

Seal Rock, Aug. 8, 1977

Thom, the Amalag
Crisis

Dear ~~Tom~~ - Your letter of the 5th just arrived and I hope you will call this evening about the results of your examination. So glad you are feeling better and being weight ~~and~~ enjoying yourself so much! Hope all works out so I can arrive D.C. before you leave. The bath rooms are progressing OK. Just a few more details in yours; finish and oil the floor and put the lights in - which still haven't arrived - the heat lamps. Have order the bench made by "Wood Master" down the road to Waldport, and an identical one for the shower room. All the piping is in for the shower room, and now remains to be installed the fixtures - shower, lavatory, toilet, - which go very fast. John will come tomorrow, Tuesday and stay the remainder of the week. So hope all is completed early next week, ready for final details. Want to get to Salem on the 22nd, and to D.C. on the 25th/26th if you are still there. Cammie did a great job of painting, but the outside bedroom needs a 2nd coat so she may return before I leave. Your bath looks great, really! Couple of leaks for John to fix under the lavatory. Oh, the shower curtain is much too long, so am cutting it off and putting the magnets back on - which excellent. Cammie and I had a fine time, really, and only one tiff, about politics, from which we both recovered without pain. She told me a little about Bruce, jokingly said something about - "When he and I come here together ---" to which I said I wouldn't like that at all, their coming alone, and that I would really be sort of abusing her privilege of use here. No answer. She had a good time! Cammie gave me Clark's address, and I thought I sent it on to you. Will try to get it from her again and send it to you, though all the motor-home, trailer and boat bath complexes have been too small from what I've seen. And the mobile home ones are of normal house size. Anyway, it would be interesting to see if not too much trouble.

Mercedes's letter^{is} enclosed, just received. Can now understand Maria's

The picture of John is very good. No need to send the one of Spenser.

letter - she was obviously terribly upset about Tim Carver, poor dears.

about the cala ~~lily~~ lilies, I really don't want to keep them back of the porch/terrace, for apart from the short time they are in bloom, they are very messy, and our probabilities of being here in the spring/early summer are slim, as you know. I do agree - D - vine when in flower, but messy and not at all nice when not. Want to put permanent plantings there, narrow strip, then paving, and right next to the building, nothing but air to avoid rotting.

That Ronald Elms! And that Anita Shalett! Judith was furious a couple of years ago about it, and it may be the reason Ronald didn't get a job in IFC in Washington.

No word or mail from Jose Luis. Write him in mid July and am thinking of calling. Plan to take him and Brigitte each a Pendleton shirt. Surely would like to have any important mail. Quizzes for Betty and Jose. Dies mid. - please

Will send a check to American Express. But why don't you get your tickets - all - from Scofield Waddington and pay by Riggs check? You could do the same at American Express's office on 18th St, show them your card and pay by check - Riggs or Chase.

about CD's & Citas kitchen unit, we have seen one something like it in Spain but we could never import one, or sure. Import permit, custom etc. Would think I might be too complex for the garage apt., though - all we want there is enough to get a little breakfast, and ice for drinks. Did the Woods put theirs in the library apartment? Am looking forward so much to seeing everyone there.

What great news about the Bank of the Surge. Am going to take Dorothy Murphy for a great lunch when I get there! Lovely, lovely person, she is.

Going to the Wth Kravens for a drink after cocktail, to Meda's for dinner with ~~her~~ and some friends from Portland tomorrow, coming for a drink and a grilled steak over the fire on Friday. Saturday to Salem, probably

Love, darling
MEL

send me Anita Rudio's first name and phone.

Real Rock Ore.
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Dearest Carmen,

am enclosing two letters - all that have come in recently, no Cambio 16 at all. Your letter about problems of Bruce and her mother's estate is just incredible - you know I never liked him at all; instinctively felt he was a wrong one, for some reason. What a horrible thing to do. But am so happy with the good news about George and the Bank. Also, it was great to have your news about the results of your tests. I know you were very concerned about your aches and pains and anxious to have the examinations done. What a relief!

Temple and Natalie arrived on Friday and left Sunday morning, she returning to San Francisco and he on to Seattle, by bus from Albany where he went with her in her car. Had a really great visit, salmon for the Friday night, then Newport and Mo's chowder Saturday midday and Medda's for her annual oyster bake dinner about 12 people - and Temple and I cleaning the oysters beforehand. Natalie is an exact reincarnation of Sophie - looks, speech, mannerisms and Temple says in all her thought processes. Wish she and Carmelita could get together - she was most anxious to know C and gave me her phone address for Carmelita to visit her and Allison - S.F.

Dorothy and Clair arrived Sunday afternoon and we are having a great time - visiting, planning chores to be done, etc. I think they will be here through Wed. or Thursday. I will leave next Monday - the 22nd, probably, for Salem, and the 28th for D.C. on

Weather very cool - cloudy.

very sorry to think you may go before I arrive, but
want have everything done here before Thursday, then
want to clean up properly before leaving. Nina is
so anxious that I have at least 5 days there - terribly
upset physically because of the 100-105 degree heat in
the Valley. Next weekend she has to give a talk at Bush
House and is nervous about it, for has only a short time
to speak.

No word at all from Cammie since her departure and
haven't been able to reach her by phone, nor has Nina from
Salem. She is probably in Seattle, for asked her to try to
get details of her money needs before I leave. But would
like so much to know about her housing - wanted her
to take Jim Wa's friend's duplex house, but no word
yet, of course. Will call Jim Wa soon if I can't reach C.

Bill Brown has hurt his back and has to stay flat
on his back for days. Also, little Kirsten has broken
an arm, so Teena is having a busy, frustrating time.

I am getting John Poubel's wife, Nancy, in next
Thursday morning to do house cleaning, etc. for about
3-4 hours, for want to have her familiar with all
for possible cleaning prior to our arrival next year. John
is doing great. Ramdramat arrives day after tomorrow
Clair has brought the head lamps from Salem for the
bath rooms - we couldn't get them through Newport -
the glass shelving is installed in your bath. Will take
lots of pictures. Clair and I are off now to do some
preparation for our work. Spender is in southern
Oregon, no more work for him here now.

Love Mel