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Dearest Susanne,

Happy birthday! It was wonderful speaking with you last night, as always. We avoid Richmond and environs because seeing her family isn’t usually all that pleasant, but the next time we’re in the area, we’ll call and see if you can spare an hour for chatting.

Enclosed is a copy of the journal I’ve been editing for the last 5 years, and which I’m about to turn over to my successor in October or November. It has worn me out! I’ve been considering about 120 manuscripts per year, each of which had to be sent to at least 3 readers, and sometimes many more. It’s been a full-time job on a part-time schedule.

You’ll notice in this issue that (1) my sister did the cover art, (2) Anne Sica is the "managing editor," and has helped me for the last 2 years in that capacity, and (3) Paolo drew the cartoon on the inside back cover.

Stay healthy, and my best to your sister.

All our love,

[Signature]
Darling Susanne,

The Heifetz arrived yesterday just as I had begun my daily typing ritual on the endless dissertation. What a pleasure! Of course his version of the duo is my favorite. What makes you so kind?

Pop called recently and asked me to play Bach's *Weinachtsoratorio* with him on Xmas eve in a Charlotte church. It pays well and will cover our gasoline expenses getting down there, so I agreed. This means we must leave here the 19th, get to Charlotte the 21st for a rehearsal, and play the show the 24th, eat Xmas meal with folks the 25th, visit Gerda in Greenville the 26th, visit other longlost friends in Atlanta the 27th, and then back to Charlotte. Weather we can stand to be away from home long enough to await your arrival home on the 3rd of Jan. remains to be seen. I really doubt it, since that would mean an incredible 17 day trip! Our sanity limit is about 10 days, and my work here really doesn't allow me to stay away that long. This has saddened us a lot, but I don't see what can be done.

Do you have any suggestions? Let us know your exact dates of departure and arrival when you know, OK?

If we don't get to see you on this trip, we'll be very unhappy; but perhaps then you'll be persuaded to visit us here! Keep yourself healthy. I'll await your exact dates.

Love,

Alan & Anne

We'll use the tape!
Dear Suzanne -

Here is the summer photo I sent you, along with the realization that I hadn’t told you we were headed for California after a long spring of deliberation! But we’re settled in a convenient rental near the University and the big boys are in their school where design is open - lunch is outside on picnic tables and the scenery includes rocky mountains and the ranges toward Los Angeles. We’ve been “on the road” since we
got here, figuring out the geography and the population. The ocean is beautiful, and welcome too, as all else reflects a desert atmosphere. Enzo (7) is at home but Paolo (10) senses the pressure of population. Carlo (2) is growing fast and benefits from these stimulants. Alan is happy to be in a position of respect both here and back at Kansas.

We bought a lovely Yamaha upright and I am wishing I could play more than scales...

Love — Anna.