

Jan. 12, 1970

Dear Anna & Montague -

Here we are, well started into the new year, and the new decade. I hope both will be great for both of you, and I suspect they will be. You are well on the way now, and I am very proud of you - and of Tito, of course!

Your letters and all the information on schools and Carmencita are very greatly appreciated. I would like to send her to SA. Stephens if (heavily underlined) she will really work there and get from the school what is there to be gotten. It will not be easy to tell, but my thought is that, if she can get in, I will let her go through one year of trial, and if she works and gets decent grades she can continue. But I haven't the slightest intention of spending over \$4,000 a year, ~~on~~ which it would cost over all, if she doesn't try to get something out of it. Of course, it is

impossible to tell what she may do, for so much depends on her being interested and curious and willing to accept what teachers are trying to achieve in teaching. It's such a pity that youngsters have to go to school when they are kids and don't really appreciate the nuggets and pearls that are given to them. I don't think many of us knew or liked what was there for us. Some time after Marilee had returned from Spain and was working, she told me how very sorry she was not to have gotten so much more out of her courses there - she didn't even bother to go to classes most of the time! How much she would get from those courses now.... But my point is that I can't really afford to send Carmencita to a school as expensive as St. Stephens, and no one can afford going there if they don't have a sense of values for what can be gotten from it. Does Carmencita have such a place. Does it simply be another frustrating experience for all of us? My really strong conviction is simply that if going to a first class school and later a good university is important enough for her and to her for her making a reasonable effort, then it is for me too. But if not, then I don't propose to go through the

next seven or eight years with the pain and frustration of a one-sided effort. Believe me, I don't mind the rebellion and negativism ~~with Carmen~~ ~~for I know that is, or should be,~~ temporary. But I just can't put up with the waste of opportunities and use, good use, of the environments that one has to live in so many times in one's life. I know that Carmencita is very young and almost entirely unformed, which is natural at 14 1/2 years of age, but what frightens me and really puts me off is that in Stone Ridge, which is a good school, she almost completely withdrew from the good things, people, teachers, courses, and completely went over to the negative, lazy, rebellious ones who gave nothing but distraction along their way. I do think that if she is somewhere near you two, she may do the necessary, take an interest in what can be of help to her in living a reasonably happy life.

Of course, getting into St. Stephens

is the real problem. You write,
Montague. That applications had to be
in by Jan. 10, and if that's a strict
deadline, then she can't get in. I
called her on Friday and Saturday of
last week about it and she had not
yet completed the application on the
article or theme she was to write. She
must complete it and then I must
have it to sign, etc., for sending in.
We shall see. But will proceed with
applying ^{to} all the schools you
liked and see what works out.

All is very well here at home. We
have had pretty cold weather, nearly
zero, and some snow, but not really
bad. Am very pleased that you are to
teach next year, Montague. It will be
quite an experience, and should be of very
great value to you.

Very much love to each of you.

Dad

P.S. Enclosed are a couple of things for
you. The car insurance is in my name
because the car title is in my name. Why
don't you check on Texas car insurance
rates and if they are no more than P.C.,
about \$180 per year, change the title of insurance
and to your names and get Texas license tags. Now

Madrid, 17/1/80

Dear Montague,

How we enjoyed your Christmas letter, the best and the longest in many a year. We also had two good letters from Tito, one in late November and the other at Christmas. Now we are anxious to hear about your Atlanta and Washington conferences and about the trip to Mexico, which we understand from Carmencita's phone call was really fine, but no time for details. I know your mother has written and will try not to repeat things you already know about in the following, which can be pretty boring.

Your description of house hunting sounds pretty frustrating, but it does certainly sound as if you have very clearly in mind what you want ideally as well as what you would be willing to settle for. I agree, of course, that Washington, Va., would be perfect except for the commute, which I couldn't take over a period of very much time either. I don't know what the railroad running to Harper's Ferry is like or how far it runs beyond H. F., but I do seem to remember meeting someone a few years ago in D. C. who lived in W. Virginia someplace beyond H. F. and commuted all the way...think he lived near a rail station and do remember his bragging about his small but fine apple orchard, hills and forests nearby, etc. Wish I could remember who, and where it was. Ideally, it seems to me that you would have a great set up by having your apartment in D. C. and the house and land out that way but well located for rail transport. Then you could live in both places as you like and with maximum ease. Wish I were there to go exploring with you!!! Just as am sure you have known such, I've had friends in the Bank group who tried the long commute, even to Leesburg, and most gave it up because it was such a drag. Anyway, just one request from your Dad....Please don't get a place that's over-run with snakes like the one in Harmony Hollow...I'm scared to death every time I go there....

Your thoughts about going to Austin are extremely interesting. But it will be a tough decision for you to make. Professionally it would be ideal, I expect, and you could undoubtedly make much more return on your professional investment there than almost any other place, based on your present professional background and expertise. If you are to make a change, you are now at the ideal age, I think, to make it successfully. As you say, or rather imply, a change away from Washington means giving up a great deal, which can be a greater loss than the benefits finally realized elsewhere. Washington is a great place to live and to work, am sure you know what the Hardestys went through in readjusting. But on the other hand it does seem to me that, taking everything into account, things have worked out very much on the plus side for you. This due, of course, to your own courage and effort, but nevertheless true. This about "when everything is not working out right in one place, it may be better to start all over in another," which was certainly true with us in the silverware venture in Pennsylvania, and a couple of other times that come to mind vividly.

Am glad you like the painting of rice harvesting by Amorsolo. It was considered one of his best landscapes ever. Have you tried lighting it well with a spot....it was never lighted well at Aunt Elizabeth's, I thought. Nor the one in the dining room of the girl with mangoes. The Baguio market scene, the one in storage in D.C., was never much until I spotlighted it from the direction of the sunrise...the markets are always at that time of day with the mountain tribes. Anyway the lighting may change the painting you have there. I have no objections

at all to Marilee, you and Carmencita trading things around as you like when the time comes, for it is the sensible thing to do. But just hope no feelings will be trod upon by one or another of you...it just isn't worth scaring the marvelous affection you have for one another. Each of the three paintings is marked on the back as is the one you have, I believe, but am not sure the one in the dining room. So if the three of you want to agree beforehand, I'll put in my will who gets which. One thing does come through clearly, something that I've long suspected; you do have a thing about girls!! Maybe you could talk Carmencita into taking the harvest scene with the man in the foreground...convince her that the feminine thing to do would be to trade the market scene with all the bare-breasted girls and dogs to be sold for eating are a more manly thing and that you should have it.....

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About Aunt Elizabeth's bedroom/and getting it soon, why don't you sound Nini out about it directly. She is very fond of you, and I know you have very good relations with her. I really don't know what all was involved in your talking with her last summer, bed, yes, but what else, no, nor any idea of when, for you. Carmen says she has mentioned making that room into an upstairs sitting room for herself. I'd be delighted to see you get the things immediately, of course, and will try pushing her along a bit if you like. The last time I saw the room, Aunt Elizabeth's, the bed was piled with books, magazines, etc., as was also the table and the chaise lounge. All reasonably neat, in a way, but not at all as though kept as Aunt E. might have liked in her memory.

Have just had a phone call from Mak Dehejia, of IFC. Nothing in particular, but a good chat. He asked if I had anything planned for the immediate future as he had some things in mind but not definitely enough for specifics. I told him about the Thailand possibility for industrial power alcohol, about which he was aware from the Bank's angle of interest. Will let him know if this doesn't work out, for it would be nice to have something professional to have to do this year too.

Am looking forward ever so much to your coming this summer, and hope very much that Tito is doing something about studying Spanish. Can you give him a push? I've told him I wouldn't invite him if he didn't really study it to be able to converse with people when he gets here.... such an important thing for him if he is to really enjoy this part of his heritage. Anyway, am sure we are going to have a great one this year. The apartment is very well along, but may have to push to get it done for the arrival of all of you. Am sure there's no problem about your staying at the huerta, but strongly suggest that both you and Carmencita come with company, just yourselves, I mean, unless either or both of you suddenly contract holy...smokes....I hope we can have a real family get together this summer. It's possible that the Waterfields will come from England, Wye, but I've done you a nasty trick there....have strongly advised them to take an apartment in Pere el Gran, which I've already tentatively set up, for camping at the huerta with Pelayo, his partner, you and Tito, and the Waterfields and their five? six? children would have problems with only one bath and shower. Also, I understand that Michael is a karate expert, a crack shot and an expert in poisons, delicate but very effective, and both jealous and protective. And I don't want your holiday spoiled by any permanent damage to yourself.....What is his spouse's name?

Haven't begun writing "Letters To my Offspring" yet, but am thinking.
Thanks for your encouragement! Much love and affection

Dad

Palamós, 5 September, 1980

Dear Montague,

How we have missed you this summer! You and Tito. It was a great reunion in most ways in most ways, of course, and would have been perfect but for the absence of each of you. Know from Marilee and your lightning visit to Wye that you did have a good one, and Tito also, and that you look fit as a fiddle, trim, relaxed and full of fun, and that you're as busy as ever. But we sure did miss you.

The summer was a bit strange weatherwise, as in many other places in the hemisphere. Hot, overcast and humid a lot of the time, and then quick changes to windy and chilly, and in the early part quite a lot of rain. Didn't get the boat out for re-exploring the coast until late June because of cold and blustery seas, and also because as I get older am becoming pretty much a good, fairweather sailor. But we did have things pretty well straightened out by the time of the Gwyer/Waterfield arrival. Carmencita alternated between here and Barcelona, and got a tremendous lot of research work done and books collected, plus a very nice-in-every-way boy friend, a relationship which I hope will endure and develop. It was a tremendous pleasure to have her here, much matured and relaxed and with a positive and identified perspective of what she wants to do, and much progressed toward being reasonably organized. But Palamós about the same as in the past during the heavy tourist season, lighter than in previous years through June and July, but bursting its seams during August, and now drifting into typical late season doldrums. Everyone complains, and with reason, about the decrease in business and income from tourism. But I suspect that it has been surprisingly good in the face of economic woes here and in most of the rest of Europe. Spain has come a long way since Franco, but still has a long way to go to get its political-social and economic problems in hand.

It's going to be nice to get away for awhile. We are beginning to get our dates firmed up, and should do so within a few days. Carmen expects to go a couple of weeks or so earlier than I, possibly first to New Orleans and then meet me in DC, or possibly straight to DC to get her physical checkup and visiting done before I arrive, then going to New Orleans en route to Oregon, while I go straight to Salem and Seal Rock from DC, to get things in order for her arrival. Her departure isn't firm, from here, but I expect to leave around Oct. 10, have about 2 weeks in DC for checkup and seeing old friends, then hopefully get to Oregon while the salmon are still running (mabe I'll catch one if Tito isn't there) and before the winter rains set in. We have in mind staying there through Thanksgiving and the first ten days or so of December, then to Wye through Christmas for the family gathering. How we are looking forward to that gathering! Marilee says you definitely plan to come....I certainly hope so.

Am debating wheter to drive from here to Wye, leaving the car in storage until we come back, but may well not do it, simply going by plane, stopping for a day or so in Wye, then to DC, etc. We don't really need the car there, though it's nice to have. And it's quite expensive with gas prices and tolls in the expressway. Am awaiting word on the air routing and costs before making a definite decision.

Hope we will coincide in Washington next month! Am looking forward to fine visits with you, really very much, and of course with Tito, and hope neither of us will get so tied up that we see each other only a few times, as in the past! Will let you know definite times as soon as we have them.

Very much love and affection

Dad

Madrid, 18 April 1979

Dear Montague,

Our thoughts are very much with you these days, and especially yesterday, the 17th, when you expected to be in America for the meeting on your doctorate. We are going to try to reach you by phone today at the Hardisty's to see how things went. I'm sure all was fine, but hope your ulcers didn't kick up! Mine would have.....

Perhaps you already know from Mah Dehejia that our trip to Manila has been delayed until June. This is fine for us, for we have several things to look after here before leaving, and can use the additional month very well. The delay pretty well changes the entire schedule for the summer that I had in mind, but not at all badly. By going in early June to the Philippines on the appraised project, I'll probably not finish writing up the report until sometime in the first half of July, in Washington, in the IFC. In the meantime, George and Marilee's plans have firmed up, also. George is taking the boys on a trip through England for their holiday and Marilee may or may not go along, but she will at some time come to Palamós to see the abelita for a couple of weeks. So no longer grandchildren in Palamós this summer. And, anyway, I understand that construction of the ruins hasn't begun yet.

I need some time at Seal Rock this summer for looking after the various things needed. So after finishing the work for the Mañila project Carme and I will probably go to Oregon, I staying until the end of August or early September. Carme may stay with me the entire time or may return to Palamós earlier to abelita. In any event, and assuming that the general plan works out like this, I hope Tito won't mind the change from Spain to Oregon. I won't promise he will catch as many salmon as the other time, but he will certainly get the chance to try if he wants to come to us there, or perhaps go directly with us when we go from D.C.

Just talked with you by phone. I'm sure of you!

Tito / Carmencita

Now, the other thing is you. Would really love it if you could join us in Oregon, and we would have a grand time. Not all wood-cutting and chores around the cottage. Would love you to see much more of the State, and think you would really enjoy Seattle, if Carmencita is still there. You and Tito, if you like, could do a camping, hiking trip - there are any number of these in the Cascade range or in the Coast Range. I promise you that the food, tranquility and exercise will be good. The beaches are perfect for running.....

Can you please check with Tito to see if he would like to do the Oregon holiday? Hope he isn't upset about missing Spain this year.

We go to Palamós in about 10 days, then probably to England - late May for a visit with the family. I need to see the British company there who will be partners of the company in Manila, supplying knowhow, and will spend several days with them on technical matters, I expect. In London.

Merceditas and a cousin have been with us for about 10 days, and we took them (I) to the cultural and historic things. Carmen couldn't go out much, for her toe, broken in Washington, still bothers her. Lots of fun, but a little tiring, too, for an getting along in years now to relate with a 14 and 16 year pair of girls..... It's been cold as anything, too, and snow in the mountains near by with rain here. I thank goodness Rosario has come to us, happy as can be to be here I seem. She's very well after a bad time with flu and being with her family who seem to love her.

Keep well, and I hope your schedule lets you relax more from now on. Please think about Seal Rock possibilities.

Love
Dad

P.S. The car is completely repaired and like new after the accident Carmen had last winter before going to England. I was worried about it coming out well, but it seems that BMW's are built like tanks, and am so pleased for a sure it saved Carmen's and Abelitas' lives.