

Palamós, 11/10/82

Dear Monatgue,
thank you for your letters and the many great photographs....your last from Harmony Hollow brought back many memories of times there with you. Wish could be there to help put things in order with you. Hoé you get plenty of wood cut for the times you'll be there with Lourdes, December and January, snow, windy, and chances of be locked in there for weeks....Better lay in a good stock of supplies!

Am amazed at the cost of getting the bed and the few other things shipped to you. It was only a couple of hundred more to ship Marilee's things all the way to England. But about the bed, I have an idea that it is more than just a double bed, more like a queen size. I've slept in it and it certainly seemed wider than the double beds at Seal Rock. It is beautiful, too. But be careful about using it sinfully, for Aunt Elizabeth had very strong feelings about things of that kind, and her spirit might just dump you out of bed at a critical moment.

You and your mother have a lot in common, and I've just discovered a new one. Telephone calls. Wow! What a stinger this last bill (phone) from the DC apartment is. I'm going to give Lourdes a small talk on the subject one of these days, for if she and you keep up the present pace you'll never save enough money to buy the place in the country! It's sure good to talk to you, though, as in your call last week.

Lourdes is coming day after tomorrow to work on her papers. You know that I'm delighted to do these things for her and you, and hope we can do good, sharp translations of her course descriptions so you'll have little editing to do to put them in shape to present to the G'town Dean. Carmen is going to Barcelona to see Mamá tomorrow, coming back Saturday, and I hope she gets here in time to review our work for ideas for improvement, which she is very clever at. Am pleased at how you say she feels about us. We are certainly fond of her! What I really plan to do on Saturday is at least to rough out all the translation needed, get Lourdes's approval of it, then put it together as clean as I can for her taking to you, doing this latter next week.

About the huerta sale. there has been a change in banks handling yours and Carmens accounts from the sale. I hadn't been paying much attention to several news items in the papers about the Banca Catalana, and a few days after thinking we had it all set there, news came over the radio and in the Vanguardia about the possibility of an sudden collapse of the bank. We were pretty upset, of course, and the morning after learning about this I went to the Catalana and got all the money out and took it to the Hispano Americano, where it is now. Your mother and I took the whole works out in cash, as the Notario suggested to me, about four and a half millions in currency, in a handbag and my small duffle bag. But only had to carry it about a block. It's a great pity, though, for the man handling it at the Catalana was as quick and energetic as can be, and would have got arrangements made for liquidation in two or three weeks, for has done it before. H. Americano hasn't, and are being slow as molasses about it. Hope they get it in time for us to be able to go to Wye for Xmas, for if it isn't cleared am so broke that don't think we'll be able to afford it. The DC apartment has been a big drain. But, unfortunately, not enough of one to make me lose weight.....

Very much love and affection

Dad

P. S. Carmen has gone to Abuelitas today, the 12th, and will return tomorrow. Merceditas and Pelayo will come up next week end and we will do some furniture transferring to their apartment on Peligro St., possibly loaning them the big butacas from our living room here and bringing up the two rattan chairs from the studio,, loaning them two single beds we have in the store room, mattresses and such so they can begin to use their new place. Mercedes was here a few days ago, got the transfer of the property settled, the apartment, visited it with Carmen, and loves it. If we can get rid of the big chairs in the living room here, I'll be happy, for although are very comfortable, they're just too big in this room.

Have just had a call from the Hispano Americano saying that things are moving on getting the permit for exchanging the pesetas from the huerta sale for dollars, but that it make take until a few days before Christmas until completed. Your proceeds for this first payment, net of five percent sales commission, are Ptas. 1,7407,107. The second payment, probably by October, 1983, will be Ptas. 626,865. All Felix's sales commission comes out of the first payment. It's anyone's guess what the peseta will be at with the dollar in another month, for it is falling rapidly now and is at almost exactly 120/\$. And next year.... Please send me immediatly your bank account number to which you want the payment made. I've somehow missplaced the note you sent giving this and just can't find it. You sent only one account number. Don't you have another, also, for it would be a good idea to send it, split, to two accounts. How about your in the IADB savings & loan?

By your going to Harmony Hollow am sure you've got your car back. Hope it was in good shape and is serving you well. Am looking forward to seeing all you are doing in your apartment, and though am sure your kitchen floor is going to be smashing, as our Brit cousins say, never really noticed the old one since it seemed to hold me up ok.

Betty Yu brought the salt substitute you gave her for Felix R, and it's now in his hands. But I've heard nothing from him yet. Nancy told Carmen of a new one used in the UK but imported from the US, called, she thinks, something-veg. It, she says is made from vegetables, from the mineral in them and contains no sodium at all, nor potassium. Felix would like ever so much to have some of this. Would it be possible for you to call Dr. Talpers to try to get a trace on this, and send me, say, half a pound? I'll pay you for all these troubles in due course, so do keep track of costs. You could send it airmail or parcelpost, air, of course. Carmen and I have received a lot of small packages, and some pretty big with a wide variety of goodies like smoked salmon, cakes mixes, bisquik, etc., with not the least problem. Must run down to do some shopping now, for the icebox is about empty.

Very much love to you,