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Dear Don:

I am dictating this letter to Jeannette at about 75 m.p.h. on Interstate 10 west of Houston! We are just returning from the New Orleans Gem and Mineral Show. We were rather disappointed as only two or three of the old timers were there. It was mostly a show by hobbyists who are only part-time dealers.

If you will drop me a line and let me know the exact date of your arrival in Tucson and where I might contact you, I might be able to run over there for a couple of days. Jeannette and I would both be very much interested in seeing some of the chipping done, etc.


I may not be able to make it, as I am due in Washington, D. C. about April 25. I have been appointed to the International Committee by the Chamber of Commerce here in El Paso and several of us will attend the meeting and conference of the United States Chamber of Commerce. We are trying to ease the border crossing regulations and rules to some extent and will try to promote better relations between Mexico and the United States.

I am also rather involved in the Cuban situation, as we are trying to get something done about Castro. I had a talk yesterday with the former Chief of the Cuban Air Force and the Chief of the Guatemalan Air Force. Felipe Medina is an old friend of mine and we have done a lot of flying together in Cuba when he was the Chief over there before Castro. I had a letter about two weeks ago from Fulgencio Batista who is living in Portugal. He has more or less imposed a self-exile on himself in order to give us an opportunity to get rid of Mr. Castro without prejudice.

It would be very simple to clean this situation up if we can get a go-ahead from the State Department. Anyway, it is our idea to establish a joint Cuban-American Committee to rule Cuba and make it more or less an integral part of the Caribbean Tourist scene.

Let me hear from you as soon as possible and I will do my best to meet you in Tucson. I will bring some of the Hickoryite over or if I can't make it, I will mail or ship some to whatever address you designate. (no charge)

Best wishes,

  
Ed Barry

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P.S. We saw you on a TV program (The First American) last week.  
Who knows--maybe we will both end up movie stars! ...Ed

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