

May 27, 1961

Dearest Franklin and Gertrude,

Am sorry to be so late in writing but things have been very chaotic around here.

First I went to Phoenix (when Doro started labor) to take care of Doro's family while she was in the hospital. She was in labor about twenty hours and I was up 38 hours straight. Then when we got home from being with Doro little Michael was ill with 105 temperature. Well, between keeping house and taking care of two children, one ill, (also Wes ill) and losing sleep I became quite ill. Jim sent the company careup to Phoenix after me and I was brought back to Ajo and put in the hospital for six days. After I got home from the hospital was terribly weak and could do nothing for about a week. Before I could get back on my feet Mamma became ill and was in bed for about ten days. All in all a very hectic time. It has just been the last few days that I can do much of anything. However, Doro and baby came through it all fine--neither one getting sick (via the rest of us)--so that was the main thing.

Bob is home now for awhile--has to go back for an exam on June 1st. Then he will be home again--to stay until summer school starts about June 12th. He will have to go to one session of summer school. Will finish somewhere around July 14to 21. He has received no favorable replies to job applications. If he does not get something after summer school he rather thought that he would like to come out to the ranch to work for awhile. However, that is very uncertain--depending on so many factors. We are still hoping that he gets an offer from some place--for his sake. He will feel crushed if he does not. In fact, he is feeling quite bad now that he has not been successful in getting a job.

In re-reading what I have written--it all sounds dolefull and

negative but we are all getting along fine now.

Rosalynde and Mac were over one week-end before I went up to Phoenix. Both are getting along fine and we surely enjoyed seeing them. The following week-end Pete and Ann were over and we had a good visit with them also.

We don't know just exactly when we will get our vacation this year. However, we think it will be July. We would rather like to go to Canada via Glacier National Park but there again our plans are a bit uncertain.

We have had a very curious May here this year, weather-wise. It has been cool and windy.

Jim goes to Tucson next week for his annual physical check-up. From the few tests he has had here he is apparently very well.

Doro says the baby is beautiful and looks almost exactly the way Sheryl looked at that age. I saw her about five minutes after she was born and she had big blue, blue eyes and lots of hair even then.

Can think of no more news for the present. Hope you are all getting along fine.

Much love,



Give our love to Mary.

Sept. 10, 1963

Dearest Gertrude and Franklin,

We were so glad to find your letter when we arrived home. I've written you since we arrived home but can't remember what all I wrote about. We had a wonderful vacation and enjoyed having Bob with us so very much.

I'm not sure, but I don't believe that I thanked you for sending us the walnuts that we forgot. I was really very happy to receive them--they are a real treat and I felt bad that we had forgotten them.

The social life has really started with a bang. Within the next month, I have four affairs for which I have to do the entertaining. Some of it is for visiting vice-presidents of P.D.--some for the men who are retiring and some for organizations. I am busy now trying to get the house all spotless for the entertaining.

Bob says that you had a wonderful Convention Day. You should hear the wonderful things that he says about you both. He also, was quite impressed with one of the women from San Francisco. I am so glad that everything was so successful.

Bob phoned last night to ask about his illness and his medicine. It seems that he has been feeling quite bad the last five days or so. He went to the doctor and the doctor said that he was taking him off Mysoline (one of the <sup>KINDS OF</sup> three pills Bob takes) as it was putting too much of a strain on Bob's heart. However, the doctor is leaving him on the Dilantin and some Mebaral--which we think is wise right now. Bob may be laid off within the next few weeks and is looking for a new job right now--so total withdrawal of medicine would be very unwise right now. Bob said that he had not been able to get up to the ranch lately as he has been busy writing applications and interviewing for jobs. He may be able to get a transfer to another branch of Lockheed--doesn't know, as Lockheed has not received any contracts for some time. Bob says that he would rather like to get into their Sunnyvale (near Palo

Bob's  
meds

Alto) plant--it is electronics, circuitry, design etc.

Tell Peggy that I will write soon but have just been so busy that I am having a hard time trying to keep up with my correspondence.

Will close for now--my fingers just don't seem to be able to coordinate--keep hitting wrong keys.

Very much love,

*Helen*



Nov. 11, 1963

Dear Franklin and Gertrude,

Know you must have had fun shopping for things for the house. It is always such a creative feeling fixing up a home as it expresses so much of the people who live there.

Bob was supposed to have come home on Saturday, Nov. 2, but had to go for an interview at Vandenberg Air Base on Monday Nov. 4th. Have not heard from him since then--don't know just where he is now. Guess he doesn't know for sure just where he will be going or just what he will be doing so he is waiting to find out. However, we would really like to know where he is right now. Each day we think we will hear from him.

*Bob's return*  
Thank you for your kind offer concerning Bob. We tried homeopathy for three years (for him) and it did no good at all, we tried hypnotherapy--we have tried everything that we know to try but the present medication is the only one which has helped at all. We spent over four years and about \$8000.00 try<sup>ing</sup> everything but nothing helped until the Dilantin. We even flew to Houston, Tex. to see the doctors at the marvelous clinic there. They were the ones who recommended the present course of treatment. Now, in Phoenix they have one of the finest Neurological Clinics in the country. Would like for him to go there for a check-up whenever it will be possible.

Another busy time has started--all the retirement parties for the Herndons are starting now. I am giving a small luncheon for Betty on this coming Thursday.

Next week we go to Phoenix for about four days of intensive Christmas shopping. Then go to Tucson the following week for the A.I.M.E. meeting. November and December are really busy months around our place.

The Copeland yard people have never even had the courtesy to reply to my letters. Wrote to Oster Co. about it--probably won't do any good.

This year Christmas won't be what it has been in the past--for us. Bob will probably not be home and Wes will have to come down Christmas Eve and drive back to Phoenix on Christmas Day. Doro and children will probably stay from Christmas Eve until the following week-end. The one thing one can be certain of is change--for either better or worse--at least, change.

Jimmy is certainly a hand-full. He is into everything every minute of the day--takes one person just to keep track of him. He is certainly going to stir up things when he grows up--in fact, does right now. He is a darling though--very serious--doesn't smile too often and looks right through a person. I think he isn't sure if he approves of the human race or not.

Timmy, the cat, is becoming quite a lap cat. Spoiled rotten of course

We were sorry to hear that Paul didn't have as good a year as usual. Too bad, also, that he has not been able to sell his home in Prescott. I suppose there are not too many people, who retire to that part of the state, who have enough money to buy that priced house. Most of the people with money retire to Phoenix or Tucson--or at least some place with warm winters.

Will close so I can get this in today's mail.

Much love,

*Helen*

Long distance call from Helen Briggs  
at 10:45 A.M. Sunday from Ajo:

Sherry broke her arm yesterday, a bad  
break, left arm just above elbow.  
Now in St. Joseph's Hospital in  
Phoenix and will be in traction for  
10 days. A specialist has been engaged,  
and he says although there is some  
danger of nerve damage, there is  
probably none since she has some feeling  
in the fingertips.

She broke the arm in a fall while playing.  
Helen said they just wanted you to  
know, and that was reason for call.

Helen & Jim packing up and will spend  
Christmas in Phoenix with Dorothy's  
family, leaving Ajo Tuesday noon.

- - - - -  
You are welcome to use our  
telephone for any reason. --Paul

1964

Aug. 3, 1965

Dear Franklin,

Bruce came to the meeting Tuesday night, after being up at the ranch. We were so glad that he was able to make it and he seemed to be re-newed inwardly--much more cheerful and positive.

However there were a couple statements that he made that we would like clarified. He said that you said that you sometimes deliberately put erroneous statements in the tapes to see if we would catch them. Jim and I do not believe this to be true, knowing how ethical you are. Bruce made this statement before the whole group and we feel that it was rather a shock to them. Could you please clarify this? Would appreciate a reply as soon as possible so that we can bring it up at the meeting night. We could deny this statement but it would just be our word against Bruce's, so we feel that we should get the information direct from you.

The other point is not so important. Bruce quoted you as saying that no one understood what you were getting at--what you were saying. I feel that this is selling the students short, under-estimating them. In this group there happen to be a number of excellent minds and they return to the meetings time after time. It seems to me that if they did not understand something that they would branch off and attend other meetings instead of these meetings. Heaven knows there are plenty of other meetings. Now in the so-called Secret Doctrine group I feel that outside Erma, they really don't know what you are getting at. Alene has the capacity to understand but is more drawn other directions.

Doro, in spite of her accident, and missing three weeks of her school, made an A in her course. Sharon made straight A's in her courses and Pat made straight A's in her courses. So we are real proud of all of them. With Doro, it had been fifteen years since she was in school. The thing is that she had never stopped learning in the interim.

Franklin, would you please clear up the statement re falsity as soon

as possible. In Doro's case.

Sept. 16, 1965

Dear Franklin and Gertrude,

Am so anxious to hear about your Alaskan trip and especially your stay at Talkeetna--and seeing Mt. Denali. It must have been wonderful.

I want this letter to go off in the mail today so will make it short. However, Jim wanted me to write it so that you would have it when you arrive home.

We went to Tucson, Monday, for our annual physical check-up and I find that I have to have surgery soon. I have a cyst on my ovary--or someplace in the vaginal region. I had had a vaginal examination in June, so this has grown since then--and quite rapidly. The doctors say that it is probably just an ordinary cyst and benign but of course won't know until they get in there. Probably may have to have a hystorectomy. I go into the St. Joseph's hospital on Thursday, Sept. 23rd and have the surgery on Friday, Sept. 24th.

Jim told Doro and she called Erma. Erma says that she feels no concern about it but that she will be there when the surgery is done. I feel no concern about it either but just dislike to lose any more <sup>PARTS</sup> of my body than I need to. However, what has to be has to be.

I am in no pain but feel quite a bit of discomfort and am now anxious to get it over with.

Jim is going to take a week of his vacation and stay in Phoenix until I can come home. We won't get to go to Las Vegas--which doesn't bother either of us. However, I still plan to come to the ranch--no matter for how short a time. Of course, at this time we don't quite know when we can make it but still hope to get there in October--probably a week or so later than we had first planned.

Erma is having her troubles too--having a very hectic time with Ed--he is acting up again and very badly. Also, two of the members of the group have turned violently against Erma. Things are really being stirred

up. Poor Erma--she is so full of love and the wish to help (and does help everyone), it hurts me to see her so maligned. The path she has chosen is full of briars--just as it was in the last incarnation.

Has Erma spoken to you of Vasant Merchant? I had planned to tell you all about it when we came out. Vasant is a student (chela?) of Aurobindo who began studying Life Divine at the age of eight--knows Dilip Kumar Roy and Indira Devi very well also. She plans to come see you when she gets back to California. I gave her Franklin's Pathways (money enclosed). She was drawn to Phoenix re Erma and now plans to try to get a teaching job in the University and stay in Phoenix. Erma says Vasant has six Masters degrees and three Doctorate degrees--all in different subjects. She speaks ten languages and four dialects of the Indian language. Quite a person! More about her when I see you. She is also connected with group of Duncan's in Sedona. Vasant is only one I have recognised from last incarnation. (her's)

I have a painting of White Bear's now and I like it very much.

I do hope that you are both feeling much better and be sure to take good care of yourselves.

I hope this letter doesn't depress you--it is just one of those cycles. The good cycle will come. I do not feel depressed nor concerned but did want you to know what was happening.

My deep love to you both,

*Helen*

HMB

Oct. 24, 1965

Dearest Franklin <sup>and</sup> Gertrude,

Are you both all right? Had an uneasy feeling and wanted to check to see if you were all right.

I am still in the Hospital, or should say - am in again. Came back to Ajo about Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> and seemed to be convalescing for a few days, then had "complications" (what a wide area that word covers) and was put back in the Hospital here. It was quite ill for awhile but am on up-grade now and hope to go home in a few more days. Have been in bed over a month - am anxious to get back on my feet.

The worst of it all, to me, is that we won't get to come out to the ranch to see you. Had looked forward to that so much.

Is there any chance that you would be free to come to Arizona in November? I shall be back on my feet by then — and besides, I can always get Henrietta to help. I never like to make my invitations to you very emphatic for fear you will feel you should come. There is no urgency (that I know of) — just that we always love having you come.

Thank you so much for the help <sup>and love</sup> you sent my way when I was having surgery. I know it was there and I do appreciate it.

Please let us know how you are getting along — just a very short note will do.

Do take care of yourselves.

My deep love to you,  
Helen



Feb. 20, 1966

Dear Gertrude and Franklin,

Well, we are now the proud possessors of a home in Phoenix--that is, we are almost possessors. It is the house we liked so much and the people did come down in price. However, our problem now is getting it rented, and keeping it rented, until we are able to occupy it. Naturally, we still plan to stay at the ranch part of the year--either build or have a trailer house there (permanent trailer).

I think there must be some misunderstanding about proposed trip out to the ranch. It would be after school is out and Doro would have to bring all the children. That is why she feels that she can't come unless the little house is available for us to stay in. It is too distracting for you and for her--to have to be worried every minute about what the children are doing. If we had the little house, I could stay with the children some of the time while Doro had a good visit with you folks and vice versa. There is no surety about Erma's coming out but she wants to very much and would try to come along with us. Doro seems to feel a real need to come and I hope we can make it. The only way she can get there is for me to bring her as Wes needs the car to get to work. Please don't stay home from any trips on our account--we will try to fit our plans around yours.

Haven't been to Phoenix for over a month. However, we plan to go up to the meeting (at Doro's) Sat. evening, March 5th. We have said that we will come to the meetings once a month. Of course, there will be times when Jim just can't get away--busy with P.D. company etc.

The Dodges, Mr. Reay and his son are coming for their annual visit starting March 8th--will leave March 11th. First time that they have not come on a week-end. We are always glad when their visit is over, as it is rather a strain for the whole time they are here.

Imagine Doro has written you that Wes started working for Cudahy Packing Co. last Thu., Mar. 17th. Haven't heard from them since then but think he will like it when he gets used to it. Bob is busy as a bee. He has been working 6 days a week and long hours--says he will probably continue this way for another couple months. Besides his regular work of analyzing and experimenting with Zener diodes he will have men working for him and will be involved in merit reviews, hiring new technicians and operating both an efficient and fast laboratory. Also he is involved with the specifications of manufacturing a new surge equipment. When he was working on "surge" he made some discoveries that had been thought impossible. Little is known about this field and there are but two books written on this subject. In Bob's research he proved both the books wrong and has gone on from there. He had a meeting (and lunch) with one of the big bosses of Motorola, the vice-president of Temescal and the Zener diode department production manager of Motorola. So, he seems to be going "great guns" career-wise. I write in detail about Bob because I'm sure he would never let you know about himself and I know you are really interested.

After I finished reading Jung's "Memories, Dreams and Reflections" I wanted to read more of his writings. Found a book (only Jung book) at the Ajo library called "The Basic Writings of C.G. Jung". It contains selections from Psychological Types, Symbols of Transformation, Archetypes, Collective Unconscious and Transference. I enjoyed the book immensely. What is this, that so many of our group is studying Jung? Suppose he will be showing up again? The way things have happened in the recent past, it makes one wonder.

I am feeling fine--think I am almost recovered from the surgery.

Weather here has been very cold but is warming up the last two days.

Much love,

*Helene*

May 31, 1966

Dear Gertrude and Franklin,

Received the books and thank you very much.

We have finally found a time that we can come to the ranch. Doro and the children and I will leave here Friday, June 10th. We will drive straight through--arriving there sometime Friday evening. I am not sure what time we will arrive but do not think it will be in time for dinner--will have to let you know a little more accurately later. Erma will come with us if she is able to--also, Vasant just might come too. Will have to let you know about that later--as soon as I know. We plan to stay until Friday, June 17th--leaving for home that morning.

I know that much must have been accomplished on your last trip to Arizona. But then, it always seems to me that much is accomplished when Franklin comes. However, there did seem a "stirring-up" of things this last visit. As usual, we enjoyed your visit very much.

Have been reading Manley Hall's "Secret Teachings of the Ages" and enjoying it very much. At Erma's suggestion read, also, Blavatsky's "Caves and Jungles of Hindustan"--seemed very familiar. Now am tackling a book on Egypt. It suddenly occurred to me one day that the ancient Egypt that I was so interested in was the "Egypt" of Atlantis.

Will close for now as I want to get this in the mail. Will write more definitely soon--when I know more--but wanted you to know the date (June 10) as soon as possible.

Much love,

*Helen*

July 26, 1966

Dear Franklin and Gertrude,

I am a little late getting this letter off but we did not know until yesterday just when we would get our vacation. Now we find that Jim will get his vacation starting Aug. 14 through Aug. 28. If you should, bby any chance be at the ranch--and it would not inconvenience you--we should love to come see you for a couple days. We should arrive at the ranch about Monday, August 15th. Now if this is inconvenient, in any way, please feel free to say so. I can't remember just when you said you were leaving for your trip back east. We should love to bring Erma along--but of course, she would have to return on the bus. Well, it is an idea to toss into the air.

I know you are going to miss the Perellas very much. We were so surprised that they had decided to move so soon--but also, see why (from external view).

I was up in Phoenix, last week, to get new tires on the car before vacation. While there, Doro had several couples in (for pot-luck) to meet the Perellas.

I have a copy of the material that I organized and read at the meeting last month. I feel a bit presumptuous (and self-conscious) about sending it to you. However, Doro was so very insistent that I send ~~and~~ a copy of it to you that I am doing so, as I promised her I would. I think she mixes the material of the subject matter with the force that came through that night. I found so much material upon the subject of "Fire" that I had difficulty choosing just what to give.

Will visit more when we see you. Now, please don't delay your trip in order to be there Aug. 15th. We will still get to see you in November. If it is not convenient or you will not be there--please let us know. I can let you know, more definitely, the time of day<sup>(A.M. or P.M.)</sup> of arrival a little later--don't know now just when we can get away.

Much love, Helen

WESTERN  
TELEGRAM

WESTERN UNION  
TELEGRAM

WESTERN UNION  
TELEGRAM

258P PDT AUG 08 66 OA313 LK175

L TSB124 PD AJO ARIZ 8 210P MST

MR AND MRS FRANKLIN WOLF

PO BOX 559 LONE PINE CALIF

ARRIVE MONDAY AFTERNOON WITH ERMA, PROBABLY VASANT, MAYBE GUNETHER  
LOVE

HELEN

(38).

Aug. 9, 1966

Dear Franklin and Gertrude,

Sent the wire as I thought that you would like to know, as soon as possible, the number of people that were coming.

Erma, barring some drastic (unforeseen) development will be with us (Jim and me) for sure. Vasant plans to come also. She takes her oral examination for her doctorate, Aug. 11th--then has some more writing to do--but hopes to finish it by this coming week-end. Vasant was to have held a meeting in Sedona on Aurobindo's birthday, Aug. 15, but cancelled it, in order to come to the ranch. We asked Gunther to come also, as Erma and Vasant seemed to think that it might be a good thing. Something about certain forces meeting there. It is not sure that Gunther will be able to come along--won't know until Friday. All of us can hardly wait for the visit with you at the ranch.

We will leave here Sunday morning. I will drive to Phoenix on Sat. and pick up Erma and Gunther, if he comes, and bring them back to Ajo. Then we leave Sun. and will probably pick-up Vasant--then on up to the ranch Monday. We will arrive sometime Monday afternoon--soon after lunch, we hope.

We know about Doro's being pregnant. Poor child! she is so sick--from the minute she wakes up in the morning until she goes to bed at night. She is having an unusually hard time this time. This is it! She has had enough! Somehow Doro and I sensed that there would be this fifth child but were hoping that it would be just a spiritual child--at the same time, knowing better. Doro said surely there are other people that could have these ones--guess we got our answer very quickly. Doro said, "No wonder Junior had such a fit about being in a woman's body--he could see what was coming!" Strange--I can be fairly detached as to what happens to me but it is very hard to be detached about one's dearly loved ones. Well, I must learn.

Will visit more when we see you. *Love, Helen*  
Oh yes, Vasant is a vegetarian--think you know this though.

Dear Franklin and Gertrude,

Received your lovely letter several days ago. However, I had to make a trip to Tucson (with Jim, on business) and then as soon as we returned, had to go to Phoenix to get the car fixed--so this is the first chance I have had to write.

Gertrude dear, it was so very kind and thoughtful of you to tell me that I was to take it easy and do nothing but enjoy myself--I do appreciate it very much. However, I wouldn't think of it. You see, it is different when you come here--there are two women here (Mamma and myself) and also I have household help. Therefore, I want you to take it easy--and it certainly doesn't place any burden upon me if you do. The ranch is another matter and I have no intention of coming up and lazing around. I may not turn out to be much help but I am going to try anyway. Now don't worry about making any sort of preparation--we will take things just as they are and feel especially privileged to get to come and see you all.

We were dismayed, at first, at Doro's news. We felt that it was just too much strain on the physical organism (Doro's)--and a great strain in ~~many~~ many ways as she is always so very ill for the whole time, and then there is so much work to be done later--also they are quite hard-up financially. But now we are very, very happy about it--and of course have been so since Doro and I both had a certain "feeling" (don't really know what word describes it) about it. Of course, Jim at first thought it was pure imagination (and quite far-fetched at that) but now I think that he no longer thinks so.

Won't write any more now as we will get to see you soon and have a really good visit.

Thank you again, Gertrude dear, for your kind and loving offer.

Much love, *J. Helen*

*As far as we know - we will arrive in at the (over)*

ranch Mon. (May 21) afternoon — probably  
early, but not in time for lunch.



Dear Frankie - Just a short note -

Doro is having a difficult time with the body. She is supposed to stay in bed most of the time as her legs swell very badly. There is also some difficulty with the heart. She has had a heart ~~nerve~~ for years, and ~~not~~ carrying twins, has made a great strain on the heart. I have been up here (in Phoenix) about ten days - trying to see that Doro does not do too much. Hope the babies get here soon.

I am writing, mainly, to ask you (if you can find the time) if you would please write Doro just a few lines. Of course we know you are with her with thoughts of love and help. However, she seems to have such a longing to hear from you. She has mentioned, almost everyday, that she wishes she would hear from Franklin.

I will write more later but am rushed for time right now. Hope you will come to see us sometime in April - or as soon as you can.

Usual love,  
Helen.

April 11, 1967

Dear Franklin and Gertrude,

First, I want to thank you Franklin for your letter to Doro. It came at a most needed time. Doro was having a very bad time of it, both physically and mentally (psychologically). The strain was almost too much for the physical and nervous organism and the letter helped her immensely.

I just got back to Ajo last night and am fairly well exhausted. We had a most nerve-racking and rugged month there in Phoenix. Even Erma was quite worried for a time and was about to send for Franklin when things eased up a bit and help seemed to come where most needed. Doro had a really bad time of it but, thank heavens, the labor was comparatively short--not as prolonged as before. However, the doctor said that she was rather torn up inside (from so much baby, almost 14 pounds) and would take a long time recovering and must take it easy for quite a while.

The babies are darling! The little girl, Jennifer, is the smallest baby that Doro has had--6 pounds 2 ounces. She is very alert and has looked around at people from the first--from about fifteen minutes after she was born. Robert is a husky boy, 7 pounds 10 ounces. He is a sleepy head and couldn't care less whether anything happens or not. Both are pretty babies and caused quite a stir in the nursery at the hospital--nurses quite taken with them.

Received your letter when I arrived home last night--saying that you had planned to leave Lone Pine April 17th. Would it inconvenience you too much to wait two days, leaving April 19th? I have just returned home and now have to leave tomorrow to go to Tucson with Jim. It is on business--the copper industry is being honored and Jim and I are supposed to be there. We will return to Ajo on Friday. I would not go at all but it is a required sort of thing. This way it would give me a chance to rest a couple days and get things straightened around at home. Of course, Lillian is always welcome! We are looking forward to seeing you all.

I have to go to see Dr. Pounds on April 26th for my check-up.

Feel that I should warn you that Dr. Pounds is a little expensive to go to. The regular beginning examination costs about \$200.00 apiece. The medicine varies, of course. My medicine costs me about \$50.00 a month--more if I get any kind of shot. So, it isn't exactly cheap. However, I do think that he is a wonderful doctor and feel that he is getting to the bottom of my trouble. Bob has begun with him but hasn't had his first consultation yet--to be April 15th. Bob has had his tests but will not get the results until the first consultation.

Erma suggested that you folks might like to stay at Squaw Peak Inn this time when you are in Phoenix. It is a lovely quiet place. I promised that I would suggest it to you. However, for just this time, maybe you could stay at Los Olivos again. It is nearer Doro and she seems to have such an urge to get in some visits with Franklin and she could not get out to Squaw Peak as it is too far for her to go when the babies are so small and need nursing so often. Also, it is more centrally located at Los Olivos.

Anxiously waiting for your visit and we can have our talking and catching up on everything then.

Unless we hear differently, will expect you on April 20th.

Much love,

*Helen*

May 15, 1967

Dear Franklin,

I thought that perhaps I should write and get it straightened out a bit--about who <sup>WAS</sup> ~~is~~ Ananda.

At the meeting, last week, I challenged Erma about Ananda. I said that you thought that it was Vasant. She said, "No, I wonder what makes him think that?" I said that you had thought that she had told you Vasant was Ananda. She said, "Oh no!" Then she thought a moment, and said, "Oh, I know what I said that might make him think that". I said, "I thought that you, Erma, was Ananda". And she said, "Yes". At one time she had told me about an incarnation of mine that was at the time of Gautama, the Buddha--and had said that she was Ananda. I couldn't quite believe my incarnation, at that time. So about a month later, I asked her about it again--and asked if she might not be mistaken. She said, "No, I have had these incarnations confirmed". I assumed it was confirmed by one of her "friends". Erma did say that Vasant was Padmapada.

I don't think that it matters too much about who was which incarnation but this time I felt that you should be told as to what Erma said. I have always felt that Erma was one of the ones who are in almost constant incarnation. I do not know this to be true--have only inferred it through different things said. My inference may be totally wrong.

I am writing this solely to you because I do not know how much of this ~~that~~ Erma wants to keep quiet about.

Awoke a couple mornings ago, knowing that you, Bob, Gunther, Erma and myself had been together. The five of us had been either talking, planning or working together. Did not bring through what we were doing but knew we had been together and then, each had gone his separate way--back to the physical vehicle?

Am very anxious to hear how your talks went in Flagstaff. Hope that there were many students there.

My deepest love,



June 23, 1967

Dear Franklin,

I am a bit worried about Erma's physical vehicle. I think she could use a bit of help in that direction.

I was in to see Dr. Pounds, day before yesterday and noticed that Erma looked very tired. In fact, she looked so bad that I had trouble sleeping that night because of feeling disturbed about her. I went out to see her yesterday and she was ill - had had a high fever and an upset stomach. She had not eaten for three days.

As she says, "upstairs" she is perfectly all right but the physical is taking a "beating". She spoke of wanting to write you for help in hanging on to the physical body but said she was hesitant to bother you. So, when I left her, I told her I was going to write you. She said, "I think that might be a good idea."

As might be expected, there is some scandal going around about her and Dr. Pounds. Also, Ed is giving her an

extremely hard time. At times seems to have lost his balance completely. Then of course, the children are taking it quite hard. Besides all this, she works so very hard — and it is too much for the physical to take. She said that she foresaw difficulty in hanging on to the physical body.

As Emma says, inwardly she is fine but the personal man does "crop up" once in awhile and the physical suffers the repercussions.

I shall write Gertrude in a day or so but felt the news about Emma could not wait that long.

My deepest love,  
Helen

Sept. 27, 1967

Dear Gertrude and Franklin,

Haven't any particular news, nor nothing much to say--just felt the urge to write to you.

Gertrude dear, I sent a couple little things to be used in the house--hope you can find a use for them.

Had a good visit with Erma the last time I went up to see Dr. Pounds. As I am sure you know, the divorce is final now and Ed has finally moved out of the house. It is a great burden lifted from Erma's shoulders. I checked again to make sure--about Ed's being Olcott--Erma says that he is not. Erma also says, that it is the same entity now as the one that entered the personality called Helen (Briggs) at birth--there has been no change--that is, no other entity took over the body at Doro's birth. We had been wondering about that when I was up at the ranch. Also, Franklin, Erma said that she knew about my "dream" regarding "Chutuktu" but that the explanation must come from you.

Everyone is asking just when you are coming back to Phoenix--and all seem very anxious for it to be soon. Erma said to ask you if you couldn't come between Nov. 15th and Nov. 21st.--that is, to be somewhere in Arizona around that time. Think she wants you to be here in Arizona on Nov. 17th--that most significant<sup>of</sup> dates.

I awoke, in the night, not so long ago--conscious of being told, and repeating (to myself) over and over--"Seven came through the Buddha". It was such a strong message (?) that I wrote it down, so that it would not be forgotten in the morning. Have been thinking about it quite a bit but have reached no conclusions as I do not want to be hasty about it--and do not want to "jump to conclusions". I think that it has deeper significance than it first appears to have.

It looks as if we will get no vacation. There just does not seem to be any time that Jim can get away. We were hoping for a week or two

but can't see now just when it will be.

The so-called "social season" has begun here in Ajo. In fact, I have already had two parties--one, a luncheon, and another a dessert bridge. Luckily, it looks now as if we will not have to have the cocktail party that we usually have in October--people from New York not coming then. However, don't know what will arise unexpectedly. Hope, nothing.

Doro and family doing fine. The twins are becoming so cunning now. Very alert and with much personality. Jennifer is the little "charmer" and Robert is the "power-behind-the-throne", quiet type.

Bob is attending night classes at Arizona State University (Tempe) and taking some extra math. He loves mathematics. He had a good, long visit with Erma, not so long ago and says (according to Erma) that he knows where he is going now and what he is going to do. He is feeling the inner pull very strongly--and I think, is headed that way in ever greater measure now.

Will close now so as to get this in the mail.

Think of you both often, and with love.

Much love,

*Helen*



Dec. 5, 1967

Dearest Franklin and Gertrude,

I felt that you would be anxious to hear from us but there is too much to report yet.

Jim has been feeling very bad. He has had severe reactions to the treatment. He has not been able to keep any food down and very seldom even keeps water down — for six days now. Yesterday Dr. Alcastar said that apparently he had been pushing Jim too fast and instead ~~of~~ of giving Jim a shot everyday (except Sun.) he was just going to give him one every other day.

Jim is fast losing his strength — and, of course, weight.

Last Thursday, Jim had a particularly bad day. He woke up Friday morning with the idea that he would just go back to Phoenix and have surgery. Finally, I got him to say that he would give it another week's try. I was frantic and really turned in and asked for help. That afternoon (Fri.) we met a couple in the doctor's office — she has cancer. She said she went to Mayo Clinic. The doctors there performed surgery but when they opened her up they said the cancer was so widespread — into her stomach, intestines

and female organs — that they didn't try to remove anything. They just sewed her back up and told her it was hopeless. She has been going to Dr. Alcantar now since Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. She says she feels wonderful — eats well, no pain etc. Seeing her and talking with her helped Jim a lot and I think he has more faith in the treatment now — hope he will be more patient. However, the diet is also part of the treatment and when one can't eat, that part of the treatment is nil. If Jim can only keep up his strength — he is quite weak now.

If he can just get through this period of adjustment, I think he will pick up faster — when he can keep food down. I'm sure Jim has periods of depression but he is trying — so am I.

I'm sorry that this letter is not better news — hope the next one will be. I knew that you would want to know exactly how things are.

If Jim could get rid of his pain and nausea (its come & goes) he would feel more cheerful.

We could not find an apartment — none to be had. So we are staying in a motel room with a tiny partial kitchenette. We have to be able to cook — can't eat in restaurants.

Everything here is quite expensive — both in Nogales Arizona and Nogales Mexico. In fact things (merchandise) is so expensive in Mexico that I

could get things cheaper in Tucson and Phoenix. The Mexican people are really learning how to cheat the Americans - and the American people carry home merchandise by the armful - paying twice what it is worth. I guess you can't blame the Mexicans when the Americans are so willing to be duped.

Talked to Dad, on phone, Sunday. Heard that your lectures in Flagstaff were extremely successful. He is so happy about that.

Will write again soon - as soon as there is anything to report - one way or the other.

How do I get in touch with you in case of emergency? Through the Sheriff's office? Of course, will try invariably (to get in touch) first.

Our very deepest love and  
gratitude - Helen

Please give our love to Lillian and others.

We are at - Arroyo Motel  
Room 15

Dogales, Arizona

Mail will reach us here →

85621

Que.

Dec. 12, 1967

Dearest Franklin and Gertrude,

Just wanted to let you know about Jim. He is doing much better on the new schedule of an injection every other day instead of every day. He was terribly sick until last Thu. night, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. That seemed to be the turning point. Now, he sleeps better, eats better and feels better. I think he hit bottom on that day (Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>) and is on the way up now.

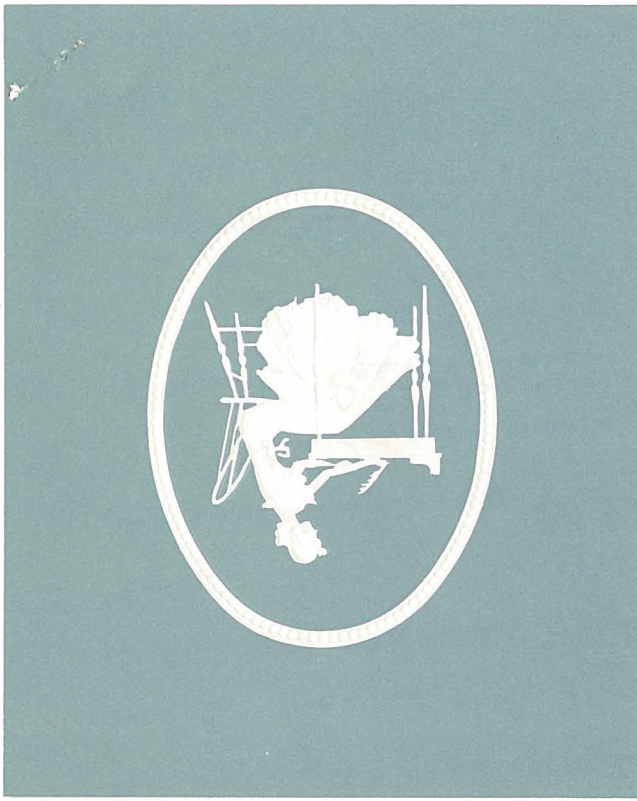
He went to Phoenix Sunday, as I had an appointment with Dr. Pounds on Monday. Erma had a look at Jim, with her inner eye, and she says Jim is better. There are a few who don't respond to this treatment and thought, for awhile, Jim might be one — but now we feel that the treatment is working.

Jim has lost about 35 pounds. However, some of his vital force seems to be returning now. Think the cycle has been reversed and Jim will continue to improve.

We'll write again soon.

Much, much love — and  
our deep gratitude,

Helen



COPYRIGHT

CANADA  
Conte  
A

Dearest Franklin and Gertrude  
Just a note to let you know about  
Jim's progress. The nausea is still absent and  
he is able to eat now. He has stopped  
losing weight and is holding his own. He  
seems to feel better in general and the  
pain is not so severe. He seems to be  
able to control the pain with anti-acid  
pills, which is allowed (the pills, I mean).  
Also, I think Jim's outlook psychologically  
is better. Of course I realize that it is

hard to be cheerful when the pain is so intense (formerly).

I had a hard time trying to Christmas shop this year but managed to get some done. I'll try to do better next year. Naturally, I know that Jim's health is the most important thing right now but I did want the family to have some Christmas.

The children gave us a tape recorder for Christmas. They gave it to us about ten days ago so that we could enjoy it while being shut up in a room down here. Also loaned us Franklin's tapes (on the book. So we have been having a wonderful time listening to the tapes and good music.

We are going up to Phoenix to Daro's for Christmas day.

Do have a wonderful, happy Christmas.

Our deepest love,

Helen and Jim

Our love to Lillian and all.

Dec. 30, 1967

Dearest Franklin and Gertrude,

Just to keep you posted on Jim's condition--

Jim was apparently getting along all right. He even gained a couple pounds over Christmas. However, now, there is no more medicine. According to the doctor (Dr. Alcantar) one batch of medicine that he ordered (from Canada, the source) was lost--then he had the promise of some of it from a doctor near Mexico City but the roads were washed out (around Christmas time) and the medicine has never arrived. Jim has been without an injection for over a week. He does not feel so good now and it worries me for fear that he is losing ground. Erma thinks that maybe the Mexican government is stepping in there and confiscating the medicine. The doctor is not even in Nogales now--has gone to Monterrey for the marriage of his daughter. However, the brother (of doctor) is qualified to give it--if it ever comes in. We (Erma and Fred) are trying to find another source of the medicine. However, it isn't easy. It is made in Canada but is not allowed to be used there. Mexico is the only place--and if the government is stepping in there--don't know where to turn. Jim has begun losing weight again also. Too bad that he couldn't have at least one more month on it--although it takes longer than that to arrest it.

We want to thank you for the Christmas gift. The casserole is lovely and we really needed something like that--don't have a server (casserole server). This is such a pretty one.

Had a nice Christmas with the children. Christmas is always so much fun with the little ones.

We are in Ajo waiting to see if the medicine is found.

Will close so that I can get this mailed.

Our deepest love,

*Helen*

Mon. Jan. 8, 1968

Dearest Franklin and Gertrude,

Just a short letter for this time but I knew you would be anxious to hear where we were etc.

As I said, in the last letter, Dr. Alcantar (Nogales) ran out of medicine. Jim was without any treatment for two weeks. Last Wed. Jim phoned Dr. A. and the doctor said that he had the medicine and if Jim would come down he could have a shot. So, we rushed down to Nogales <sup>from Ajo</sup> (about a four hour drive) and when we got there--no medicine! Naturally, we were pretty disgusted. Jim phoned Fred Pounds and he phoned around and found that Dr. Contreras, in Tijuana, had plenty of medicine. So we took off from Nogales Thursday morning--arriving in San Diego Friday afternoon. Jim saw Dr. Contreras Saturday and had an injection then--had another today and will get another tomorrow. Evidently, will get one a day for awhile--just hope he doesn't get another bad reaction from every-day treatment again. I didn't tell you before, but Jim went downhill very fast when he went those two weeks without treatment. In fact, it was so rapid that I was alarmed. Now we have to regain all the lost ground plus the rest. He was beginning to do so well. Now has to go through all the difficulty again. In all fairness, I guess that it was not completely Dr. Alcantar's fault. Apparently the A.M.A. (through politics) is trying to get the Canadian government to close down the places that make Laetrile. Dr. A. got his supply from Canada. Dr. Contreras gets his supply from Switzerland. Now, the A.M.A. is trying to get the Mexican government to prohibit american citizens from entering Mexico for treatment. Talk about gangsters! It is plain murder.

There are people here from all over the United States--Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, Illinois, Florida, Washington and Oregon to name a few. Also, one couple from British Columbia, Canada. Aren't allowed to give the injections in Canada.

We are in Imperial Beach, suburb of San Diego--south. We are only ten minutes from Tijuana--twenty minutes from the doctor's office. We have a



small apartment in a motel--all we could find. We have a living room, bedroom, kitchen and bathroom. It is much nicer, in that we have more room, than the one in Nogales. We paid between \$225 and \$235 a month for the one in Nogales--this apartment is \$200 a month. Of course, I guess it is out of season is why it is no more. We are right on the beach also--just about 100 yard from ocean. It helps to have a view as we stay in the room most of the time--Jim just doesn't feel like going out. Well, hope that will all change now within a month or two--don't know how long it will take.

If you ever feel like getting away from the ranch you might run down to see us. We have an extra double bed in the living room.

Our address is-- Surfside 6 Motel room 216

800 First St.

Imperial Beach

South San Diego, Calif.

Will close for now and try to find some penny stamps to add to the stamped envelopes so I can get this mailed.

Much, much love,

*Nelson + Jim*

*Our love to all -*

✓  
Feb. 25, 1968 (Sunday)

Dearest Gertrude and Franklin,

We did enjoy your visit in Imperial Beach so much. I know that being with Franklin did Jim much good.

We left to come home on Saturday. Rested Sunday and then drove up to Phoenix Monday. Jim had another Fifer test but won't know the results for a couple weeks. Erma said that Jim was much better. She said that there was such a difference in the eyes--that the "old man" was looking out now. We were talking about the possibility of surgery later on. I turned to Erma and said, "Somehow, I just don't feel that surgery will be necessary. I think there will be gradual remission of the mass." She (or someone) nodded and said, "We will take care of that". Inferring that they would take care of the remission. Fred Pounds said that Jim was not out of the woods yet but was much better. We will know more when the results of the Fifer test arrive. It is apparently a much more subtle test than the Anthrone test in regards to the presence of a malignancy.

Jim started to work on Tuesday. He has worked all day long and every day since then. He even went out yesterday afternoon to play a little golf. He is eating quite well. Hasn't gained any weight yet--but then he doesn't eat anything that is fattening. He says he doesn't mind so much not gaining, just so he doesn't lose.

We are going up to Phoenix, this week-end, for the monthly meeting. We haven't been able to go since November so are looking forward to it. While there I will have another check-up, blood test etc.

Doro has been having quite a time with the twins. They have been quite sick and Fred hasn't seemed to help them so far. Poor little things--they look rather peaked.

Have been very busy trying to get things straightened around here. Everything had been neglected for so long--quite a job.

The weather here has been just beautiful--so nice and warm. We are really enjoying it.

Much, much love, *John*

Mar. 10, 1968

Dearest Franklin and Gertrude,

Not too much news--just wanted to keep you posted on Jim. He has not felt very well this last week--just feels bad in general. He is troubled with constipation which has never been one of his problems. He gets a little discouraged (and imagines things) when he has one of his bad times--which isn't like Jim at all. He is not a worrier by nature and all his life has kept fairly cheerful. I am still giving him his hypos twice a week and he has his pills other days.

2 He had a Pfeiffer test a little over two weeks ago. That is the blood chrystalization test for malignancies etc. but we have not heard from Fred about it--so suppose it did not give him a clean bill of health. We hardly expected this one to but were hoping nevertheless.

I have been very busy since we came home. Everything was quite disorderly--also decided to clean closets, drawers and the storage house. Things like that take so very long. Wanted to get some of that done before hot weather got here. Still have much to do--didn't know we had so many drawers and closets until I started cleaning them.

Franklin, Jim wants to know if you have decided whether you want that \$10,000 now? It is there for your use if you want it.

It looks now as if we will be going to San Diego about the last week in April. Thought you would like to know so that if you want to come here the first part of April you could make your plans. We hope you get to come in April--just let us know a little while ahead of time--any time is fine with us.

Will close for now as I have several more letters to write--and no news to speak of.

Our deepest love,

Helen

Mar. 22, 1968

Dear Franklin and Gertrude,

We were so happy to get your letter saying that you were coming to Ajo April 9th. That is fine with us. We are really looking forward to your visit--as usual.

We were so sorry to hear that Franklin had been ill. I was up in Phoenix on Tuesday (Mar. 19th) and found that Doro and Bob also had the flu and were quite ill. Erma said that the day Franklin began to feel better was the day that both Doro and Bob were struck down with it. Erma said that it is the opposition hitting--that there was so trace of it (ill) on the etheric or astral planes--purely on the physical plane. She said that they had tried to get to her and to Fred Pounds--about the same time. Bob was very ill--thought for awhile that they would have to put him in the hospital. However, I just finished talking to Doro and Bob both and they both are feeling better now. (Doro had a temp of  $104\frac{1}{2}$ ). Temp is down now. Am relieved that they are all convalescing now.

I am concerned about Jim though. He has been feeling quite bad for about two weeks--nausea, bad pain, loss of appetite (no appetite) and loss of weight--which he can not stand right now. He is down to 173. We received the report on the Pflifer test given Jim about a month ago--when we returned from the coast. The report looks very good, very encouraging. Am enclosing a copy of the report. However, if the malignancy has cleared up, and I believe it has, then what is making Jim so ill now? It is very puzzling to us. We recognize that Jim will have ups and downs but the down has gone so far down and lasted so long. We don't know in what direction to turn--we know what regular doctors have in mind for Jim--but Fred says that Jim is not ready for homeopathy (should be feeling fairly good before starting that course of treatment)--and, outside of the malignancy, Laetrile doesn't help--so don't know what to do. Jim is begin-

ning to get quite discouraged--and a little depressed--feels so bad all the time. It just isn't like Jim to be this way.

I hope that I am just not pouring out our troubles (although, maybe I am doing that too) but I know that Franklin wants a true report on Jim.

I mentioned this to Erma but she was so busy, rightly so, working on Bob and Doro that I think she didn't realize just what I was saying. At least, did not realize it is as bad as it is.

Well, the strike is over and the men went back to work yesterday. The company gave them "the world with a fence around it"--but did not give in on the industry wide bargaining--thank heavens. It will take those families years to catch up, financially, and some never will catch up. However, everyone is glad to be back working.

Erma wants to come down, if she possibly can, on April 11th (Thur.) --when you folks are here. She says that perhaps she and Franklin can establish a healing vibration here--where two or more are gathered there is more power.

Looking forward to seeing you--April 9th.

Much love,

*Helen*

*Pfeifer report (blood crystallization) re Jim -*

The present crystallization picture is more consolidated as compared with the previous one.

In the lower body zone we see again the kidneys with slight irritation forms.

The cancer form, seen on the previous picture, did not show up again; we find this time in its place only a single oblique crystal indicating that there is still a tendency to malignant tumor process present.

Middle body and throat area show slight congested irritation forms.

May 28, 1968

Dear Franklin and Gertrude,

Hadn't heard from you since you left Gjo and was beginning to wonder if you were all right. However, received your letter a couple days ago so feel easier about you.

No, Jim is not getting along very well. He has been in very severe pain for the last two weeks. He says that there was just one day (in two weeks) when the pain wasn't quite so severe. Jim says, also, that he feels worse than he did two or three months ago. Today, for the first time since January he was nauseated and couldn't eat — also, vomitted — and that hasn't happened since January. The pain is so severe that aspirin doesn't work now. Up until the last two days he has been able to eat — also, has not lost any more weight yet.

Erma says that the "mass" is disappearing — but we cannot understand his (seemingly) much worse condition. There is something there that is not working right. It has been six months since he started treatment.

Some of the "brass" from New York were here last week — so had to have a big party for them. Week before that had a Mother's Day Tea with 115 people attending. Jim told Mr. Page (Chairman of the Board of P.D.) that he wanted to retire at the end of the year. Mr. Page seemed agreeable to the idea. Jim told him all about his health problem.

Doro and family are coming down this week-end for a couple days. Bob isn't coming. Bob isn't getting along too well, healthwise. There again, Erma says he is getting along fine but Bob says "No". He gets times of extreme exhaustion and can hardly do anything but



lie down and rest. This family has certainly been hit hard this last year.

I was up to Phoenix to the May meeting — a very good one. Jim was not able to go.

If you are going to be gone on a long trip this summer, Lillian is more than welcome to come stay with us — for as long as she wants. We would love to have her. I am writing her too to invite her.

The weather here is beginning to turn hot. However, as long as we stay inside it is very comfortable. Air-conditioned houses, air-conditioned cars, air-conditioned stores — tough life!

Am so glad that your trip was so successful. I know everyone enjoyed your visit.

We surely enjoyed your visit. It seemed especially meaningful somehow. To me, it was very significant that you were here Easter Day.

Had a good visit with Rosalynde a couple weeks ago. Jim had to go to Tucson on the scholarship business so I spent the day with Rosalynde.

Will close for now as I have no more news.

Much love,  
Telen

I make profound obeisance to  
my Guru.

Nov. 17, 1968

Dearest Franklin and Gertrude,

I guess Lillian has told you how busy we have been here. Well, things are still very hectic--and I am getting a bit worn-out with it all.

I still have to commute between Phoenix and Ajo. In fact, I am going up to Phoenix later today and will stay until Tuesday morning--then back to Ajo. Then Wednesday Jim and I go back up to Phoenix to the Secret Doctrine meeting--home again Thursday. Then I may have to go up to Phoenix again Saturday as that is the day that Shery has the surgery on her foot. She was to have had the surgery quite awhile back but the foot became infected and the doctors wanted to wait until the infection cleared up completely. I do hope that they are successful in finding the needle--occasionally they don't. The doctors say that it is literally like finding a needle in a haystack. However, will hold the thought that they do find it.

I had been hoping that the last two weeks of this month we could rest a bit--before moving. But it doesn't look that way. All the trips back and forth plus the entertaining going on for us here. There have two "coffees" for me--will be a luncheon a week from tomorrow--a party at the Country Club on Sat. Nov. 23rd. Then Jim's retirement dinner on Nov. 29th. We would just as soon they skip the whole thing--but the people think they are being kind and paying their respects.

It sounds as if you had a marvelous trip--am anxious to hear about it. However, can see why you are not much in the mood for any more travelling for awhile.

All of us (eleven) are quite enthusiastic about the Secret Doctrine meetings--feel that they are going to be intensely interesting. Will go through the Secret Doctrine's two volumes--then apparently will get something of the Third Volume. According to Erma there are two who will guide the meetings, which are twice a month, and much will be given out that has not been given before. Attendance is obligatory--no excuse except illness--

which seems very reasonable. Jim says though that it does pretty much eliminate vacations except for very short ones.

No one seems to have heard anything from Gene and Alma--have you?

Jim is still taking an injection of Laetrile once a week, by the advice of Erma and Dr. Pounds. However, we are about out but will not be able to renew our supply until after the first of the year. Understand that it is still very difficult to obtain--just hope we can get more.

The movers are coming to Ajo on Dec. 2nd. Will pack the remaining things (have been taking some up each time we go to Phoenix) on that day. Then will load the truck on Dec. 3rd and will go on to Phoenix on that day or the next. So should have most of stuff in house on Dec. 4th--also the day of the S.D. meeting. Then we will be straightening around for some time. We do not have a storehouse (nor any place to store things) so will probably be piled ceiling-high with stuff until we can get a storage place built.

Jim can hardly wait to retire--is really looking forward to it.

Must close for now so that I can get this in the mail.

Very much love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John".

March 10, 1969

Dear Franklin,

I was told by Erma (or whoever) that I should write you about this particular matter--that it should be brought to your attention.

When Erma, Fred and Bob were here that Sunday night (before you went to Tucson) we were speaking of Wes and his problem with alcoholism. Doro phoned me and asked me to ask all who were here that night to not speak of Wes' problem to anyone outside that group. You said, "Of course, we will not talk about it to anyone else". However, Tuesday, in Tucson, it was spoken of and talked about with the McFarlands.

You may have just forgotten--or you may have some deeper reason.

If I am being presumptuous or if I have over-stepped my relation as chela to Guru, I am sorry and I apologize. However, we were told that Erma serves as co-guru, and she said that this disturbed her and it must be brought to your attention--that a confidence must not be broken. She said that she would write also.

For several days, I have put off writing this letter. It was not easy to do and I do feel presumptuous.

I hope you know that you have my deepest love and loyalty--and that I stand ready to serve, always, in any way I can.

Obeisance to my Guru,

Your chela,





CANADIAN ROCKIES

**LAKE LOUISE AND VICTORIA GLACIER.** The lake is at an elevation of 5,675 ft. and is dominated by the Victoria Glacier in the background.  
Colour photograph by C.P.R.  
536



ALWAYS USE  
ZIP CODE

Dear folks - Here we  
are back in the States.  
Saw Grand Coulee Dam  
yesterday. Will stay  
here in Portland a day or  
so - then on down coast  
- then will stop in Red-  
woods a few days. Seem  
ed here after Cool Canada.  
We were in a snow storm  
between Jasper + Banff.  
Love, Helen + Jim

PRODUCED & DISTRIBUTED BY DOUBLE L COLOR PRODUCTIONS LTD.

MADE IN CANADA BY CYBERGREEN PRESS LIMITED

Mr. & Mrs. F. F. Woeff  
P.O. Box F  
Lone Pine  
Calif.  
93545



Dear Gertrude and Franklin,

I am enclosing the pictures I took of Franklin and his family. I do not have Jessies address so am sending you the copies for Jessie and her daughter, Ann.

Doro had a few days before she started school so we all went to San Diego for a few days. Doro had her suitcases packed to go and they were stolen. There were clothes for Doro and four of the children. Naturally all their best clothes were in the suitcases--including shoes, wearing apparel and jewelry (such as it was). It was quite a blow to lose most all of one's possessions at one time. It made for a rather sad trip. However, we did go ahead and go to San Diego. If any more things could happen to Doro I don't know what they could be.

I have been feeling bad (health-wise) for about three weeks and that is why I haven't written sooner. It was flu, which I couldn't seem to get over plus bladder infection and generally run-down condition.

Doro has started summer school--six hours. It is quite concentrated study. She goes to school mornings, then works in the afternoons--then studies nights. She is overwhelmed with work--certainly hope that it pays off with a half-way decent job.

Enjoyed Steve Rachlin's visit. One thing though--you sent the wrong tapes. I took those tapes off a year ago when I was up there. So somewhere along the line there was a mix-up.

Bob took off a few days of vacation. Sharon could not go with him as she was working. So Bob took Jimmy with him and they went for a couple days up to Silverton, Colo. In the meantime Sharon hurt her back at work and has been off work for some time. She keeps having it adjusted and then it keeps slipping out of place--so she is having quite a time.

The weather here has been terrible. It is running about ten degrees hotter than normal.

9001 & 1006  
UNAVES



Obadiah Harris is loaning us one of his electric typewriters. Also, his daughter has said that she will donate her \$15.00--which is quite a thing for a girl who is busy going to college.

We are going to make 100 copies--eventually to sell at \$5.00 a copy but the first few will have to be \$15.00 a copy. Also Jim has said that he will extend any credit they may need. Whew! did not know there was so much to it--quite complicated arrangements really. I think we have our work cut out for us for several months.

Am sure there was something else I wanted to write *you* about but am so engrossed in details of manuscript that I cannot remember what it was. Typewriter went on blink.

Much love,  
Helen



Mon. Jan. 26

Dear Gertrude & Franklin,

First, I want to thank you for the La Bisquera. My experience with it was exactly the same as yours. First I tried a steak (a tenderloin) and it was tough, dry and tasteless. Then I tried a Lamburger which cooked very nicely - also cooked just right. Then, I too, cracked it. However, I feel that I can turn it over and use the other side. I was amused that our experiences with it were so exactly duplicated.

Doroethy (& Karen) drove out to L.A. last week-end and got Reid Gardner and brought him back to Phoenix. He has been staying with me since last Mon. night. Yesterday (& day before too) they looked for apartments for him. Finally found one yesterday afternoon. He will move into it on Wednesday (Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>). Reid said that it is unbelievable how much better he has felt since he came to Phoenix - and seems very happy with



the move. He thinks Doris is just marvelous — very touching the way he feels about her. And he is a very interesting person — has listened to several of Franklin's tapes and has enjoyed them.

Keep thinking that I will hear from you as to when you will be here.

Does Franklin have his glasses yet? Hope he gets them soon, as he will be much more contented when he can use his eyes.

Will close for now. Hope to see you soon —

Much love,

Helen

April 15, 1970

Dear Gertrude and Franklin,

We were very happy to receive the tape--at least all the Briggs family was. Have asked Erma and Fred over to hear it but they have been unable to get here yet--hope to make it tomorrow night. No one else has heard it yet.

Franklin do we have your permission to use your mandala? We (Bruce, Dore and I) think it would be good to use it on the page with your picture. If it is all right with you, could we please have a sketch of it so that we can make a stencil of it--to run off on the mimeograph machine.

Bruce wants very much to have the book bound and ready when you arrive here. It will take 'some doing' but think we might be able to manage it.

We are looking forward to your visit--as usual. Erma will not be back until April 26th. However, you might be able to go to Tucson and Douglas in the meantime. Whatever your plans are will be all right with us.

I sold the last (and only) copy we had of "Yoga". Sold it to Bruce--which delighted him. Do you have just one more copy that you could bring us? Jim is very unhappy that I let the last copy go and would like another copy. Of course we have our own copy but it is always good to have a copy to loan. Enclosed is the \$2.00 for the book.

The weather here has been wonderful and our roses are beautiful.

Will close for now as we will get to visit real soon. Am busy working on "Is Theosophy Authentic" and am anxious to finish it.

Very much love

*Helene*

Please give our love to Lillian.  
Have a feeling that I may have forgotten to mention receiving the Endersby book. Many thanks.



Oct. 30, 1970

Dear Franklin & Gertrude,

Just a brief note — We are all anxious to know about conditions at the ranch.

I know of Emma's letter and what it contains and would like to hear directly from you about how things are there. We are all a bit concerned.

Have been playing the tapes — mainly on Inara Yoga. Thought Franklin would like to hear some of the response — a few have said that they are intellectually stimulating but that they do not take one "in" the way his other tapes do — that they do not carry the current as much as the tapes made formerly. Franklin, you have expressed the desire to hear the "play-back" on what you have written and what you have said, so thought you would want to hear about this.

Please let us know about things there.

Much love,

We are all here.

S.O.



P.S. I keep forgetting to say that I talked with Emma  
re the publishing of article "New Dispensation"  
and ~~she~~ mentioned that I had changed my  
mind about its being published (not to). She  
said that she was in favor of publishing  
it at first but had begun to change her  
mind too — and felt it should not be published.  
She said that she had sent it to Tharchant for  
his opinion. I also said that Franklin would  
like the opinion in writing. You probably  
have received it by now.



1912 Sat.  
accident

Dear Franklin and Gertrude,

Doro came home from the hospital today. Jim and I (and Doro) had wanted her to come to our house to stay for a couple days to rest before going home to all the work and responsibility but Doro had another tantrum and said no. Her face is still very swollen and discolored but that will pass. It is her eye (left one) that we are concerned about. The plastic surgeon said he thought it would be all right - however, we notice that he is having the eye surgeon look at her soon. She has not been able to open her eye since the accident and we do not know about the sight.

Doro is rather depressed. She said, "that she had always felt that she <sup>was</sup> had a certain amount of protection but knows now that she has not and it leaves her feeling very insecure." I, too, wonder how she could have had such terrible karma!

The day before Doro was to go into surgery, Doro exploded and raised hell because Bruce (who works in that hospital) had looked in and

said, "Hello." He ranted like a mad man and left Doris in tears (she was in a very weakened condition then). Fortunately Erma came into Doris's room right after. She (Erma) was furious - have never seen her so angry. She was still sputtering when she came by to see Jim and me. She said that that was the most horrible thing possible - when Doris was supposed to be resting and kept in good spirits before surgery. Erma said that she had never seen such colossal selfishness in anyone. Erma says she is absolutely through with him. Doris said that she had reached the end of her strength.

Doris's surgeon said she might have a flap place on the one (left) cheek. He also said that the break in the cheek-bone was much worse than he expected. The surgery took over two hours.

Bob has been quite sick and off work for two weeks. He had two impacted wisdom teeth removed - then his usual lung condition hit him about the same time. He has had a hard time breathing.

This is surely a nice cheerful letter!



but I thought you would want to hear how things really are.

Erna said that she had been told that this was going to be a very difficult time for many people but things should be better by Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>. — if a person can last that long.

We have had Dana with us (also, the twins) since Sun. morning. Dana was quite ill and they thought they might have to put her in the hospital but we brought her here with us and she is getting along fine. She had 40 stitches taken in her face + scalp. Bobby had 10 stitches on his forehead. Mike & I was mainly skinned with a few scattered stitches. Sheri, Jimmy and Jennifer just had bruises.

Jim and I are fine. He'd better be, in order to look after all the others.

I'll write again soon — when I know more about things.

Dana's friends have certainly stood by her — they have all been grand! She had so many flowers they had to take some home.

Love, Helen



January 30, 1972

Dear Gertrude and Franklin,

Today is our fortieth wedding anniversary--so thought I should turn over a new leaf by writing a letter.

Things are going on much the same. However, we have started studying "Philosophy of Consciousness Without an Object". We have had two meetings on it and have had the most extensive discussions. We have had the most interesting discussions but doubt if we have arrived at any answers. For each time, besides studying the assignment, each one is to bring at least two questions. We certainly have had no lack of questions. For every question asked brings up several more. We are really enjoying our meetings.

The group at the Aurobindo meetings has begun to study "Synthesis of Yoga". They went through it rapidly once before but are studying it slowly now. Joan Price and Fara Darland come to our Tuesday night meetings also and they add quite a bit to the discussion. Carl Hamilton is going to Mesa Junior College now and is taking a philosophy course from Joan. She apparently has a good reputation with the students.

Erma has asked us to stay in town until after the fifth of February. She says that the explosion that she expects (on Wes' part) can happen any time between January 15th and Feb. 5th. So we shall stay here until then. However, we thought that we might come up to the ranch about the middle of February for a few days--will let you know the definite date later.

Erma has been quite sick with the flu--has been off work for about two weeks.

Jim, Doro and I went down to see Rosalynde about a week ago. She is having a very difficult time of it. Erma thought that for awhile there might be a danger of Rosalynde's suicide. Think that that danger has passed.

Will close for now and will see you before too long.

Oh yes, I received the books and many thanks. Enclosed is \$10:00 for books.

Much love,

*Helen*



Dear Gertrude & Franklin,

We will arrive in  
Lane Pine on Sat., Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>.

We are coming out by  
way of Death Valley and  
plan to ~~stay~~ there a couple  
days - then on to Lane  
Pine - arriving Sat.  
some time after lunch.

Jim has been getting  
new dentures and that has  
delayed us a bit.

We are coming out in  
the V.W. - in case we  
want to do some desert  
exploring.

See you soon -

Much love,

Helen

How do you like my lovely  
new stationery?



Feb. 24, 1972

Dear folks,

Had a rather hectic trip home. When we arrived in India there was no place to stay as they were having some sort of huge buggery meeting. We even had a hard time finding a place to eat. So we had to drive on to Blythe. There we got the last room in town - very poor motel.

Arrived home Sat. afternoon and found that my mother was getting along very well. No sign of any residual effects - except that I have noted that her thinking is slower (much).

Everything all right when we





arrived home. Weather is beautiful and all our roses are coming out. Hope it doesn't freeze now.

Mr. Dodge (from N.Y.) was in town yesterday and took us out to dinner - at the Biltmore, no less. It was a very nice evening.

Our visit was so rushed that I forgot to tell you that I had received the books - many thanks.

Don't know just when we will be able to get <sup>back</sup> to the ranch but will make it as soon as possible.

Erma has been ill again but at least she is in good lands.

Much love,  
Helen

April 8, 1972

Dear Franklin and Gertrude,

I have not written before as Doro said that she had written you and brought you up to date regarding things.

She is looking much better now and says that finally her strength is beginning to return to some degree. However, she has not been able to go see the eye doctor yet. She has to see the plastic surgeon the last of this month and then will probably get to see the eye doctor. Her eye still bothers her--it sags quite a bit and tears a lot. Of course, the tear duct was injured too and it will take some time for it to return to near normal. She has the nerve that was damaged (down the front of her face) and that damage is permanent the doctor said. Doro says that it does not exactly hurt but there is sensation there constantly and it is quite nerve-wracking. Rimpoche said that it (her face) will be all right in time.

Had a most interesting visit (group) with Rimpoche. He and Jim got to have a bit of private visit and they were quite taken with each other. Rimpoche told Erma that he wants to come to Phoenix to live--said that he had not found any place that he felt as much at home since he left Tibet. He said that there is a marvelous magnetic center here. He went up to the Sedona area (with Erma and Fred) and was very impressed with that area also. This is all via Erma--what she has told Doro and me. Rimpoche plans on coming here every three months for the time being. In the meantime he wants us to form a group for meditation once a month. Jim says, that while he likes Rimpoche very much, he does not feel that he wants to participate in meditation as that (to Jim) is an imposing of the eastern way upon western man. However, I shall go to the meditation meetings.

Franklin, Jim says that you reached illumination by the eastern way and I said that you pioneered the western way. We have had quite an argument over this.

Jim says, then how does the eastern way differ from the western way?

Dana's scar is really healing up beautifully. The surgeon in Yuma that did the sewing of the scar did a wonderful job. Erma says that she has the feeling that the scar will fade away until it is practically unnoticable. Erma told me about Vitamin E oil, which they just learned about, and that it is marvelous for scared tissue. So I got some for Doro and she uses it on herself, Dana and Bobby (his scar quite noticeable.)

Bob was quite ill for about three weeks but is on the upgrade now. Has gone back to work--but goes to bed every night about 8:30.

Had heard that this was to be quite a tough time to get through for some--and it surely has been rough on the Briggs family. Understand that circumstances will improve some after April 20th--more still from middle of November on.

We were sorry to hear about the fruit being ruined. All the fruit in Arizona--mainly, apples and peaches near Sedona--are ruined too. That is the trouble with these warm winters and springs.

Doro had an order for Franklin's book from a group in the east--called Study of Comparative Religions. Don't know where they heard about it.

We are all very anxious to hear Franklin's new tapes. But in the meantime, we are hard at the study of the book.

Will try to write again soon.

Much love,

*Helen*

James' ILLNESS

Monday, June 30th

1972

Dear Gertrude and Franklin,

Jim Mugeridge just phoned and said that you hadn't received my letter regarding Jimmy's surgery. You should have the letter by now. I brought Jimmy home from the hospital on Sunday evening of June 22nd--after his appendicitis surgery. Also have found out since then that his appendix were infected--but not as seriously as they thought before the surgery. It was the virus in the lymph node that was irritating it. Jimmy seemed fine during Monday and Tuesday. Then about noon on Wednesday, he started having pains through his abdomen. Took him back to see the surgeon early Thursday. The surgeon said that the pains were not from any results of the surgery and recommended that we take him to the pediatrician that had seen Jimmy when he was in the hospital. We could not get hold of the doctor on Thursday but I took Jimmy out to see him (the pediatrician) on Friday A.M. The doctor had me take him to the hospital to have laboratory work done. Then Friday afternoon, during our Secret Doctrine meeting, the doctor called and said to get Jimmy out to the hospital right away--which we did. By that time Jimmy was running a very high temperature. We took him to the hospital and the doctor found that Jimmy had a bad abscess in the lower part of the pelvic area. They operated on Jimmy that night (Fri.) and put a drain in. Jimmy was very, very sick on Saturday and Sunday (yesterday) but is better today. I called Erma and she came out to the hospital to see him on Saturday. She took one look at Jimmy and said that she had to leave to do some work for him--and was going to call on Mr. Tharchant for help--which she did. Jimmy ran a temperature of between 104 and 105 for a couple days and had to be put under an ice blanket to try to bring his temp. down. I think that the crisis was reached early Sunday morning about 2:00 A. M. Both Erma and I woke up at that time and were worried. Awoke again about four A.M. and felt easier. Later Sunday afternoon I asked the nurse when was the last time that Jimmy's temperature peaked and she said about 2:00 A.M.



Jimmy came very close to going in--a very near thing. However, today we feel that he is on the up-grade and is going to be all right. Fred Pounds said that Jimmy should be very very careful and preserve his strength for a few weeks as he would be very rundown from all that he had been through. Poor little guy! He surely went through a hellish experience. He has lost so much weight that he is just skin and bones. I am planning to keep Jimmy here about a week before he goes on home. He will probably be bored but he will get some rest and quiet--and some good food --if he will eat it.

I feel so sorry for Doroethy too. We were so terribly worried that it was a great strain--then to have to work and try to take care of the rest of the children too--that is quite a task. She is so tired and strained that the rest of us, especially Erma, are worried about her.

As I said in my last two letters--I don't know just when I will be able to get to the ranch but want to make it there as soon as I can. Right now I have no idea when that will be. I don't want to leave here until Jimmy is well on the way to recovery.

Jim M. said that you were expecting me to come up with Bob and Sharon. I had never planned to come then. A married couple should have their vacation alone together.

Everything has happened so fast and furiously and the results were so uncertain that I have not been able to write again until now.

Jim M. gave me the news that all was going well at the ranch and that you were all well so that is good.

Will write again when I have the chance and will keep you posted on Jimmy but feel that the danger is over now and it is just a matter of convalescing.

Much love,

*Helen*

*I forgot to say that there was a serious bacterial infection. Luckily, the abscess was*

"contained" - otherwise there would have been a massive infection throughout the body and he might not have recovered. There was difficulty in isolating just which bacteria it was also. It was strange, as Jimmy had always been the child that was least bothered by disease.

Still going through the process of getting estate settled.

July 25, 1972

Dear Franklin and Gertrude,

Have had rather a busy last month. Faith Parrish and I, as you know, went to the seminar in Berkeley. It was very fascinating and quite wonderful. It has to be seen to be believed. We took two days to drive there, spent part of Friday, Saturday and Sunday there in the monastery. Then we took a couple days driving home. Faith had to get back to go to work.

There was quite a group there from Phoenix--Erma and Fred Pounds, Mike Pounds, Larry and Sandy Birch, Lois Shore, Linda Ambrose and Natasha, Natasha is one of the main financial backers. They call her the Mother at the monastery. Then the week-end of July 15th Rimpoche came to Sedona to give a seminary there. The classes were so filled that none of the Phoenix people went--so that there would be room for all the Sedona people. Claire Sweet, Faith Parrish, Sharon Briggs and I drove up to Sedona on Sunday evening for the public meeting. On the way home we got caught in an extremely bad rain storm--then when we reached Phoenix many of the streets were flooded and we could not get through them. Did not get home until three o'clock in the morning. It was quite a frightening drive home.

Rimpoche said that Vajra means diamond. He told me to just keep meditating on the One--which is what I have been doing for a long time. (Oh yes, Fara Darland, from Phoenix, was there also). Rimpoche also said that his system of Tantra was the only one that illumination could be reached in one incarnation. He uses Mantra a very great deal. I said to Erma that I had seen two or three people (?) come through Rimpoche and she said that there are seven who speak through. It is amazing how he changes at times. Erma is very anxious for Franklin to go over there. However, Rimpoche has seminars about once a month--usually around the middle of the month as that is a sacred time for them. His seminars are always filled to capacity--of course, he does limit the number he accepts.

A Nyinmapa Institute is being set up here--in preparation for the ones who are coming here to teach (the Lamas). They are starting with a book store and Tibetan arts and crafts store (same building). They have needed quite a bit of financing. Jim and I have been contributors and so have most of the students here. However, Jim and Bob will not go to the meetings--their help ends with finances. While I do not feel that this is my way, still I feel to support the effort in any way I can as it is part of the whole Brotherhood movement. Bob feels that there should never be a charge for spiritual teachings and I agree with him--although Rimpoche takes nothing for himself--it is all for the Tibetan refugees. I do wish that Franklin and Rempoché could get together--I feel that there is a third way that would arise from the combination of their two ways.

We were very impressed by the beautiful manners of all at the monastery. There was such love and harmony there--no bickering nor expressions of disharmony. Of course they stress good manners--all the Buddhist teachings I have studied lately mention that. I suppose because good manners is a sign of thinking of the other person.

Sharon and Bob apparently had a wonderful honeymoon. Although it rained every day they were there. They had the whole family over when they opened their gifts and they received some lovely things. They really need a larger place so that they can display them all. However, they are going to stay in Bob's apartment for another year. Sharon has been going to school all summer but she is taking a very light course so that she can keep house. Will have a heavier course in the fall--does her practice teaching then.

Suppose you have heard from the Geshells and know that they are in Finland. That is a marvelous experience for them both.

Oh yes, forgot to tell you that when the tapes were transcribed something went wrong--don't know whether with the machine or the tapes. Anyway we missed tapes no. 5 and 6. So will have to get them later. Jim

Muggeridge said that he had some questions that were really bothering him and that he wrote Franklin a long letter concerning them. He hopes very much to get an answer. Did Franklin ever answer Joans questions?

After Franklin was here and we played tape No. 10, we had the enclosed letter from Gene Hutloff. He is a Theosophy student and a good friend of Bruces. You may remember him--a tall man with glasses who spoke very intelligently. The sad thing is that he has a wife who is very antagonistic toward this line of thought and makes a great fuss about it. He told Bruce that he may have to give up meetings as he feels that he owes that responsibility to his wife.

Pat and Gary Rohrer are separating again. Pat has filed for divorce and intends to go through with it. Gary is trying to force her to go his way and has behaved like a louse of the worst kind. Pat should never have gone back to him this last time. Claire Sweet and her husband are getting a divorce--there again, they separated once before and then went back together. It just seems not to work out. Following the Path really separates couples. But the spiritual life takes precedence.

Sold another of Franklin's books and am enclosing the money for it.

We have an extremely hot summer--hot and humid but not much rain.

Have not heard from Lillian since you returned.

Doro and a few others are studying Carl Jung this summer--at Doro's. Doro attended summer school the first semester and plans to take another class in the fall. School starts early this year--Aug. 29th.

Much love,

*Helen*

Thu. Sept. 28, 1972

Dear Gertrude and Franklin,

We arrived home from the northern Arizona trip on Monday evening. About an hour later the door bell rang and there was Gene. Bob and Sharon came over a little later, so Gene got to meet Sharon. Gene stayed Monday and Tuesday nights--left early Wed. morning. Erma, Fred, Gene, Jim and I all went out to dinner together Tue. night--had a grand visit together. Gene told us you were thinking of coming in October and then the next morning we received our mail and the letter from you.

We are so very glad that you are coming--as you know we always look forward to your being here. I gather from your letter that you will be leaving Lone Pine, October 10th (which is a Tue.) and will arrive here Oct. 11th. That is fine with us. If your plans should change, just let us know and we will be ready for you.

We were glad to hear about the Geshells as we weren't too sure where they were. Guess that Pete has plenty to do. Gene caught us up on the news.

Sent Lillian the book which she ordered. She should be receiving it soon.

We are all going to hear Rimpoche speak tonight. This is the night that he has his public lecture.

Wes has had another big explosion. He got very violent--scared the children very much. He went out to Bruce's apartment and was going to kill him (Wes said)--anyway he was so violent that Bruce had to call the police. While the police were there Wes phoned Bruce and threatened him so the police recommended that Bruce get Wes put under Peace Bond. Bruce went down to the Sheriff's office to see about it but it was so complicated that he decided to wait awhile. Wes also uses physical violence with Doroethy and that worries the children--in fact, was quite a traumatic

experience for them. Mike was all ready to run out the door for help. I don't see how it can go on much longer--Wes just keeps getting worse. There is no special thing that starts it. He just gets to the point where he erupts. Doroethy says that she can take a lot but that when it comes to damaging the children so that they shake all over--that is a different thing. Wes asked Doro if she wanted a separation and she said "Yes" but that is where it sits at the present time. It is such a terrible mess and there seems to be no way out. Doro has her teaching certificate now and has applied for a job. But of course, that would not be until next Sept. Even then she would have a terribly hard struggle trying to support the seven of them. Of course we will help as much as we can but we cannot help as much as we once could (since retirement).

Sharon still doesn't like teaching very much. I gather that the students really try to give her a hard time. She knows her subject matter very well but the discipline is a problem for her. Well, the training will probably be good for her.

Gene said that Franklin had a couple new tapes but didn't know if one was on Jim Muggeridge's questions. Of course, we are always anxious to hear new tapes. Also, we are at the point where we are going to go back and replay most of the tapes. So often the ones at the tape meetings say that they would like to hear a certain tape another time or two (or more) so we are going to play them again and as often as they want to hear them.

Looking forward to seeing you soon---

Much love,



14 Nov. 1972

Dear Franklin and Gertrude,

We were so very sorry to hear that Franklin was so ill. We have been talking to Erma every day and thus keeping track of all developments. We were so relieved when we heard that Franklin was able to return to the ranch.

Things are much the same here. We are getting into the busiest time of the year and I am <sup>p</sup>apalled at times to think of how much is to be done in the next few weeks.

Poor Gene--I am afraid that he had his feelings hurt when he was here. Erma said that he should look within himself. Am sure that he has told you ~~xxxxxxx~~ his side of the story. Bob has been feeling very bad that he was so abrupt with Gene.

Must close now and get this in the mail. Just wanted you to know that we were thinking of you with love--and trying to help in whatever way we could.

Do try to take care of yourselves--

With much love,

*Helen*



969

Dear Gertrude,

First, I should like to thank you again for all the thoughtful things that you did for us while we were there. We enjoyed our stay immensely. I know how much hard work went into all that was done and we do appreciate it!

We had a grand time down at the beach--the children especially. The twins had never seen the ocean--Jennifer took one look and said, "I'm not going swimming in that pool." When I took the twins down to the water, they said, "I'm too little". However, by the day we left they were much braver and would get wet in the water. The other children enjoyed everything about the ocean and are regular little fish. Dana is an excellent swimmer--also, Shery and Mike are quite good. Jimmy is very brave and wades right out into the deep waves but he isn't as good a swimmer as the rest.

Had ~~a~~ lunch with Erma yesterday and had a good long visit. She said that she had received a letter from both you and Lillian and that you both had said that there was still much hard feelings on the part of Jim, Doro and myself. At first I was utterly amazed and shocked--then became horrified and angry. Now, I am merely extremely puzzled (and so is Erma) as to what would make you say such a thing. It is absolutely untrue! The only time that Erma's name was mentioned was that one evening when Franklin mentioned it and said that Erma was right in saying not to mention his name too often and Jim said that there were other examples of people's names being used often and used as an example the frequent use of Erma's name. That was it--and Doro wasn't even there. What is mentioned in that house should go no further--negative things should never come from that center. Erma agrees with me that there must have been the opposition working there. There was absolutely no feeling quality involved--that has been over for some time. (This could have stirred it up anew.) That does not mean however, that we cannot state the "facts" as we see them--that would be stupid.

Besides, as Erma says, she has quite a sensitivity (as well as an inner vision) and she does not feel anything of the sort that you reported.

I am writing Lillian to set her straight and also Franklin. Erma said that she would write Franklin but sometimes she gets overwhelmed with work and doesn't get the opportunity to write.

Again, thank you for the service you have given.

We are looking forward to your visit in the fall.

Love,

Dear Franklin,

I wanted to thank you again for the many, many things you have done for us--and just for being you! We did enjoy our stay at the ranch so very much!

Had a grand time at the beach! It was fun to be with the children and see their reaction to everything! They all seemed to enjoy it so much and hated to come home!

I had lunch with Erma yesterday and we had a good long visit. She said that she had received a letter from Gertrude and also Lillian and that they had both said that there was still a great deal of hard feeling on the part of Jim, Doro and myself! I was absolutely shocked and amazed to hear such a thing! It is absolutely untrue! The only time that Erma's name was mentioned was when you brought it up and you said that Erma was right in saying not to mention your name too often--and Jim said that there were other examples of people's names being used often--and used as an example the frequent mention of Erma's name. That was all that was said--and Doro wasn't even there! There was certainly no feeling quality involved--that has been over for some time. That does not mean, however, that we cannot state "facts" as we see them (even though we may be completely wrong)! Things were quieting down but, of course, this stirred things up again! As Erma says, she is very sensitive (besides having a certain inner vision) and that she does not sense anything of this sort at all--and that is why she was so surprised to hear this report! Erma says that she agrees with Sherifa--that nothing of such a negative nature should come out of headquarters.

We come up to the ranch for one thing only and that is to visit our Guru! We feel that we can speak freely with you but if our words are repeated by others and distorted we feel that we cannot speak at all! Erma says that all she can think is that a negative force of the opposition was trying to get in! I told her that I was writing to you and she said that I should! Also, she said that she was going to write to you--

but knowing how she has the best of intentions at times but gets overwhelmed with work--I thought I would write in the meantime.

As far as we can see, this was a pure projection on the part of Gertrude and Lillian--but even so, it should not have been passed on.

There's a trite saying that fools rush in where angels fear to tread--and I am one of those who rush in. I mean no offense but we thought that it should be brought to your attention that much harm could have been done. It was just fortunate that Erma and I had our talk.

Erma said that you were welcome to read Tcharchant's letters. Also, spoke of White Bear and she said that if you could not get by Oraibi to see him, she would write and ask him to come to Phoenix but she thought that it might be preferable to see him in Oraibi in his own surroundings.

Obeisance to my Guru--and  
my deepest love,

Jan. 17, 1973

Dear Franklin,

Jim M. and Bruce are back in Phoenix and had a most marvelous visit at the ranch. Have never seen Jim so enthusiastic as he is now. Am so glad that they had the opportunity of a visit. Doro says to tell you that they came not only to get but to give.

Franklin, I feel that there some things that need to be cleared up. The impression we get from Gertrude's and Lillian's letters is that we are not at all welcome at the ranch. Is this true of your wishes?

For my own peace of mind, there are some questions I have to ask. Much of what has happened, seems to me, to go against so many of the teachings that I have believed in for years. It has sort of made me wonder if I have been mistaken all this time. I thought that when one assumed the role of Guru, one assumed the responsibility of helping that Chela when the need was urgent. "The Voice of the Silence" says, "Let thy Soul lend its ear to every cry of pain---Let not the fierce Sun dry one tear of pain before thyself has wiped it from the sufferer's eye". Also, I do not see how one can be "chopped up"--saying I will help on this level but not on that level. Govind<sup>A</sup> says, "the five sheaths of human consciousness are not separated but are mutually penetrating. According to the Mahayana ideal, the Bodhisattva helps everyone according to his own needs, his own nature and his own way. The Buddhist attitude flows from the inner urge to identify oneself with all living and suffering beings--perfect enlightenment cannot be attained without the readiness to take upon oneself the suffering of the world". In "Pathways", you say, "the metaphysical is not utterly divorced from the physical".

I know that it is said, and I believe, that this was an asuric attack. However, the words don't mean much to me. Aren't we subject to asuric attack frequently--or at least occasionally? What makes this attack different? You see, we know so little about what goes on.

I know that Aurobindo retired from personal contact with most of his students but still saw some and also corresponded with a great number of them. If we are not to have personal contact with you and you will not answer letters--then we are completely cut off from you, on this level at least. With lack of personal contact, where does induction enter? Contact (in writing) through a third person is not very satisfactory. One does not know whether the words are your words or an interpretation of your words. In fact, writing is usually inadequate because so much can be mis-interpreted or mis-read.

Erma says that you said that it was all Wes's fault. I grant that Wes acted like a cad and a "louse" but I cannot understand this. I am not saying it is not true, I'm just saying I can't understand. How is this so? While I am quoting Erma--she also said that when Fred told you to keep away from contact with people, it was meant only for that short period of time--a month, perhaps.

I have discussed all this with Erma and she says that she doesn't know the answer and does not understand it at all.

We were so hoping to get the tape that explains something of all this. But Bruce said that you would not let him copy it as it was not to be heard by the public. The family had not felt that it was "public".

This is a very difficult letter to write. In re-reading it, I find that it may sound very critical and full of judgment. It is not meant that way. All I am asking for is some explanation that might give me a bit of insight. This letter is not "spur of the moment". I have been mulling over these thoughts for some time and finally decided that it should be brought out in the open in the hope of getting some explanation.

Doro says that she is hesitant to write you or think of you for fear that she will contaminate you.

We (Jim, Bob, Doro and I) have been your chelas for a number of years.

We have tried, to the best of our abilities (no matter how inadequately) to perpetuate your teachings and the teachings of the White Brotherhood. Now we feel as if the whole foundation has been swept away. It is rather desolate. It is a bit difficult to know what to believe. You are not only our Guru but our family. This is not a "nit-picking" sort of thing--it is of deep concern to us.

I would rather that this not be discussed with Lillian. If you would like to verify wh<sup>a</sup>t I have quoted Erma as saying, please feel free to do so.

This letter is just an attempt to gain some understanding--you have now and always will have, my deepest love.

*Helen*

P.S. Jim has read this letter.

Feb. 1, 1973

Dear Gertrude and Franklin,

Am so glad the trouble with the land is settled. As Jim has always said, absentee ownership of land is a big headache.

We are very pleased that the plans for Franklin's books seem to be progressing. Hope they hurry and begin publishing soon.

*Wes*  
Doro and Wes have decided on a divorce. Wes is going to try to find an apartment this week-end and then to move out. Gertrude, I am afraid you are a "dreamer" if you think that it takes only a little giving on both sides. For two years Doroethy has been trying with all her strength and "know-how" to compromise, even to surrendering on every point but the demands (on Wes' part) become ever more and more unreasonable. It is just as it was on Sherifa's and Erma's attempts--there comes a time when there is no other place to go but to divorce. You got a small taste of one of Wes' explosions when you were here. At times he seems actually "possessed" (even though Erma said, at the last Voice of the Silence meeting--that there is no "dark force", no opposition, that it is just the shadow within. With this I do not agree. Just as there are those of the White Brotherhood, I think there are personifications of the dark side too.) Wes cusses, yells (very loud) and raves--using horrible language. The children are shocked and frightened--Dana is especially afraid of her father. Then there is the physical abuse that Wes uses against Doro. Doro lives in a constant state of tension--never knowing when the explosion will occur. It is affecting her health and she looks ten years older. She has been through hell these last few months--the burden is very heavy, the responsibility of her decision almost overwhelming. Doro decided on divorce when Franklin was here but they have been having to wait on the settlement from the accident--which, incidentally, was much less than they asked (also the lawyer gets such a big fee, one third of it). They received the money this week and have been paying off all their debts. Doro sees the lawyer today.



The reason we thought we were not welcome at the ranch is because every letter we have received since you returned to the ranch from Phoenix, has said that Franklin tires so easily when he sees anyone. Also, Lillian's letter, quoting, said, "he wants only those around him that he is used to". Is Franklin going to answer my questions? As I said in the letter, I was not being "nit-picking" but they are answers that concern us (Jim and me) deeply. If Franklin wants to dictate the answers to you, and sign them, that is all right. It was at Erma's suggestion that I wrote directly to Franklin.

The "Voice of the Silence" meetings are very interesting and many things that seem new are being brought out. Erma says that much is immanent. She said that in one of the unpublished volumes of the "Secret Doctrine"; there is a seventy-two page quote directly from Morya, telling of much that is to be. Vasant is going to come down to Phoenix once a month--to teach the young people about comparative religions. We have our 'tape' meetings every Tuesday, "Voice of the ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Silence" meetings every Wednesday, Aurobindo meetings every Thursday, Vasant's meetings once a month and Doro's meetings once a month--so we are really involved in meetings.

Bob and Sharon are getting along fine. Sharon starts her teaching tomorrow and is dreading it.

Doro is going to try to get a job teaching but there is an over-supply of teachers right now. However, it will be necessary for her to get work of some kind as the money she will have will cover only about half her expenses. Jim and I will help as much as we can but she wants to do as much on her own as is possible. Wes is contributing some to the children's support but that is all--nothing for Doro, as she wants nothing from him.

Jim goes into the hospital Feb. 20th and has the surgery on his eye the morning of Feb. 21st. They will do the worst eye first and then several weeks later, operate on the other eye. It is a lengthy process.

Much love,

As I said before - we would rather that you didn't discuss any of my last letter with Lillian



Feb. 2, 1973

Dear Franklin,

Thank you very much for your reply to my letter. We are truly very appreciative of the time and energies it must have taken to write a reply--and such a comprehensive one. But the need here was great--not only for Jim and myself but for Bob and Doro too.

*Erma*  
We had never been given any kind of explanation except for a vague reference to the "dark forces". In the letters we received from the ranch we were told (several times) that you were not to see anyone and did not want anyone around except the ones you were "used to". We knew there were others visiting the ranch and when we were told you were to have no visitors, it seemed to us that it might be thought that we were the ones who were responsible for your illness--that we had put too great a burden upon you and that you would rather not see us for awhile. We were even afraid to write to you for fear that we would harm you in some way. Finally, I decided that it was better to get it all out in the open rather than to let it "fester".

My most profound apologies, Franklin, if I seemed to be lecturing you on the duties of a Guru. If I was, it was not consciously done but unconsciously--and even that was a terribly presumptive thing to do and I humbly apologize. When I speak, often what I say sounds different from what I intended--and that is one of the weaknesses of a Sagittarian. We were hurt and bewildered (I'm sure that is an ego-centered feeling on our part) but we just couldn't understand it all. Then when I talked with Erma and she said that she didn't understand it, we were really confused.

Now we understand more of what happened. What a terrific ordeal it was! I suppose, thinking they were protecting us from worry, we were really never told how serious it was. All of us have a great deal for which to be grateful to Erma.

I realize that Gertrude takes a great deal off your shoulders in

doing the correpondence. But sometimes statements through a third person are ambiguous and can be mis-interpreted--by both the writer and the one to whom it is written. We felt an urgent need this time for a direct reply and I won't expect it often--in fact, never again, I hope.

We felt that if you did not want to see us--and we knew you did not like to write--then we were cut off from you completely in the outer sense. We realized that inwardly we would always be with you. It is true that the main part is the inner but, when in a physical body, the outer contact helps too.

You have always given so freely of your wisdom and your love. I guess that we really had a feeling of guilt that we had asked too much of you and thus were a cause of your illness.

I want to express again our gratitude for all the help you have always given us--both outwardly and inwardly--but most especially for that given inwardly. And again, thank you for all that you have done for this humanity.

Had a strange "dream" a few nights ago. I awakened in the middle of the night, hearing these words--"You are being given this dream to emphasize that you are not to go in voluntarily. Your work is not yet finished". Cannot understand what was meant because, as far as I know, I have no intentions of going in voluntarily. Aside from other things, I hope that I have learned from Shankara's experience.

We are so happy (and excited) that your works are finally going to receive the well-deserved recognition that has been so long delayed.

We should love to come to the ranch for a visit but now will have to wait until some time after Jim's eye surgery--which is to be on Wed., Feb. 21st. Maybe it is just as well as things are a bit 'up in the air' re Doro and Wes and until things settle down a bit it might be well for us to be around in case we are needed to help ease the situation. Doro's decision is firm but there is much to be worked out along practical lines.

5 Mar. '73

Dear Franklin and Gertrude,

Have been waiting until Jim returned to the doctor for his eye examination before writing. I knew that the Geshells would tell you about the results of Jim's surgery--that is, that he came through it all right. The doctor seems pleased with Jim's progress. He said that it will be four or five weeks before Jim can be fitted with his glasses--the ordinary cataract glasses. In the meantime he is keeping the pupil dilated and this is quite annoying as it rather distorts the vision. Of course, he (the doctor) will not say as to when he might do the other eye. Contact lenses cannot be fitted until both eyes are done. The surgery was a little more exhausting than Jim expected--took about a week for Jim to get over the results and still is not quite back to par. Jim does have some vision in the eye that was operated upon--just sees shapes but no details--but even that is encouraging.

Wes moved out of the house about three weeks ago--has an apartment. Wes asked Doro to wait about a month or so before she started legal proceedings. I think that he hopes she will change her mind but I think that there is no chance of that. Doro said she has considered this step for a very long time, recognizing all the draw-backs (and has been through a great deal of suffering) and if there had been any other way, she would not have proceeded with this path of action. Wes has had the children every week-end. However, once things are legal, he will not have them so often but this way does seem to help over the critical time. Doro says there is absolutely no way that she could go back to living with Wes. Wes is off the "Bruce kick" now but blames the whole group and the line of thought but that is better than having all the blame concentrated on one personality. Jim told Wes that it would be best to keep relations friendly --that it would be easier on the children. The rest of the family are friendly with Wes and have some contact with him. Doro is busy looking for a job. However, she will have to attend one summer session at the



university. There is an over-supply of teachers right now so it will not be too easy to get a job teaching. Of course she can substitute in the meantime, she hopes.

Bob had the "Peoples Meeting" last Saturday. He spoke on scientific Astrology and it was very interesting. He has been studying astrology for two years and says he needs much more study on it. He is taking a course on intermediate study right now but intends to take the advanced study also. Bob is very thorough in everything he does so he should learn quite a bit about it.

We had an extremely good meeting last Tuesday. We listened to the tape on the paradox. There were five (out of nine) of us who were aware of a Presence here. It was strange as to how we were aware of it but we were even conscious of its moving around. It was a wonderful Presence and created a beautiful psychosphere throughout the room. Hope it happens often! This group is quite an intuitive group and very sensitive to certain levels of consciousness.

We have had strange weather here this year. It is just like the East--much rain and cloudy days.

Back to Jim's surgery--the doctor had him get out of bed and move around, also took the patch off his eye, the day after surgery. Quite different from the way they used to do it. Jim had surgery Wednesday morning and came home Friday morning. Jim had the regular way of eye surgery as the doctor said that the results were better than the new way.

The week before Jim had his surgery we went to Ajo for a visit and for their sorority Sweetheart Dance. It was fun to see all the people that we had known--most of whom were still there.

Have you heard any more about the publication of Franklin's books? We are real anxious to hear. Know you are going to have an interesting month of March. Let us know what happens.

Can think of no more news so will close for this time.

With much love,

*Helen*

April 12, 1973

Dear Franklin and Gertrude,

We were very unhappy to hear that Franklin was ill again. But we were relieved to find out that he had consented to go to the hospital. The hospital has the facilities to give immediate and knowledgeable care. We have been keeping track of things via Lillian and Erma.

As soon as Gertrude phoned that Franklin was in the hospital we all --Doro, Jim, Sharon, Pat and I--turned in and tried to send Franklin love and the healing force. We all did this at the same time, hoping that several would be more effective than one person. I tried to get hold of Erma from late afternoon until 10:30 that night but she wasn't back yet. Finally, Erma called me early the next morning. I told her that Gertrude had promised to call back that day and let us know how things were going. After waiting for some time (with Jim practically pacing the floor) we decided to try to get in touch with someone in Lone Pine. Erma said that she and Fred would be better able to get through, in that they were in the medical profession. However, they were deterred in every avenue of approach and did not get through until ten o'clock that night. Gertrude, why didn't you phone? We were all very much worried. Jim was ready to cancel his appointments with the doctor and just take off for Lone Pine. Now that Franklin is better we will finish with the care of Jim's eye. It will probably be another two to three weeks before he will be able to see well with the eye. He has glasses for reading now but cannot walk with them nor drive a car. The glasses do something to the depth perception.

We have had a very interesting time lately. There is here, a man from India (native east Indian)--his name, Sri Saddhu Loncontirth. He has an Aurobindo Ashram in Germany and has come to the United States in the hope of starting an Aurobindo Ashram somewhere here in the west. He was a sunyasin, wandering from place to place with his begging bowl, searching for his guru. He spent quite awhile in Tibet studying in a monastery there. Finally, he retired to a cave (in Tibet) planning to spend the rest of his

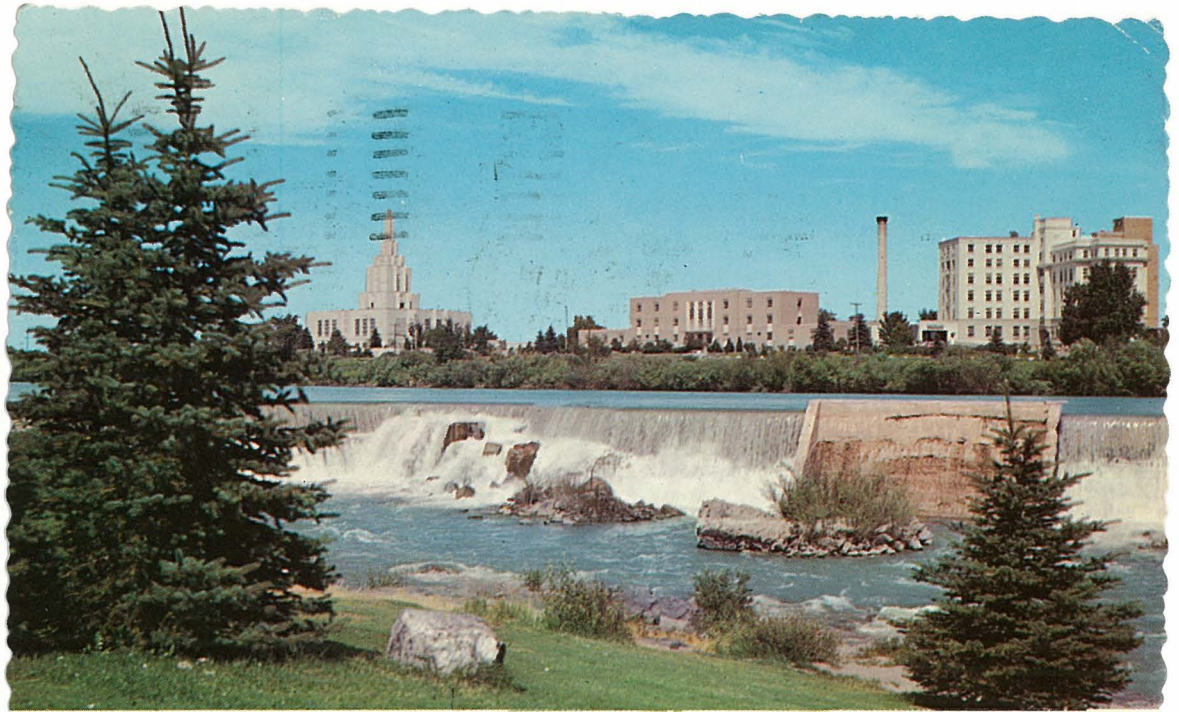


life there. The people living in the neighborhood brought him food. One day someone brought him food in a newspaper, in which was written an article about Aurobindo and presenting some of his teachings. He said that he knew immediately that he had found his guru. So he came out of his cave and went to the Ashram in India. He spent several years there, then went to Germany to start the Aurobindo Ashram there. He has been staying, for a short time, in L.A. lecturing to the Aurobindo group there. He and five of his chelas are staying with Doro. Shery has given her bedroom to the Saddhu and the chelas just sleep on the floor in the living room. They prepare their own meal, with their own food, so that Doro does not have to worry about that. I feel that Sri Loncontirth is a holy man and he carries a beautiful, spiritual force. He is going to talk with the Aurobindo group tonight and will have a public meeting at the University on Friday night. Apparently the group will leave Phoenix this week-end and return to L.A. for a few days, then go on to Germany. In rereading this, I find that I quoted his name wrong. It is Saddhu Sri Loncontirth. He looks much like the pictures of Aurobindo in his middle years.

Franklin, we are so glad that you are feeling better now. Do take good care of yourself. You have our deepest love and we will be out to visit you as soon as we can get away--as soon as Jim's eyes are taken care of.

Much love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Kelen'.



*The "Falls" on the Snake River*

*Idaho Falls, Idaho*

L.D.S. Temple and Temple Square viewed from Sports-  
man's Park, Idaho Falls, Idaho. Snake River in  
foreground.

Dear Gertrude & Fran  
Seeing some interesting  
scenery. Hell's Canyon  
was a bit of disappoint-  
ment. Just spent the  
afternoon in Yellowstone.  
Will go on to Montana  
tomorrow.

Much love,  
Peter & Jim



Geo. Mc Co., Box 7146, Murray, Utah 84107



ADDRESS

Mr. & Mrs. F. F. Hoff  
P.O. Box 7.  
Lone Pine, Cal.  
93545

Plastichrome®  
by COLOURPICTURE  
BOSTON, MASS. 02130

Dec. 11, 1973

Dear Franklin and Gertrude,

Another busy time of the year--the Christmas rush! However, these days there seems to be a busy time all the time.

Too bad that you are called for jury duty at this time. An attorney told me once that it is easy to get out of a murder trial. All that is necessary is to tell them that you don't believe in capital punishment. That is one kind of trial I hope that I never have to serve on.

I sent your package off today. It was said that the mail was very slow this year and to mail packages early. Hope it gets there in time.

We met a most interesting man last Friday. He is a Hindu of the Brahman caste, a Rhodes scholar at Oxford University, and now teaching at the Santa Barbara branch of U.C.L.A. His name is Ragavan Iyer and he is the head of the U.L.T. there. He says they have about 300 students--with 80 as a nucleus. He is one of the most brilliant men (intellectually) that I have met. Doro, Sharon and I had gone to his symposium at the University at Tempe--sponsored by Dr. Rein'l. Then Dr. Rein'l asked us to his home the next evening to visit with him. Jim and Bob went too and Ragavan Iyer seemed quite taken with Bob. Later said to Bob that he (Bob) and Sharon had a beautiful marriage. Iyer (and I don't know if he is "Doctor" or not, as Oxford does not give degrees--I was told) had a tremendous "force" which was beautiful. Even Jim and Bob were impressed--and they are not easily impressed. All in all, it was a most beautiful evening. Would love to have more contact with this man.

We had our grapefruit picked a couple days ago. They are quite small this year and the volume was about one third of the usual amount. We had a bad spring last year--so, not much fruit.

Gertrude, you have never said, in any of your letters, how Franklin is getting along. Of course, Lillian and Gene have told us that he is doing well. However, we would like to hear directly just how he is feeling.

Doro has had two days of teaching and that is all. She will wait till

January--then if she cannot get on in the schools--she will have to find something else to do.

Heard from Dr. Rein'l that Jim M. is due back here Dec. 17th. We have missed him and Faith at our meetings. But they will both be back in Jan.

I imagine all your company will stop completely very soon--what with the gasoline shortage. It is going to be very hard for people to travel very long distances. All the stations are closed here on evenings and also on Sundays now and I don't think it is going to get any better. We don't know if we will be able to get to the ranch--nor if you will be able to come here. However, we certainly hope it can be managed somehow. Naturally, you know that we would love to have you visit if you can find a way to do it. Of course we have known all along that Doro and family cannot come up next summer as the little house is taken now.

Wes is on his usual emotional binge--tries to make life hellish for Doro and the children, and succeeds quite well. He is losing the children's respect--especially <sup>the</sup> two older ones. Of course we realize that he is suffering too--and in one way, we feel sorry for him as he has lost so much. On the other hand I remember 16 years of suffering that was Doro's and lose much of my sympathy for him. Christmas time is a hard time to be alone and without one's family.

My mother seems to be getting along very well--health is good for her age.

Jim and I are getting along fine too--a few aches and pains here and there, but that is to be expected at our advanced age!

We will have our usual Winter Solstice meeting on Dec. 22nd. We just have a meeting to offer ourself to the Divine--it is always a meeting with great love there--a feeling of real soul kinship.

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ We are feeling a bit poor this Christmas--our T.V. set went out--\$300--then they found a type of beetle termite in our house, and it was another \$1000--then my mother is running out of money--such is life!

(over)



Have to stop now and do some more  
Christmas shopping (for grandchildren).

Wish you a very happy

Christmas and that the coming year

brings even greater success in the

"Work".

Love

John



June 18, 1974

Dear Franklin and Gertrude,

I had been wondering why we had not heard from you after I had written about Doro's need for surgery. Erma called and asked if we had heard from you and I said no. Then Doro received a letter from you. Gertrude, I'm afraid you are not very knowledgable about lumps in the breast. There are several pamphlets distributed by different organizations telling about breast lumps--and their danger. I thought that I had explained in my letter what it entailed. The only way of determining what type of lump (of the kind Doro had) is to perform a biopsy. In breast lumps, if they find that the lump is malignant, they proceed right then to remove the whole breast and certain glands. This is an extremely serious operation and we were very worried until the surgeon came out to tell us that Doro's was benign--then what a relief! Both Fred and Erma said that that was the only thing to be done--the operation entailing the biopsy, I mean. For several days after the operation all of us kept the children--we kept Mike and Jimmy, Bob and Sharon kept the twins and Sheri and Dana stayed with their friends. Bob said that he had not had so much exercise in ages.

Now, for more news--last Saturday night Doro was going home from being out to dinner and a meeting. Some drunk ran head-on into her. It was a miracle that she wasn't killed. However, she is layed up with a badly sprained ankle, a bone broken in her foot and a very deep cut on top of her foot. Her car was badly damaged--will cost between \$1600 and \$2000 to repair it. The thing about it is that the man had no car insurance--and apparently has no money as he had just gotten out of the service. He (the drunk) was hurt also--hurt worse than Doro but we don't know to what extent he was hurt. The ambulance took both Doro and the man to the hospital--they kept Doro overnight and then released her. Everyone here seems to feel that there is an inimical force being directed toward Doro. I feel that it is directed toward others also--Jim says that he has felt it for some time--

Erma's younger brother has had a very severe heart attack (she was called to Houston)--then when she returned John, her oldest son, went into a diabetic coma. Have not heard about him today but Fred said yesterday that John was in critical condition--Erma is spending all her time at the hospital. When it rains, it really pours. I think that Franklin remembers the John Lentz's (he was in Ajo for awhile and is now the head of the Western operations for P.D.). Their youngest son (29) was electrocuted about a week ago. The Light that is coming in is most certainly bringing its shadow.

Jim is over talking to Doro's insurance man now and we don't know just how everything will come out. But it may be that we will not be able to afford any more trips for quite awhile.

Am looking forward to the day when I can write a letter with good news in it.

Erma just called--she said that John is still in a dangerous condition and that her brother is still critical too. Also, she said that one of her brother's wives was mugged, beaten and robbed on the streets of Houston. Erma says that there is really something very negative going on. If you can not be gotten at physically then it is tried to get at one psychologically.

Will close for now but will keep you posted on what goes on re the accident etc.

Much love,

*Helen*

Aug. 5, 1974

Dear Franklin and Gertrude,

I forgot to enclose the \$10.00 for two books I sold in my last letter. So I thought that I would wait until I heard from you next and enclose the money in my reply. However, I haven't heard from you for quite awhile so I am sending it now.

Franklin, your work is going "great guns" here recently. We all enjoy the tapes very much and appreciate your making them and the resultant work that goes into them. Dr. Joan Price, philosophy teacher at Mesa College, wants to teach a whole new class on your philosophy. She has changed her whole curriculum in order to do this. She said, "Here I have studied "Philosophy of Consciousness Without an Object", for some time but it wasn't until I heard this one tape (I think it was the one on the unconscious) that it opened up a whole new field of thought for me. I have been looking for this for fifteen years and now I have found it. He takes Plato and Kant (her two main loves) and goes way beyond them." I hope that you have answered her letter. It takes weeks of preparation in order to get the material in order. She is taking all the tapes and transcribing them--no small task. As she says--through the young people is where the growth of the idea will come. She says that they are hungry for such a philosophy and she would like to have a class on nothing but your philosophy. She is very knowledgeable along all lines of philosophy--and psychology also. Joan wants to take everything that you have written or said and transcribe it. We have had a chance to sell more copies of our copies of "Philosophy---" but have sold out--all but one copy. The students do not want the Julian press copy as they want the part on "Introception" which, of course, it does not have. Wish we had more copies of it.

It is very hot and humid here--worst summer I remember.

Love,



1974

Dear Franklin and Gertrude,

We shall be home the last part of September and would love to have you come visit us.

This has been a very hectic and difficult summer. Wonder what is ahead for fall and winter.

Gertrude, I did not lie to Erma. I was having lunch with Erma one day and she said that she supposed Doro would be going to the ranch soon (as she knew that Doro had planned to) and I said no, that she was going after Convention and Erma asked why she was not going to Convention and I told her that you had told Doro that she could not come for Convention. Jim and I both had read your letter to Doro. Erma was very indignant and said that when practically everyone had been invited to Convention, and then Doro was forbidden to come, it was very unfair to Doro. I think you do not realize how close Erma and Doro are--extremely fond of each other. I was the one who told Erma--not anyone else.

Guess the Phoenix people are there by now. There are two or three more people who had wanted to come but were unable to make it.

DDP Jim has been feeling quite bad lately--completely lacking in energy. Finally got him to go to his doctor (first time since fall of 1968). The doctor gave him many tests and eliminated much I had been wondering about. His heart is sound--no sign of cancer--prostate okay--cholesterol okay etc. He does have Emphasema (no small thing), also has not been assimilating his food, especially fats. Jim has lost between 12 and 15 pounds. So doctor is going to prescribe massive doses of water-soluble vitamins plus something to relieve the Emphasema. Hope the prescriptions help.

Doro will fill you in on other developments so will close for this time.

Looking forward to seeing you--just let me know when.

Love, *Y. L. D.*



1974

DADS  
ILLNESSThu. Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>

Dear Gertrude and Franklin,

Dads has borrowed our typewriter so will write this by hand and hope you can read it.

The Tod's are worried about Jim. He is in the hospital now - took him yesterday afternoon (St. Joseph's Hospital). He had had a G.I. series - upper + lower intestines and the doctor said that it didn't show anything and felt that they had gotten everything (cancer) in the operation in 1968. Jim also had X-rays (chest) and many blood tests and it showed nothing. However, Jim kept feeling so bad that the doctor put him in the hospital for more tests. We read the entrance slip and the doctor had written "Cancer of the bowels." The doctor had assured us before that everything was okay in that regards - so don't know which time he was fibbing. However, it is enough to worry us. Jim is in the process of



many tests now. If his condition had been a gradual deterioration, it would be one thing but is just the last three weeks that he has felt bad.

Jim said once some time ago that if cancer ever reappeared that he would just let it run its course — that he couldn't go through the "Mexico bit" again.

Have not talked to Erma as she has been gone on vacation — and today the office is closed. Plan to phone her tomorrow.

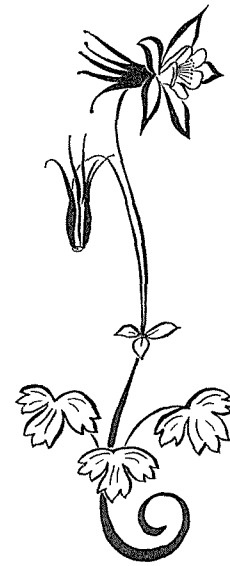
Will let you know the results of the tests as soon as we know. But thought you should know how things stand now.

Will write again soon.

Much love,  
Helen

Just talked to Jim and he said that the doctors seem to think now that it is the kidneys — there is an infection there and also he is losing blood somehow through the kidneys — will keep you posted —





RAVÍA © N-27

Dear Gertrude & Franklin,

My mother passed  
away, quietly Fri.,  
Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>. Her funeral  
is to be Monday, Aug.  
18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 P. M.

I will write more  
later. Am busy now  
with all the necessary  
arrangements.

Much love,  
Helen

1975

Sept 16, 1975

Dear Franklin & Gertrude,

Erna asked me to let you know that the ophthalmologist knows that you want in the hospital for surgery as soon as possible after the examination. Erna said that he wouldn't commit himself for a certain day but that it would be soon.

Fred is quite ill and back in the hospital - for many tests. He is in a great deal of pain. He is to go through



all the tests that Jim had.  
It is a year today that  
Jim passed in. See you  
soon.



American Greetings

Much love  
Helen

COPYRIGHT  
AMERICAN GREETINGS CORP.  
CLEVELAND, U. S. A.

59 WN 23H



Dear Gertrude & Franklin,

Just a short note - to let you know about Fred Pounds.

The doctors have found that he has a malignancy - of either the bone or bone marrow (am not sure which). They told Erna that he has six months to a year to live.

However, Erna says they <sup>(Erna + Fred)</sup> are going to try several different types of treatment - among them Lactile.

Bob, Dorothy and I feel terrible about it - Bob is taking it fairly hard as he was so fond of Fred.

Erna and Fred are apparently resigned to whatever is to be.

Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> will be fine for your arrival here. We are looking forward to it.

Much love,  
Helen

Dear Gertrude and Franklin,

You asked how many photos we wanted--as far as I know now, we will want three more. I do think \$5.00 is a bit much for such a small photo--I think you are being "taken" by someone.

Before I forget here are the addresses you asked for--  
Bruce (and Pam) Raden---2631 W. Rose Lane---Phoenix, Az.---85017  
Jim Mugridge---830 S. Dobson #62---Tampa, Az.---85281

When Bruce comes up to the ranch he will have his wife, Pam, with him. I told Jim that I had heard that he was going to the ranch and he said he didn't know anything about it. I guess that Harry has written you that his wife, Shelley and their daughter will not be with him when he comes.

Joan and Ann don't come to the Tuesday night meetings any more. Ann teaches that night and Joan just doesn't come. Both of them are getting into the "new" Catholix<sup>c</sup>kism now. They are ex-catholics and apparently the Catholic church has, as usual, a strangle-hold on its members--past and present. However, they do come to the Secret Doctrine meetings on Friday night. Jim Mugridge holds meetings on Friday nights. Harry always goes to those--he and Jim are very thick. Also, they are both into the marijuana scene. Apparently they smoke pot at their meetings. I can see to some degree why Jim might (to conform to his peer group) but it seems to me that Harry is old enough to have a little better judgment. Harry is very emotional and obsessed with "youth".

I wouldn't count too much on Carl Hamilton's coming up. according to some who know him, he too, is into the pot scene--or maybe even more. In spite of what Erma says, apparently some of her students are into it too. I don't know whether doesn't know about it or whether she just can't do anything about it. They are now studying Chogyam Trungpa.

I get pretty discouraged with all this. Guess I am out of step with the times.



Dana goes into the hospital next Monday to have the scar on her face worked on. They will not be able to eliminate the scar completely but it will be much less noticeable than now. The money for the operation was put aside long ago--since soon after the car accident. She will be in the hospital just a few hours and then I will bring her home with me and she can stay here until she feels better.

Bruce and Pam's baby is still living but they have been told that she cannot live beyond six months of age. It is quite heartbreaking but Bruce and Pam are meeting it with a great deal of courage--and a wonderful philosophy.

In re-reading this letter it seems rather negative but I am just reporting what has happened to all of us. Of course I know that it could all be much worse.

Joan's students came out to the house and took off many more tapes and are in the process of typing them out.

Reid thinks that that tape on Yoga and Psychotherapy should be sent to someone for publication. Don't know if Reid will be able to come to the ranch or not--will not know until closer to the time. He is a bit concerned as to what it would do to his heart (th high altitude).

Will close for now and will write more later.

Much love,



Reid August 27, 1976

Dear Franklin and Gertrude,

I enjoyed my visit with you so very much--but then I always do.

I'm sure that you have the mail-o-gram by now telling of Reid's passing.

Doroethy went by after work to pick up Reid to take him grocery shopping. When he did not answer her knock she entered with her key and found him lying on the floor dead. She called the paramedics and they tried for about twenty minutes to revive him. However, Doro said that she knew from the first that he was dead. In that Reid had not seen a doctor here, the coroner came out--also detectives etc. Doro did manage to talk them out of performing an autopsy. The detective from here called his doctor in California and talked with him. But the doctor in California (that he had been going to) could not sign the death certificate as he was not licensed here. So, we think, the coroner did not perform an autopsy but did sign the death certificate. We avoided embalming and they are keeping the body in the freezer and will cremate him Saturday morning (August 28th). We are going to have a memorial service for him next Tuesday night (August 31st). Doro is very hard hit by Reid's passing. There was a deep bond and a love there and Doroethy was saddened by his going. The burden of all the red-tape--all the details has fallen on Doro's shoulders. I have helped a little and have offered to help more but Doro seems to want to do it herself. Reid did not have a will--he had nothing to leave. However, Doro has to inventory all the things he does have (in conjunction with the apt. manager) so that the apartments won't be liable for anything. Reid had hundreds of books--mostly paper-backs--also, his art supplies. Doro managed to get the finished painting for Dr. Pomeroy out of the apartment before calling the police. Then Dr. Pomeroy and his wife flew into Phoenix that night and picked up the painting. This, perhaps, saved Dr. Pomeroy a lawsuit in order to get the painting. Also, Doro

managed to save all of Reid's writings which she said he valued more than his paintings. She had a terrible time trying to locate his ex-wife but finally did. Also had trouble getting hold of Harry Murphy but did. There were other friends to be phoned too. Doro did not sleep at all the first night so asked her doctor boss for some sleeping pills as she was getting so exhausted. We also called Erma and she turned in and tried to see what was happening--she said that all she could see was a beautiful violet light--and that all was going well and that she thought that he had gone straight on in. This was a tremendous comfort.

Haven't been able to get hold of Doro this morning--guess she is finishing up at Reid's apartment--and he had no phone.

Also, Rosalynde Mc Farland passed in on the night between August 15th and 16th. That same day Bruce and Pam Raden's baby went in too. That, of course, was a blessing but it was still very hard on them.

We all enjoyed our visit at the ranch. We went to the planetarium in Griffith Park and it was very interesting. Then we did get to go to Disneyland. It was much fun but terribly exhausting. The freeway driving was murder! I don't think I could take that kind of driving more than once in every five years or so. The traffic around here seems like "sissy" stuff compared to L.A. freeways.

Will close this "cheerful" letter and will write more later when I know more.

Thanks again for everything--for such a wonderful visit at the ranch.

Much love,



Lone Pine, Sept. 6, 1976

Dear Helen:

I have to confess, when I read your letter, I cried. And I cried some more at the next letter in the same mail, over a 21 year-old whom I never knew. His mother was an associate of the Assembly in Chicago and I scarcely knew her. Three years ago they lost their older son from hepatitis. He had quoted Franklin as saying, "Seek Realization by any means possible.", so he turned to drugs. Now their only other child went the same way.

Doroethy did some pretty good thinking to get the painting out. I am grateful that Reid moved to Phoenix where somebody could take care of him and have his interest at heart. I don't know what connections he had in L.A. It is a deep loss to us. The letter I posted to him the day before he died was, of course returned, so I have regrets that I didn't make it a few days earlier. I had invited him to come back with us when we go to Phoenix.

We had a nice letter from Harry Murphy. He brought us up to date on some details, and may I quote: "By Friday morning Aug. 27, Reid must have finished the review of his life because I very strongly felt his presence and he stayed with me for perhaps three hours. He has come back for several shorter visits ..... He managed to impress upon my mind some ideas of things he had wanted to occur but hadn't lived to do so himself. I plan to carry out his uncompleted actions." I don't seem to have that kind of sensitivity, but the other night I got out his letters and read excerpts to the folks gathered, and while discussing our disembodied friends, I noticed a strong essence of perfume, maybe rose, I can't be sure. And last night, when I picked up the mag with Reid's painting in, it came again. I remember another such occasion, while we were watching the first man set down on the moon, it was strong. There were a number of times in Santa Barbara but we were surrounded by flowers there and I could never be sure.

~~Harry~~ Reid also sent his excerpts from the letters, which I read to the group. The group is assembled again right now, but come hell or high water, and dishes stacked to the ceiling, I want to get this letter off.

I was so sorry about Rosalynde too. I was quite fond of her, and wished it could have been otherwise, but she wasn't exactly young and guess she was finished.

I guess she never recovered from Mac's passing. I would call her from your house hoping for an invitation to spend the afternoon maybe with her, but it was never forthcoming. As for the baby, that was a blessing, but even so, I know it hit Bruce and Pam hard. Let's hope the next more than makes up for it.

We had about 18 for meeting yesterday, about half being our across-the-creek neighbor's hippie friends. There were five of us for dinner - we always invite Mitch who comes up from L.A. for the meeting, and we do like him. Sunday before we had pot-luck, but that will be the last until New Years, and from now on there will only be two meals a year for big groups, convention and New Years. (Pot-lucks.) Elmer's niece, Colleen, has had a houseful for about a week, five guests, and he (Elmer) is fit to be tied. But guess they start leaving tomorrow. We have a boy for a week in the guest house from Hiwahi.

Now I go to shovelling dishes and then to the company. Thank you for giving the details. Harry is hoping to be filled in too, if there are any new developments.

Love,

*Gertrude*



Dear Franklin and Gertrude,

I was so glad to get the record of Iren Marek's. I have enjoyed it--she is quite a musician. Also, I liked the photograph album very much. I have wanted one like that for quite awhile but with having so many pictures to mount I felt that I couldn't afford one. Thank you so much--it was an inspired gift. Also, received the package for the children but they will write and thank you for that.

We had our Solstice meeting on the 21st of December and it was a beautiful meeting--as usual. Somehow it is always special. I think it is because everyone comes with the idea of giving.

We had a really nice Christmas--at Doro's, as usual. However, I am rather glad that the rush is over. Maybe I can catch up on some of the other things now.

I am now (reluctantly) on the Board of the Widow's Guild. Guess someone has to do it but I's just as soon it wasn't I. The Widow's Guild had a Christmas party and dinner at one of the nice hotels here. They asked me to read some things relating to Christmas. It is hard to find something that is "middle of the road"--not too Christian fundamentalist but something more universal. Just as when they ask me to give the invocation--it is wasking the razor's edge. I don't want to offend people's religious beliefs but also I have to be true to what I believe.

Oh yes, Jim Mugridge may come up to see you about the first week in January. He is going to Santa Barbara with Dr. Rein'l and will try to get up to the ranch after that. Jim says maybe he can get Harry Murphy to come too. Harry is out in California (near Morro Bay)visiting Shelly and Missy. He will get back about New Year's Eve day.

Our group is going to have a New Year's Eve party. It is really something to get a group of introverts together to play games and to

to be silly. Everyone is too self-conscious.

Bob put my outdoor Christmas light around the eaves of the house and the place looks real nice. Doro and children came over and helped me put up the tree and decorate it. I always decorate the house quite a bit at Christmas season. Everyone enjoys seeing the decorations and it always seem to make people feel more in the spirit of the season.

Putting up the decorations is fun and everyone wants to help--taking them down is boring work and no one wants to help.

Virya, the cat, had an upper respiratory infection and was very sick for awhile and they were afraid that she would get pneumonia. However, she is much better now--except that she is terribly spoiled.

Thank you again for the lovely Christmas gifts.

Much love,

*Helen*

Jim Mugridge just phoned and said that he would not be able to make it to the ranch as some other things had come up. He said to tell you that he still wants to get up there as soon as possible. Also, he said to send you his best regards.

Lone Pine, March 3, 1977

Dear Helen:

Since I can't seem to find your last letter it may be I already answered it. But no matter. I just want to bring you up to date on the goings-on and ask about your people and maybe ask a favor.

Did you ever know Mael Melvin, the physicist who was at San Fernando for awhile 28 years ago? He is due in next Monday for a week. Franklin feels he is the most brilliant person he has ever met - and you know we have had some brains here. He will stay a week. Would be nice if Harry could come then, and some of those other brains. We invited Erma's Carl last Fall but haven't heard anything. I find an address for Jim - 903 W. 14th, Tempe. Is it still that? I can't off-hand find one for Bruce. Florida Jim has gone to the Bay area for a few days. He is the best worker we have had here and we like to keep him around, tho I have to rustle up something to pay him with. He fixed my dishwasher which wasn't washing at all. It was so clogged up no water could get in. And he tiled the kitchen floor, besides numerous other things. I think he is on unemployment. Johnny is still waiting for his number to come up in the union, but he is now #2, so shouldn't be too long. (J. Countz, Elmer's nephew.)

Peggy has been helping me too, typing carbons for my Ditto. I have run off a few of two that Joan did and I edited, and another is ready to go. I'm now trying to edit the "Yogic Purification". I think we can dispose of all we copy. I don't know how you would feel about getting into the act, typing up the ditto carbons. If interested, I could send you one ready to type. I know you are terribly busy and if you'd rather not, just say so. On the other hand, maybe we could do part II of the Philosophy again, taking it not from the mimeo but the master copy, because the other leaves out whole paragraphs, etc., tho I am ever so thankful it was done. But you are an expert typist and if you decide to do some, just let me know. I can send you carbons or the money for them, and complete instructions - how I would like them. I am beginning to master the Ditto machine now. As for my mimeo. - the boy who took it last Fall says it is in Ohio, has been for weeks. I don't know what they plan to do with it. Maybe it can't be repaired. But I have stencils all ready to go on that too, half a 57 page article done.

We hope all is well with you. Much love,

*Arthur*

We have been hoping that you would get to come visit us sometime this spring.

Doro is speaking on Carl G. Jung this coming Thursday. Joan has asked her to speak at the college. Classes from A.S.U. and from Mesa are invited. They are advertising it over the radio and through the papers--so there should be quite an attendance. I think that Doro is getting a little nervous about it but Joan says that she feels that Doro is more knowledgeable about Jung than anyone she knows. Doro is getting paid \$50.00 for the evening.

Have been quite busy lately. The Widow's Guild does take a certain amount of time. This afternoon I have to attend a session of the state legislature to try to get a bill for displaced homemakers passed. I don't mean that I am going by myself--there will be other members of the Guild going--I hope.

I called and asked about the ditto machine. The people there said that they did not have an operators manual--that they would have to know the make and model of the machine and then they could send to the factory (or distributors) and get a manual.

Bob just had a birthday yesterday, 38th. Now coming up is the birthday of the twins on April 4th--then for Dana, April 27th. Then there is Easter coming--everything seems to pile up this time of the year. Lots of shopping to do. In the meantime we are trying to get Doro's house refurbished a bit. Needs painting inside (badly), needs a new linoleum on kitchen floor etc.

Will close for now---

Much love,

*Helen*

Dear Gertrude and Franklin,

Not too much news but wanted to write anyway.

Doro did not get the teaching job that she thought she might get. I said that maybe she is not supposed to teach. However, she is still going to try.

Sharon had an automobile accident. She had a very bad concussion and a hurt knee--also reinjured her back. She was in the VolksVagon and it was totalled. Bob had no insurance (collision) on the V.W. so it was a total loss. Sharon's head is much better but the doctor said that because of her knee and back that she should not go back to work for awhile. Now she thinks that she has lost her job. The hospital said that they could not use her if she could not lift. I think that she should try to get another type job. Of course, they are not easy to get these days.

I have been asked to be President of the Widow's Guild--for the whole district. At first I refused but they were so insistent that I began to think that maybe there was some reason I should take it. So I finally all right but that if it interfeered with out classes and study because of too much work that I would resign. They seemed to be agreeable to that so I said all right. The Widow's Guild is growing so rapidly that the membership is becoming very large--and new chapters are being added every week. There is an executive director and a board of directors (which I am on) so that I will not have to do everything alone--hopefully.

The family and friends and everyone but me seems to think it is wonderful and quite an honor but I am dubious about it all.

We've been having excellent meetings--very interesting. Harry Murphy says that he doesn't want to miss any of them. Joan and Ann have classes on Tuesday and Thursday nights and have not been able to come



since the new semester at school started. However, they do come to the Friday night meetings on the Secret Doctrine.

Gene and Lillian stopped by for about an hour and I had a little visit with them. They said that Franklin's eyes are not any better and maybe were worse. I was so sorry to hear this and I was hoping that they would get better as time passed.

Oh yes, if you do find the large picture of Franklin I should love to have one. Also, there are several students here that want the small picture of him--so if you are able to get copies of the picture (small size) will you please get me about 6 prints and I will pay for them. Erma said that she thought that that was the best picture he had had taken for several years.

My plumbing went on the blink again--just paid \$62.00 to get it fixed (today). On thing--you don't have so many complicated things to go wrong at the ranch--lucky!

Will stop for now and get this in the mail.  
(Busy trying to get my tax returns ready for the tax man.)

Much love,

*Helen*

Lone Pine, Ca. June 24, 1966 77

Dear Helen:

Thank you for your good letter and yes, I have been busy. I did hear about Erma's operation and sent her a little note. And I hope Virya will be all right. Does she have hospitalization? We haven't heard from Harry but if he is on the road he just may turn up.

*L.P. Pine at  
Helen's*

Doroethy wrote awhile back that you would all be here first week of August, so I have consequently planned for that time, and tried to channel all others to a different time. There is one coming in today from New York for two weeks, Bruce and Pam July 9th, one from Pa. Aug. 5th for two weeks - and there would be an overlapping but he may camp out; then convention is weekend of Sunday 14th and we expect quite a few; a couple wants to come for three weeks between Aug. 1 and Sept. 12 and ask for space in the guest house to be reserved for them. I may not be able to accommodate them until mid-August. I presume you will be coming with them, which would be no problem because you would be staying up with us - unless we have to oust somebody else from the ranch house. However, we no longer offer our guest room to any except family, vips or emergency. Our Florida Jim has been living in the guest house for months and is a wonderful help to us. I think we should have no trouble finding a temporary place for him. However, Elmer's nephew is with him and they have lots of week-end company, packing that place; Peggy now charges for her place; the Geshells may be away during August. I think they plan it so they won't be here for convention. And the Sedwicks may have company of their own, and as for what Murray has to offer, one may as well camp out - tho I guess his plumbing is now working. Jim is always welcome up here if available, and if you have the guest room he could sleep in the office. He is one who wears well with Franklin.

Also, if Mike and Sheri are both working, will they be able to come? I was hoping they could. Is Sheri in Colorado? Anyway, if yall don't come first week of August, it will throw me for a loop.

Guess I have not written since our trip tho I intended to. I wrote up a log at the time and am sending you a copy, most especially since this would be mostly familiar ground to you. We were sorry you couldn't come along.

All is well here except Lillian hurt her back and has been in a lot of pain. Ann Elizabeth goes every day, Lil said, to help, tho there isn't much to do.

Gene had his big car back together today. Elmer's Johnny and Colleen ko'd four cars in two weeks including Gene's, tho his may not have been their fault. Their two still are out of commission. Johnny works part time, I guess, at Diaz Lake, cleaning up, etc., and Jim part time for Mrs. Cuffe. There will be another Florida Jim here in August. Peggy still with the Ranger station, and Elmer has been back about two weeks from Chicago.

Later: our New Yorker arrived. He is a Gestalt therapist and teacher.

We have been having showers off and on thru the Spring but we still are bone dry, and I have no luck with growing things. You'd think I'd quit, but year after year I pour more money in the ground with no results.

I have my mimeograph back together and stencils ready to run, tho haven't started yet; and the ditto is at present idle for want of time. One of the lectures we ran off has just vanished and I've searched this house three times over and asked or accused everybody. No clues. Did I tell you I did find the phptos? Also, have ordered more and got a better price on them, tho I have not heard from him in weeks, tho they are paid for. But he is slow. Guess I'll have to remind him.

Harvey says hello to Virya.

Love to all,

*Gentile*

July 1, 1977

Dear Gertrude and Franklin,

The last letter I had from you was dated Apr. 6th and I haven't heard from you since. Which is almost three months. The only way I have been able to find out about the people at the ranch is through Erma.

I was writing to see if it is all right for me to come and visit the first week in August. We would probably arrive Saturday afternoon July, 30th. The time of Doro's vacation is fairly well confirmed--unless her doctor boss changes his mind, which he has done several times lately. If things work out I would like to stay over a couple days--maybe with Dana--after the others leave so that I can take off the tapes.

*my family*  
As I imagine Doro told you, Mike will not be able to come up for awhile alone as he very much wanted to do. However, being a senior in high school he needs the money that he can earn by working. He is going to quit though so that he can come up with us. Sheri is working at a florist shop at less than minimum wage but she was so desperate for work that she took the job. James is working for the school--which is a help. Dana is going to summer school. Only the twins are at loose ends.

Is Convention Sunday on August 14th?

It has been extremely hot here this summer. The second hottest June on record. Somehow one never gets used to the heat.

We are still studying "Pathways" and enjoying it very much. At this time we are planning (when we are finished with it) to play the new tapes and then go back to "Consciousness Without an Object".

No special news so will stop for now so that I can get this in the mail right away.

Much love,

*Heleen*

July 2, 1977

Dear Gertrude and Franklin,

Wouldn't you know it! About an hour after I wrote to you I received your letter! I was very happy to hear from you. I especially enjoyed your log of the trip--and thank you for taking the trouble to write it down for me. I got real "tickled" at your story about getting lost on and off the freeway. I guess it is because I can relate to it as Jim and I have had the same experience. The rain that you had on your trip sounded wonderful to me as we haven't had any rain here for so long.

You asked if Mike and Sheri would be with us. As far as I know now they will both be with us. All the children are looking forward to it.

I am so glad that you found the photographs of Franklin.

Bob and Sharon have gone down to Ajo today for his high school class reunion. Hope Bob sees someone he knows but doubt it as he graduated so long ago--20 years. They will have fun anyway.

Doro has taken the children to the Grand Canyon to camp out over the week end. Even at camp sites now you have to write quite while ahead to reserve a place. The children love to camp out but Doro says one night and she has had it. They are staying two nights of course.

I don't know if I mentioned it--but last Sunday we went up to Sedona for their meeting and I had the meeting. It was very crowded as that is the last meeting they are going to have. I hate to see that center shut down.

Obadiah Harris has a beautiful new building for his group. It is certainly a striving group. The building is not too far from here--on 42nd St. right off Indian School Road. He, himself, has quite a good-paying job now so does not take anything for his lectures.

Will get this in the mail so that maybe you will receive both my letters at the same time.

Much love,

*Helen*



9/77

Dear Gertrude and Franklin,

As I think I told you, after we got home from the ranch, I flew to Denver. Had a wonderful time there--very cool and relaxing.

I want to thank you for the fine time that we had at the ranch. We all enjoyed it so much. We did get caught in the tropical storm--and the roads were like rivers. Luckily, we were near a road that went up on top of a hill and we drove up there and waited out the storm. The wind and rain was so violent that one could not see at all. Dana drove all the way home--she is an excellent driver.

I went to a urologist (Dr. Welch) when we got home. and he thinks he may have found the cause of my chronic cystitis. It is a tube that is partially closed and he is going to try to enlarge it by stretching or, if that does not work, he will enlarge it by cutting. However, he wants me to have a kidney x-ray or scan so I go next Friday for that test. I think he is a very good doctor and a real nice person. He remembered you folks and asked about you.

Bob and Sharon had to have their one cat put to sleep--it had leukemia. They feel very bad about it.

Virya is getting along fairly well. The vet is keeping track of her and says that her general health seems fairly good but that the growth has grown quite a bit. He said, "You know the eventual outcome." So I will have to make that decision before too long.

While I was in Denver we planned our trip to New Zealand and Australia. It is in connection with A.A.R.P. and therefore cheaper than other tours. We plan to leave Feb. 3rd. and will be gone a month. I am really looking forward to it.

The weather here is very hot and humid. Hope the worst will be over after September.

We haven't started playing the tapes yet as we felt it would be better to finish "Pathways" first. We are almost through the book.

Joan has to teach a class on Tuesday nights but plans to come over to hear the tapes at other times. Everyone is asking just when you will be coming to Phoenix.

Hope your company lets up for awhile.

Jennifer and Bobby are over visiting me this week-end. Joan and Ann are coming over for a short visit this afternoon. Joan has begun her Aurobindo classes again. They are every other Thursday and then, in between, Bob will have his Astrology classes. So we will manage to keep fairly busy.

Can think of no more news right now--

Much love,

*Helen*

P.S.--That man and girl from Florida that were going to stop by here, never did show up. Ashamed of the way they acted, I imagine.

Dear Gertrude and Franklin,

Just a quick note in response to your letter.

It is really very thoughtful of you to ask me to go on vacation with you and I appreciate it very much. I'd dearly love to go with you--however, I have to have the People's meeting on May 7th and then May 8th is Mother's Day and I practically have to be here then. I could skip that day but I have to be here for the People's meeting. I don't want you to have to change your plans--and thank you so much for asking me.

This last Tuesday, we began studying "Pathways" and everyone is so pleased with it. Get many questions--and a very nice force is here.

I am trying to get Doro's house fixed up. It was in very bad shape and much needs to be done. It has to be painted all through the house and a new linoleum in the washroom, also in the kitchen. Her stove finally broke down and it is so old that they were unable to get new parts for it. So I have to get a new stove for her.

Will close for now so that I can get this in the mail. Wish I could have gone with you--but maybe next time. Thank you again for asking me.

I will probably be up--either the last week in July or the first week in August. Depends on when Doro can get her vacation--not quite sure yet. Will let you know as soon as we know.

Much love,

Dear Gertrude and Franklin,

I was so relieved to hear that all was going well at the ranch. I had begun to get really worried.

All is going well here too. We are looking forward to coming to the ranch--June 17th. We will stay a week. I (Doro, too) are hoping we will be able to come to Convention. If Doro can get away we will probably stay for just a couple days--Sunday and Monday. However, if she cannot come I may be able to stay a couple of days beyond that.

There are several here who are planning to come for Convention. They will all be self-sustaining. There would be Joan and Ann, Mandy and Gary Kahrs, Bruce and Pam Raden--maybe Karen and Chuck. I don't know about Jim Mugeridge--maybe for him too. Will know more about things as the time approaches.

I asked Joan about Franklin's lectures. She said that almost two years ago she sent some to see if they were all right and that she never heard a word about it so she thought that you didn't want her to do any more. Also, she said that Franklin said (and I can verify this) that she felt that the lecture should be written in the first person. Joan said that lectures to be read and studied just could not be written in the first person--they just don't read the way they sound on tape.

Who is Richard Smith? Is he the same man that published the first edition of Pathways?

Already the weather here has turned hot. Last Sat. May 13th, it was 108--breaking all records for that day. It has been running about 105 since then. It makes for a long hot summer when the heat starts so early.

My taxes this year were terrible. Then to top it off--a few days ago I received a notice that I owed \$1871.00 more for my last years taxes. That was a blow, in that I had not expected such a bill.

I sold the Volkswagon to Carl Hamilton (Erma's son). I am rather sorry I got rid of it but it was an extra expense. Hope he enjoys it.

Have really been enjoying Bob's Astrology classes. It is much work but lots of fun. I hadn't realized before how much work went into just drawing up a chart. Then the main part is in interpreting it--and that calls for a bit of intuition. We are not too far into interpretation yet. Also, still have to learn about progressions etc. It is very interesting and I am amazed at times at Bob's knowledge of the subject. His approach is very scientific--and he is very opposed to forecasting, which he says is impossible because it depends on the person's response to certain conditions and it is not pre-destined.

Someone ran over my mailbox with a car or a truck and just flattened it until it looks like a pancake. So I had to get a new box and pole for it to sit on--now I have to find someone to put it up. It has to be cemented etc. Quite a job. Can't bet Bob to do it as he is digging up his sewer line--about five feet deep and clear across the back yard. The dirt is like cement so that he is having quite a job--works on it every week-end. He asked about renting a digger and they want to charge \$125.00 for about two hours. Things are so expensive it is quite discouraging.

Can think of no more new right now so will close and we will see you June 17, 1978. It will probably be late when we get in as we are going to make it all in one day.

Much love,





Jan. 5, 1979

Dear Franklin and Karen,

I don't know which is the busiest time--before Christmas or after. Much to be done to get the house back into shape.

Franklin, thank you so much for the beautiful blouse, It is really lovely and I can always use a blouse. Karen, thank you for the tour book of the Orient. We have changed our itinerary a bit--now we are going to India also. I can hardly wait to see something of India. Get to see the Taj Mahal. Have quite a bit to do--getting Visas, clothes ready etc.

Sheri is coming to stay with me. She will stay for some time--probably until she is through school in June or July. She is bringing her cat too. So will have a full house.

Guess you are on your trip still. Am sure that it has been most rewarding and much fun.

We had a wonderful Christmas. Ryan enjoyed it too--had so much fun he wouldn't even take a nap. He just kept going until late at night. Christmas is always more fun with children around.

Doro has her Masters degree now but don't know what she will do with it aside from trying to get into teaching again. Many teachers are being laid off so the chances in that direction do not look too good.

2 Must stop now and get ready to go to the Widow's Guild luncheon. Have volunteered to have them here for the meeting in February.

Many thanks again for the lovely gifts.

Much love,



P.S. Besides everything else, I am getting busy with all the book-work involved with getting the income tax ready for the accountant.

Dear Franklin,

I am finally getting to the place where I can do a few things--like writing letters and fixing my own meals. As I'm sure Karen told you I have been very ill. The day after I got home from my trip I became ill with cystitis, then the next day had a severe bronchial illness which turned into bacterial pneumonia. I was too ill to take care of myself so I went to stay with Bob and Sharon. Sharon took wonderful care of me but it was a long, drawn-out illness. I am not over it yet as there is still infiltration in the lower part of my right lung. However, I am beginning to get some strength back. I had to have a broncoscopy a couple days ago and receive the report on it tomorrow. The report just shows what kind of medicine I am to be treated with. The worst thing about it all is that when I became ill Fred Pounds was not in town so I had to go to a regular doctor--a lung specialist. I feel that I am committed to follow through with the doctor I am going to now but will get back to Fred as soon as is possible.

Doro and children are planning to come up to the ranch the last part of June. I am hoping to be able to come with them. With as many drivers as we have in the family now, I won't have to drive--which is a help.

Karen and Chuck said that you were getting along fine and were producing tapes again. That is good news.

Apparently Jim is not leaving the ranch. I know he said that he was leaving in April and it is now into June and he is still there so I guess that he is staying.

Will John Flinn be coming back to Phoenix soon? Karen said that he was still staying down at the little ranch house. That is too bad as it is certainly a waste of a gifted person. When we last spoke together, the understanding was that John was to move into the upper ranch house to take care of you and Jim was to go to the lower ranch house--

or to wherever he might be going.

The trip to the Orient was marvelous. I just enjoyed every bit of it. Had many experiences that were none too good but enjoyed everything in spite of that. I really loved Nepal and wouldn't mind going back there some day. It is beautiful country. Visited the Tibetan refugee camp in Nepal. The Tibetans make their living weaving wool rugs and do beautiful work.

Can tell you more about my trip when I see you. I was just talking with Doro and we are unsure about the date that we will arrive at the ranch. It will be either the 28th, 29th or 30th of June--in the evening. We will try to let you know more definitely later--when we find out.

Karen asked me to remind you to sign and mail, right away, if you have not already done so--the letter to Swami Rama and Swami Ajaya.

I forgot to say that when we come to the ranch, we will be staying the first week of July also. So it will be for a week to ten days that we will be staying there.

Hope to see you soon---

Much love,



Dear Franklin,

I intended to write before now but things just seemed to pile up.

Doroethy has heard from several of the people that were at the Convention. In fact, David Daemon is coming to Phoenix soon. Convention this year was so very special.

Have been busy transcribing the tape on the First Fundamental. We are sending it to Mael as he wants to take it to the Theosophical Press--hoping they will publish it. We haven't heard from him since Convention.

Some vandals wrecked my mail box--for the second time--so have had trouble receiving and sending mail. They really flatten it--must use a truck to do it. Will put up a new box once again when I can get someone to do it. Bob Alvarado has offered to do it but will have to wait for the week-end. This is the third box we have put up. However it is too far to go the post office in order to get or send mail. Received a lovely letter from John. He is really devoted to you. He is quite a person--and much deeper than he realizes.

There really isn't much news here. But as Doro has written you--Pandit, from the Aurobindo Ashram will be here Oct. 21 to Oct. 24. So if you would like to visit with him I know he would enjoy it. However, don't feel that you have to see him. Just do what you feel like doing.

We are all looking forward to seeing you in October.

Will close for now so that I can get this in the mail.

Much love,

*Helen*



Dec. 29, '79

Dear Franklin,

First, I want to thank you for the lovely Christmas gift. Karen went in with you and bought me a very nice gold necklace (chain). It is so pretty and I like it very much.

I am hoping to get out to shop the first of next week — so your Christmas gift is coming eventually. I am sorry to be so late but it couldn't be helped this year.

I have been to five different doctors this last month. None, so far, have been able to diagnose the cause. However, I have been without a high temperature for three days now so they are hoping it is tapering off. It seems to be (as near as they can tell) some  
(over)



Kind of severe virus that affects the whole body. There are still three test results to come in on Monday.

This is a poor time of the year to be ill and house-bound. I have had so much help from the children and Karen. I surely appreciate it.

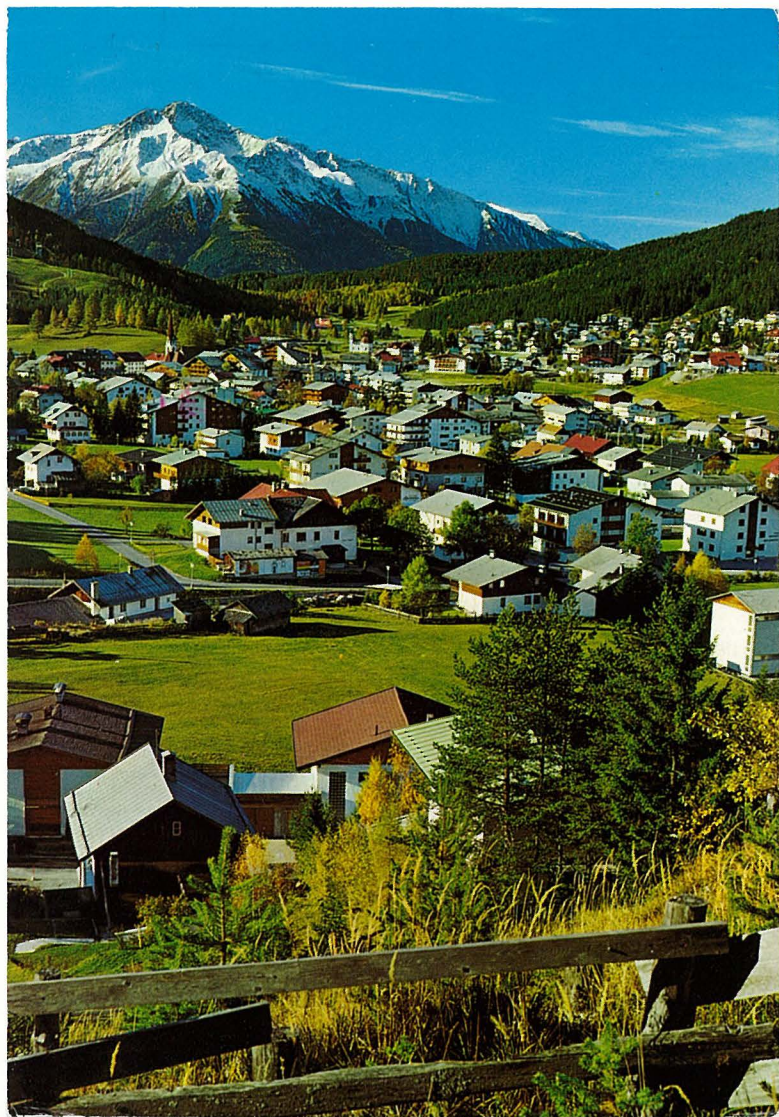
I did get over to Dad's for Christmas day but had to come home early. A very nice day though.

I subscribed to the large type Reader's Digest - to be sent to you. If you do not receive it please let me know.

I'm looking forward to your visit the last part of Jan. I surely will be back to normal by then.

Much love,

Helen



Kur- und Ferienparadies Seefeld - Tyrol  
gegen Hocheder

Dear Franklin + John  
Such beautiful  
majestic scenery  
is like a fairy-land.  
I will be back  
in Phoenix before  
you receive this but  
wanted you to have a  
picture of one of the  
places we were  
staying. See you  
before too long.

C 7038

Österreich-Sommerfrische Europas

Love, Helen

Risch-Dau Innsbruck, Hundelstraße 14, Tel. 4 14 55



Franklin F. Wolff

P.O. Box F

Love Pine, Ca. 93545

U.S.A.



Jan. 22, 1981

Dear Franklin,

We arrived home safely and had an enjoyable trip. We were glad that we had left early, by mistake, because we arrived in Phoenix before dark. Doroethy was surprised as she thought that we would arrive much later.

One last word that I want to say about Doroethy and present conditions. I have no authority for this idea, but my own feeling, but it has been on my mind very strongly for two days.

Considering the happenings of the last few months, I feel that the "opposition", or "dark forces", are attacking Doroethy, trying to discredit her and making her ineffective. As you know, Senior told me (before she was born) that it (she) was a great soul incarnating and had a very important work to do. Thus, I think there is a great potential there. Also, it is an indirect way to harm your work as Doroethy has done much in promulgating your philosophy and keeps in contact, directly and indirectly with many people who are interested in your philosophy. She has done, and continues doing, more for your work than all the rest of us put together. Others may talk of it but Doroethy does it.

That is all that I will say for now but you might give it some thought.

Little Ryan goes in for surgery tomorrow. It is surgery to bring down his testicle. It is hard to prepare a child for the idea of surgery. They have to be forewarned without scaring them.

Much mail and several business matters were awaiting me when I got home. It has taken me two days just to get my desk straightened out.

Fluffy was very happy to see Vajra when he got home and has stayed around the house most of the time since.

Love,

*Helen*