

May 27, 1979

DearvDon:

I did enjoy, and amstill enjoying, my visit with you and our good talk. I do hope your physical condition continues to improve, and that the excitement has not been too much for you. We did, after all, wind down rather well, I thought. And I,m very glad I was with you during those three days after the show. A great experience!

Such fine people I met! Stevenson, Sprague, Burcaw, Flenniken and his family, Ruthann, Daugherty and his wife, absolutely delightful, and all so nice to me. Made me feel welcome and part of the family.

And I'm not forgetting Jim Woods and Cindy of the lovely eyes, and Frank Herrett, that original man! Nor your friends Gene Titmus'.

Your countryside is beautiful. Some day perhaps I can come back and see more of it.

Hunted through the shop today, and found only one-quarter inch neoprene. I shall go to the conveyor supply house next week and get some half inch material, and ship both to you.

Nor would I have missed the late night visit with Marie and Pete, over the mescal, till 2:30 AM. Marie and Helen, though they'd met only briefly, were simpatico, and I was so glad to talk with her and Pete and to know them better. I only wish Helen could have been there, and I suspect she was there.

Everything was in good order here on my return, no one even missed me! My new owner has gone to Calif with his family for the holiday, and the yard is shut down since yesterday noon. A long, quiet weekend. Raining all around, early thunderstorms, down to 68 right now! If I can cross the arroyos, I,ll go out to the Tortolita Mtns tomorrow PM, to visit our old friends, the cattle ranchers who homesteaded there in 1928, and take them magazines and books and papers which accumulate here.

Thank you, Don, for everything. A highlight of my life which I shall not forget.

Take good care of yourself, there aren't many of us left!

Afectuosamente,



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