my connections with the academic world are weak, if any. I will try some more.

USA EUROPE AFRICA ASIA



Temporary jobs are difficult to arrange for here in Brazil. Social security does not allow anybody to register who is not a resident. Not being registered one can not legally work because if discovered by a SS inspector, heavy fines are levied on the firm and nobody wants to take the risk. In other words legal employment requires being paid legally. Being paid legally means that the payment has to be registered in the social security roster one is forced to deliver monthly to the government. They check your books against this list and if somebody is left out, the firm real starts. I guess this is just similar in most of L.A.

I hope Mr. Tribolet really wants to extend you a courtesy in bringing the book for you. You deserve it after all the years you've been sending them by order. If I see you I would not worry about not receiving an invoice. Take it as a parting gift.

I am glad that you appear to manage in a financial sense although inflation must have hit you hard and now there is no way of measuring things.

The preparation of Hugh's article or paper, both translation and printing took a long time. I hope it is put to some use now. The fellow who was interested is tied up with the Brazilian Conservationists. I do not know him personally, have only corresponded with him for years. You think I might get involved? In what? I don't give a damn f... er!



I am leading a stupid life. Working 12 hour days in the office, many times bringing things home to study or write after dinner, most Saturdays are spent working and sometimes Sunday. The new ventures are still very fresh and need a lot of musing. Furthermore they are all new fields and I have to learn or invent a lot of new tricks. But perhaps it shook up a lot of what already was routine and in theory this is considered to be good. Our social life has decreased to about nothing, not that I would have the necessary material surroundings, servants, position, at least have you. Perhaps I comment some more when I next see you. Some good for the family. I do not read much, rarely listen to music, have travelled very little lately, last time I was in Buenos Aires was in September, abroad in May. I go to Rio fairly often, not that it is so awfully hot there that it is no pleasure at all. Sometimes it takes all my unbeatable optimism and energy to see life on the upgrade and avoid you I have no getting old complexes.

My family in Buenos Aires is all right, mother has the problems of her age, she will be 73 day after tomorrow. Téo is doing well but is overworked and the political situation in Argentina is very insecure. I rarely hear from Boston, although I think that Bob is doing very well.

As much as I would like it, I am not really sure that we can make it to the US and Europe in early summer.



IN FLIGHT

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There are too many god damned problems to be solved before I can make this click. I am keeping my fingers crossed but I have heavy doubts.

The world is crazier than ever, but then I do not have to tell you this, SST indeed, the maniacs, and so on... I am still deeply pessimistic about humanity. I do not see how it will get out of this crazy vortex.

Well, I am in good health and somewhere there will be a corner to turn so that the whole thing makes sense again, right now it does not, neither on a personal nor on a world level.

A business acquaintance of mine should have called you, before he was coming down here (arriving tomorrow) because I had not heard from you in such a long time. Meanwhile your letter arrived but I did not talk to him again on the phone to tell him. So he will bear fresh news from Eugene, Oregon, USA, where I hope this letter finds you well, bringing you the most affectionate regards from

your friend
Fred

USA EUROPE AFRICA ASIA

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Nov. 12, 1973

Dear George -

After I talked with you about 1 p.m. on Saturday I hustled around and before dark had put in the storm doors and few storm windows (4) as well as removing most of the leaves from the back ^{yard} lawn to the street in front of the house. Never before have I done ~~that~~ ^{the latter} with a pitchfork. The job was much easier than raking dry leaves. There are still some to be raked but the hells are now ready to be sucked up by the city leaf loader. This morning the temperature is 40°F with promise of being in the low fifties to-day and to-morrow. I hope to put in the hells and put some mulch around the roses, perennials, and iris before night. This weather is sheer heck.

I don't know how to Thank
 you for all that you did
 for me. I didn't know that
 you were very miserable.
 Love won't pay you for the
 tremendous effort you put
 forth to do for me all that
 you had planned to do. And Love
 is all I have to offer.

I must get this in the Mail and
 then go out of doors out of reach
 of other demands. Love to you
 always. Eve

Duluth
14th July.

Dearest Goerge,

The enclosed should have been in your hands soon after July 1st. I delayed sending it until I could enclose it in a proper letter. Tonight I decided that if I want on delaying heavens only knows when you would receive your interest. The enclosed represents 9 % interest on \$2,000 for three months. If convenient for you to refer to the notes I gave you, please jot down dates and amounts for me. I've not kept any record of them.

We've been afflicted, the last few days with excessive humidity and the thermometer soared to 85 or 88. Luckily, the house keeps deliciously cool and I have only been slightly aware of discomfort. Classes begin this next Thursday and I pray for a cool night on which to welcome my 45 or 50 people. Even on a cool night that many people in my room create quite a bit of heat.

Forgive this scrappy message which brings you,
All my love.

Henry Hitchcock

~~4332 Log Cabin Lane, St. Louis, Missouri 63124~~

May 15, 1979

Dear George,

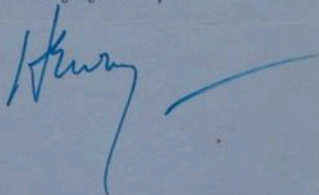
My but it has been many a day since we had one of our luncheons together and how I did enjoy them and our discussions about the garden and its problems. Seeing the enclosed naturally you came to mind and I thought you'd be interested in it. I do hope you take pride in and satisfaction from all you did for the garden and particularly the library. Few know better than I your devotion and tireless efforts for the good of the garden. I am most pleased with what Peter and Tam have done. I feel confident Henry Shaw would approve 100%. I have been off the board for some years but attend an occasional meeting. I believe the garden has become much more of a part of the life and interest of the St. Louis citizenry and plans are in the works to keep it more and more in the public eye.

We spent from November to May in Tucson and had as good weather as anywhere in the USA, but it was one of the poorest winters we have had with continued cold and lots of rain

which gave us a green desert and wonderful wild flowers. While there Ken Peck brought a tour through and we entertained them all for cocktails. I hope we shall leave for Cape Cod in a week, but my fingers are crossed on the fuel situation. We now drive a diesel Olds which think great. We get about 20 miles to a gallon of fuel and it is very comfortable. I hope your station wagon is still on the road.

With best regards and all good wishes, I am

Cheerfully yours,



Missouri
Botanical
Garden



March 11, 1980

Dr. Joseph Ewan
Biology Department
Tulane University
New Orleans, Louisiana 70118

Dear Joe:

Carla shared with me your note mentioning George Van Schaack's concern about our binding operation. You may rest assured that we have not closed the bindery, we have not sold off any equipment, and we have no intention of so doing. On the contrary, our whole restoration program thrives. In 1979, more than 1200 items were treated in-house, for problems ranging from mending of torn pages clear up to full restoration of portions of our Pre-Linnean collection. We have obtained outside funding to help support our conservation program, and (given all conservatorial activities within the library) I estimate we're spending between \$20,000 and \$25,000 this year on maintaining and improving the physical condition of the materials in our care. In the nearly eight years I've been here, some 20,000 items have received at least rudimentary treatment. We've initiated a program to put large portions of the Pre-Linnean collection in Solander boxes. A routine program has been established to apply protective dressing to every leather bound volume in our collection at regular intervals. We have a daily program to monitor temperature and humidity levels throughout the library, and have extensively modified the building's humidifiers within the past two months. We've extended our conservation efforts to include non-book materials, as well, with maps, manuscripts, blueprints, photographs and such all being stored in archivally sound, acid-free boxes or folders. The old black pamphlet folders holding our cataloged pamphlets and reprints have proven to be highly acidic, and we are replacing them with other, better methods of pamphlet storage as rapidly as time permits. Dick Cowan and Frans Stafleu have been a big help to us in identifying some of our scarcer treasures so that we can get them cared for as quickly as possible. All in all, I would estimate we've easily spent \$150,000 in the time I've been here on staff, equipment, materials, and services to make certain our collections remain intact and available for future generation^s of taxonomists.

2345 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63110
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Dr. Joseph Ewan

March 11, 1980
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Enough of that! I did want to get the record straight, however, and you're welcome to share my comments with George, if you like. No less a dignitary than a former president of the Guild of Bookworkers (the national association of hand book binders) has told me that our bindery operation is one of the best equipped, best staffed, and best supplied in-house library conservation set-ups in the country, comparable to the Preservation Office of the Library of Congress.

Things are thriving here at present. Not only is the bindery doing well, but the operations are booming too. Our recataloging operation has been the beneficiary of about \$600,000 in Federal money (shared with the New York Botanical Garden). In 1979, almost 13,000 volumes were recataloged -- giving us full descriptive cataloging and adequate subject cataloging for these materials for the first time in our history. Not only that, but everything we catalog is entered into a national computerized data base, and the staff and patrons of some 2000 other libraries then have access to our records for their own cataloging or for obtaining photocopies or interlibrary loan materials.

You may have heard that the historical section of the Botanical Society of America is planning a program on botanical archives for the Vancouver meeting; we hope it will be a "consciousness-raising session for those in attendance and make researchers more aware of their own papers as a resource for future historians.

Hope that all is well with you and Neta. Keep in mind that we are still interested and would be happy to accomodate you in whatever ways we can.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



James R. Reed
Director of Libraries &
Curator of Special Collections

JRR/mp

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Department of Biology

4 August 1979

Dear George,

Hard to think it has been a year ! since we wined and
wined, dined and dreamed together. In any event, it
is not easy to believe the years will gain momentum,
too fast now. This summer has been quiet with the usual
share of interruptions: can you name a plant mentioned
by DuPratz, 1760, for this region? Do you know if any
letters from T A Knight may be found in US archives?
Do you know anything about an author of a ms on natural
History before 1760 on Mexico, by name of Rojo? etc. etc.

I am toiling away on the chapter on medicine for the BS
Barton biog. which progresses so slowly. But it will be
a thick brew. Nesta is almost finished with the Luigi
Castiglioni botany ms for Toni Pace. That, too, will be
interesting. Toni plans to send it off to a press this
Fall.

I imagine Sandy has been over to relate the French
connections? Best remembrances to him from us.

How was the July concert festival this year? I am sure
you enjoyed it immensely. We shall always treasure those
days which you made possible.

Jake gave me an extra copy of his ltd ed of Stillman
Drake's essay. It has been mailed separately.

We would be so pleased to hear you play your Steinway
but the closest we may be able to make it will be '81
when, D.V., we shall be on the Coast, perhaps teaching
again in the summer session.

Nesta joins me in the BEST,



Joseph Ewan



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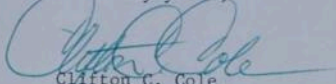
I appreciated the opportunity of visiting with you concerning the possible gift of your valuable piano to the University of Oregon Foundation for use by the School of Music. Thank you for considering such a worthwhile gift.

My research has revealed that no apparent tax advantage would be gained by your partial gift of the piano now. It thus appears that creating the gift through your will is the appropriate means of accomplishing your intent. Your attorney will find our suggested language for including the Foundation in a will in the small booklet entitled Planned Giving, which is in the file I left with you.

If you decide to include the piano in your will as a legacy for the School of Music, I hope you will share a copy of the will with the Foundation, for our files.

I enjoyed our conversation and hope that when you are on campus you will visit me at my office at 150 Susan Campbell Hall. Susan Campbell Hall is directly behind the Museum of Art.

Sincerely yours,


Clifton C. Cole
Director of Planned Giving

CCC:kj

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AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO

Erhard Rehlein
Düsseldorf
Talstr 16 Germany



VIA AIR MAIL

Dr. G. B. Van Schaack
3318 Regal Place
St. Louis 9, Mo. U.S.A



Zürich, den 1. 10.

Lieber George!
Vielen Dank für den Brief
und die Dias. Die Post, die
Du mir nachgeschickt hattest,
erhielt ich sofort, als ich aus
Berol der N. Amsterdam kam.
Ich freute mich sehr über
den Brief von zu Hause.

Die Dias, die vor einigen
Tagen ankamen, sind wirk-
lich sehr gut. Ich habe
die Bilder inzwischen in
der Familie gezeigt; sie
haben allen sehr gut gefal-
len.

Die Schiffsreise war sehr
angenehm und unter-
haltend. Schlafen,
Schwimmen, Essen und

Tunken waren die Haupt-
beschäftigungen. Nach
dem ziemlich aufregenden
Widurschen bin ich in-
zwischen kaum zur Ruhe
gekommen. Ich habe
dauernd das Haus voller
Freunde. Am 1. Nov.

fange ich wieder an zu
unterrichten. Damit ist
das finanzielle Problem
gelöst.

Es freut mich sehr, daß
Du so schnell eine neue
Sekretärin gefunden hast.
Hoffentlich arbeitet sie sich
recht schnell ein.

Ich habe inzwischen
wenig Zeit gehabt über
unsere Reise nachzudenken,
aber ich weiß, daß sie
bisher das größte Erlebnis

in meinem Leben gewesen
ist, und ich bin Dir sehr
dankbar dafür.

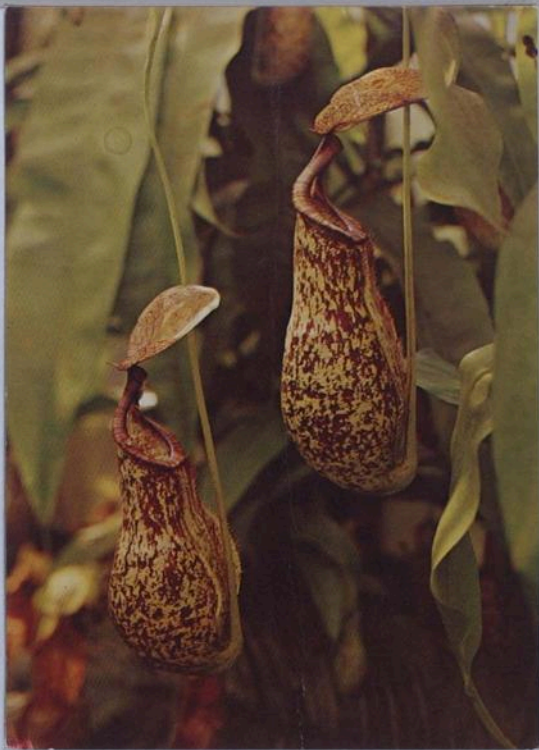
Ich habe mich bemüht,
deinen Brief in einfachem
Deutsch und deutlich zu
schreiben. Wenn es Dir
weiter ist, schreibe ich den
nächsten Brief auf Eng-
lisch.

Für heute

herzliche Grüße und
alles Gute

Richard

Was versteht Du unter dem
vollständigen Duden? Es
gibt 6 Bände: Rechtschreibung,
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Eden House, Chelsea
POST CARD 5 April 1975

GREETINGS

ADDRESS

Dear George: Keith & I arrived March 22nd and leave
on 7th for N.O. We came for Society meeting (see herewith) and
Kathleen and Dick and Leslie and Richard came from Bahrain for holiday
and so we have been "doing" England together before meeting. Sandra Riddell
(atill w/ Art & Unipress) sends her greetings to you! Ray Desmond says
he now regrets leaving Kew for India House administrative job but
he is now Pres. of Soc. His papers were very interesting and we had
good discussions. Visited John Chancellor (Kew Books) and Anthony Eve
(Books for Nepenthes). Swanns come to meeting (WFLW). We have been
very cold w/ rain, snow, and
wind but glad we come. Now
back to warm N.O. Hope you
are feeling tops!

ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS, KEW

Nepenthes 'Henry Shaw'. The species of *Nepenthes*
(Pitcher Plants) are mainly epiphytes from wet
tropical regions of S.E. Asia and Indonesia. The
pitchers are modified leaf tendrils; insects are lured
in by the colour patterns, drowned in the liquid in
the pitchers and absorbed for food.

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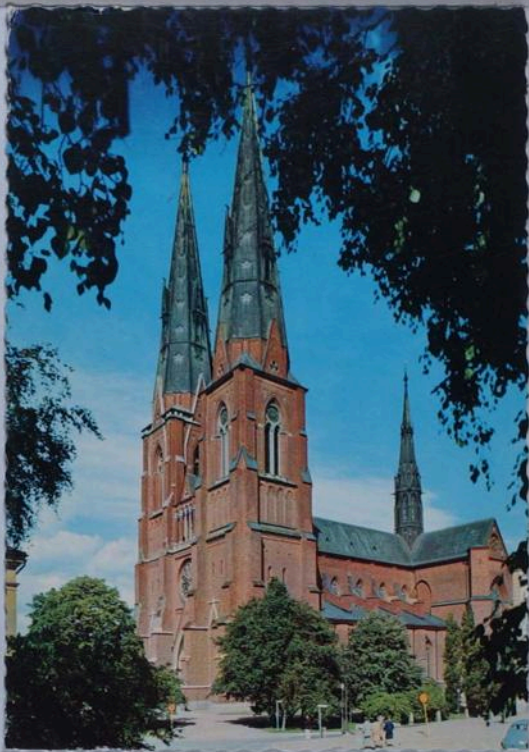
Best from Keith & Jos





Dr. George B. Van Schravick
 Missouri Botanical Garden
 Tower Grove Avenue
 St. Louis 10
 Missouri,
 U.S.A.

22 August, 1964
 Thank you so much for the letter
 which you gave me. On Thursday I
 visited Downe and realized a long
 anticipated visit to Darwin's home.
 I was the only visitor early after-
 noon and the keeper let down the
 ropes and let me look closely at
 everything. I could have done so
 many things I been able to do so
 looked through the microscope, walked
 the sand walk etc, etc. Walk the
 last 1/2 miles to Donna House. It
 was a heavenly day - Love, Eva



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~~Aug~~ Sept. 4 through Sept. 6

Hotel Methodist Central Zelthof
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Sept. 7 through Sept. 15

Birks Halls
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Exeter England

Aug. 23 through Aug. 25

Hotel Adler
Grindelwald, Switzerland

Love, Eva



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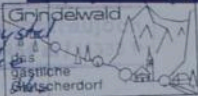


This is a poor picture.
Jungfrau vom Jungfraujoch aus

August 25th. 4191
Better skip this.

This morning we's crystal
clear and I took the
8:30 a.m. train to see
Jungfrau. (How to describe
the scenery is impossible
to imagine.) Yesterday I
took the 4-5 hr. walk to
see the glaciers on the
Mettlenberg. At breakfast
this morning I met Z. I.
Mosseson, Harvard 31, Ph.D. #
37. He said you had brought him
with you to Hope College junior
yesterday. It's a small world.
I gave Z. I. a ticket to Zurich
have - Eve.

PAR AVION LUFTPOST
VIA AEREA



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Time accommodation in Grindelwald
14004 Balcons fleuris à Evolène, Valais

Munday 23 Aug. 1971 - 1/2 p. to 1/2 p.

Evölène has only one street
and some of the houses
as deflowered as the plants
The yellow postal bus brought me
from Sion 1000 ft. to Evölène
4600 ft. in 55 minutes. The
road is like some in Norway. I
descending by a mountain
stream having climbed just a
little way - The day is superb
with no mist on the mountains.
Some of the women are wearing
native costume - the firm women
I could have spent the rest of
my life in Sion. At 1/2 p. I take
train from Sion to Grindelwald -
3 changes - my love to you -
Eva. Kaher - Rosched Grindelwald.

LUFTPOST
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Dr. George Van Sclavick
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Q: birds, Cagpains, QI's, broken
 down car (Remant), mammals
 insects, a grumpy Michael, and
 now 5 days want to get permission
 to get our 10 boxes out of Ecuador
 fears this is expensive, at \$20
 at the Pension! Anyway, we had
 very close shaves (flat tire at 3500 m
 in a fog at night) but we survived.
 Tomorrow to Djanqui and Coacac. Haven
 been extra busy recently. Love H's

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Bardonia, England

Sept. 15, 1971

PAR AVION LUFTPOST
VIA AEREA



I came to Porton
to stay but did not
go out to see facility
birth place, however
I was in the museum
where his study at
Max Gate has been recom-
structed and can be
seen through glass.
Soaked up a few pictures
and sent home a couple
and waiting for bills
to Ewell - to Murray & Braden

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Sunset along the beautiful Gulf Coast

SUNSET 19 Nov 1964

The natural beauty of the sunset is caught in one of the many hues and moods along the beautiful Gulf Coast.

Photo by Robert P. Moxley



Dear George: Haven't really seen the Gulf yet, I'm hurrying us inland, but here we are at Pensacola, guests of Friends of the library, Joe putting final touches on his talk on early W. Florida naturalists. Got to be exploring the campus in twilight after viewing the book exhibit prepared for the occasion. We are going on to Gainesville where Mary & Songa now live! Then home to

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Six turkey & pumpkin pie
Nemecells. Greetings to the Hoffmans, Affectionately J+N.E.



I am thinking of you trying to pack your bag! I'll be thinking of you all the way there and back home - I've meant to send this check to you for weeks - \$25 for your birthday (I forgot to find the check in with the cards) and \$25 toward phone calls. Do you have the right pair of shoes? I am so foot conscious now that I think everyone is. It was ~~the~~ this church about the third week of September 1971, that I saw a nice, white, weathered awning the lavender and blue. The worst time I ever had overseas was in hotel about a half mile from the church. Love, Eva

NATURAL COLOUR Monday 11 a.m.
 J. Arthur Dixon 11-24-75

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St. Clement's Church, Rodel, Harris, Outer Hebrides.
 Rodel, at the southern tip of the main Hebridean island of Lewis and Harris, is a port of call for the island steamers. The church of St. Clement dates from the 16th century. It has considerable antiquarian interest and has architectural features in common with Iona.

Colour Photograph by Jay, L. Rodger, A.R.P.S.
 It's only 4 months, until April



Edinburgh, May 26

Dear George,

POST CARD

AIR
MAIL



We had a better look at the British
Museum, if an hour's strolling through
even deserves to be called a "look".

The bookstores, ours too, have been more
productive than before. There has been
some talk of occasional dealers holding
off from buying because of overstuffed
shelves. Possibly, American libraries are
slowing down. Heaven knows what
news as it comes to us here is
disappointing. We are in Edinburgh for
two days only, which seems much too
short a time. We can only sample the
bookstores in NARCISSEUS
Great time.
Chinese painting by Chiu Ta (about 1625-50)

The Scottish Opera is
performing Fidelio tonight, one of our



Mr. George Van Schaack

Morton Arboretum
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60532
USA

favorites. We are returning
to Paris later this week and may
dine in Scotland some time in
June. England continues to
please us. *Bice*

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Dear George -
I hope by now your flu is a thing
of the past. If it isn't you'll save them
I suppose by just resting. Next year
perhaps you should take flu shots. We
have about four inches of snow. Imagine
getting out the snow shovel for the
first on the 13th of January.
Courage and love to you always - Eva



26 March '82

Dear George, we

had a pleasant p.m.

to.m. at the garden

Saw Peter Raven, Carl

& Jim Reed - all send

their good wishes to you

Have pleasant apt. at end

of campus with all

modern conveniences

with Anne & Rudy last eve.

They think of you often.

Affectionately, Nesta & Joe

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Geo. Van Schaack

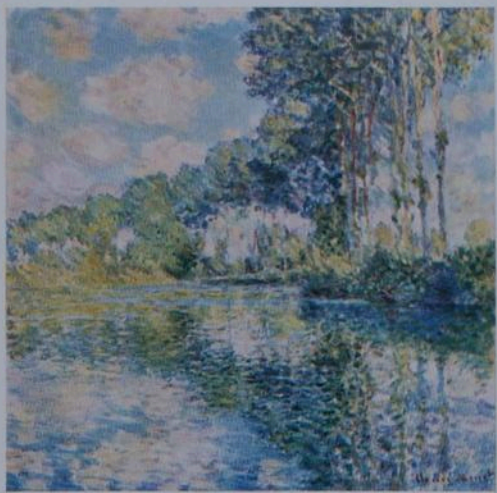
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The Address only to be
Written Here

27 March 1969

Dear George -

Thank you for your letter and the check
to enable me to stay over Saturday night.
I plan to do that and will reach G. P. bus
Sunday at 11/05 a.m. Helen and her friends
will meet me and I will be able to have
accompany her with Helen and will be brought
to Holland from the airport after S. leaves

for Chicago - My love to you and many thanks.
Eva.

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Do not bend.



Law Photo
Dr. George B. Van Schuenk
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Eugene, Oregon 97405

March 4, 1975

Dear George -

I was told yesterday after the x-ray that I may do anything at all except put weight on my right foot. There will be another x-ray in mid-April (six weeks) and then the doctor hopes I can bear some weight on that foot. I may turn on my side in bed but having been told I could do it if I didn't appeal to me last night. I was very tired and fell asleep straightway. Dr. Gibson said, "You may roll down hill if you wish." Perhaps I fired a kill.!!
Dr. Rider and his wife both play the violins. I remembered after

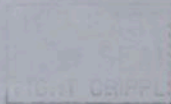
I talked to you on Saturday.

I hope you won't be disturbed by this picture of me. It was taken at night when I was tired. I may look a little thin but not very thin. I had just had my hair cut. It's worse, & very short ever since I was taking swimming lessons last summer.

Med-April is a month earlier than Dr. Johnson predicted in January so we must be thankful

If you could find a paper back of English or English and American poetry I would be glad to have one here. Or even world poetry.

Now that I look after my diabetes I am getting along much better - I have had 12 nights without trouble. My love to you ever and always -
Eva -



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7260 Bennett Valley Road
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11th March, 1971

Dearest George,

Thank you for your letter which I received yesterday. I've wanted to write to you for days but I am trying to cope with the advance Duluth correspondence and the work at the piano and so I eliminate all the personal letters. With the British postal strike soon to end, (if not ended now) I'll be swamped with all the correspondence I've felt safe in putting aside until later. What I wanted most to say ^{was} that your suggestion to come here about April 1st is wonderful. The boys continue to speak vaguely about our Oregon trip and it isn't a thing I am bent on doing unless they show enthusiasm for the project. Come here first in April and then AFTER we talk, perhaps your own plans for retirement will become more formed. Then, probably you could go up and look around and even return here, perhaps later. At the end of April I do have a visit from a Philadelphia student planned and in May, I'll propose the Oregon visit to the boys if they want to go. I had thought that I might suggest that Lal come out to have a little change, but I am not committed to any definite plan. Let me know what you think of ~~being~~ the April plan.


Your depression about the state of the world I understand but cannot accept as a reason for concern to the point of darkening your own horizon so constantly. I am at that point in life where constructive and creative thinking and doing are a matter of survival for me. Concern and gloominess about any situation which I am incapable of altering I refuse to allow to undermine my effectiveness in living. I

am a person whose concern is people as individuals. Your concern is for causes as they affect human beings as a mass without being concerned for specific individuals except in a very few restricted cases. This is probably the difference between the human being who acts by instinct informed by experience and to a limited degree by a thought process consciously used, and you are the intellectual who acts by the impetus provided by logically understood principles. Mine is the easier life I am sure and it is this "easier life" which I so intensely hope that you can enjoy to a degree once you are retired. Edgar Anderson's words are as true now as they were when he said them to you a propos to your proposal to leave the Gardens years ago....."George you have to take yourself with you wherever you go". Be sure this "self" becomes the kind of companion which can produce the sort of happiness for these remaining years which you would like to have.

There I go..... I promised no more lectures and I am off on it again.

APOLOGIES

I look forward to being able to have you talk things out and clarify your own thinking. One last SCREAM from me..... DON'T FORGET THAT YOU CANNOT LIVE UTTERLY AND COMPLETELY ALONE AS YOU HAVE BEEN DOING. This, I am certain, will prove to be a serious problem for you when the tension of demands on your ~~SKKK~~ time and strength are no longer there. I've been thinking that secluded hills above Berkeley might be an acceptable compromise. I'll make enquiries before you get here. Much love to you, as always, from,



7260 Bennett Valley Road
Santa Rosa, California 95404
5th February, 1971.

Dearest George,

Thank you for your good letter. If I indulge in preaching, you must forgive me. Attribute it to my love for you rather than a display of egotism. This depression you allow unalterable circumstances to impose on you must be checked or it will become a habit and inhibit you in giving rein to your creativity and effectiveness in combating the very things you lament. You must begin to realize that self destruction just because the world is so ugly doesn't help anything, least of all yourself. Frankly, the unnaturalness of the life you lead, so cut off from normal communication with other human beings is partly responsible but your refusal to relate needs to possible opportunities has always been apparent. One minute you luxuriate in the opportunity your present life gives you to have time for your books, and the next you lament that there is no form of communication to balance that solitude. It IS possible to have a more balanced life but you can not always have it entirely on your own terms. Compromise is not a pretty word but maturity teaches one how it can be used to advantage without immorality. I say all this because I think it is absolutely necessary that ^{you} face this situation honestly before you begin to think in terms of a retirement spot. You simply cannot again isolate yourself the way you have been doing latterly and how you can manage to plan for a pleasant spot to which to retire where a certain amount of at least friendly associations is a first essential? Don't be a fool and make the same mistake twice! You haven't started to explore the possible places you might enjoy and until you do, for heaven's sake don't make a firm decision.

The matter of equable temperature can be found right in San Francisco. There you would be accessible to libraries, you would have a circle of friends already established, music and theater available and almost a total avoidance of excessive heat. There are spots where you escape noise and crowds and you could learn again to be the social animal you used to be before you became so belligerently concentrated on one thing, one way to achieve it and the total sacrifice of your life to achieve it. Has it occurred to you to ask for a short leave of absence? then explore possible spots, rent a modest place to live and when you return to the midwest you could then know what you want, and where and you would not be jumping into the blue. Until you have asked for a leave of absence, don't say you know it could not be granted. Perhaps a visit to your doctor and his advice to get away for a bit might be a good and honest way to proceed. YOU CANNOT GO ON AS YOU ARE AND YOU CANNOT LEAP INTO THE UNKNOWN JUST TO ESCAPE!!!! You decide on the best alternative.

On Sunday I leave for Washington D.C. I'll be there all the week except for two or three days when I go down to Philadelphia and back. I'll leave Washington about the 15th for Kansas City where I expect to ~~st~~ stay not more than three days before going to Los Angeles to hear Brendel who will then come here with his wife and child to stay a week or so. Address in Washington is c/o Willis W. Bennett, 7324 Range Rd. Alexandria, Va. 22306 I'll get mail in K.C. c/o Mrs. Chas. Schaefer 7 West 52nd Street, Kansas City, Mo.

Thanks to you I face this long flight armed with my first copy of the N.Y. Book Review. Thank you very much for taking out that subscription for me.

Apologies for the unsolicited sermon and very, VERY much love to you,

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