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Dear Dal,

We got our first Amas presents day before yesterday and we do thank you for them and for the thoughtfulness. Each is also quite attractive. I was pleased to note that the comfortable and attractive mugs bore no country of import. I am growing increasingly disgusted that more and more of what is on sale here comes from those lands that pay slave wages. I presume this is also true of the sweat shirts, which have a very good feel to them. Most of our items of clothing are now imported, with enormous unemployment here the result. It is even more true of shoes.

A problem I have will get those sweatshirts more and more useful use. I cannot wear them. My skin has become so friable as the result, mostly, of the anticoagulant that has kept me alive since 1975 that for more than a decade I cannot wear even jockey-type shorts. Of the undershirts, which give me even more of a problem, I've found that those sent us by the native Americans to so many of whose organizations we contribute are those that cause me less irritation. Meaning subcutaneous hemorrhaging. Even the Norelco shaver irritates my face and causes such hemorrhages and infrequently can make me bleed. The slightest contact of an arm or hand on a solid object peels the outer layer of skin back. I've had that for 2 inches when a forearm brushed a round doorknob while I was walking slowly from my office. Until I began to make automatic adjustments there were times we could hardly see my forearm skin for the bandages. The one patch I still have that is visible is from when I struck the leaf of my desk with my left hand and that peeled the skin back-three weeks ago. The bandaid is for mechanical protection now. This is one of the several reasons any travel is potentially dangerous for me. A slight bump can kill me.

But the wonderful thing you do down there for your native peoples, while it may not satisfy you, is heaven compared to how they are regarded and treated here. Wrone is a leader in trying for reforms and improvements. I think he can make a very telling point with the hui t-shirt and I think he'll love it. He often calls Sundays. I'll ask him.

It may be that he can use it for the same purposes here, raising money to help them. With their new Neanderthal <sup>in his state</sup> governory, that situation will deteriorate. But what has been helpful to native Americans is licenses to operate gambling places. From what Dave says they do use the income wisely and communally. It is also paying the lawyers for the case in which Dave will be their expert witness. He has too close a deadline for completion of the paper he is to do on it and has an even heavier teaching load this year. From what he has told me of his efforts there can be an important book from it. If he can get the time. The abuse of these peoples was carefully institutionalized and included governments on all levels. The suit is against the federal government.

We are both sorry we cannot flash the his and hers on that very attractive shirts but Wrone can get much attention for them and what they represent and what is so needed over here, beginning with the attitude their mere existence represents. So our thanks and early hopes that you all have the finest of holidays. Love, *Dave*  
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