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Sylvia dear,

Happy Thanksgiving. At least it's banal and what else is there to say in this godawful world, with Ford off with Geishas and enjoying Seoul and layoffs everywhere and what must have been some godawful sessions. Time of the juggernaut if I can steal an old title.

You were sweet to send me DWorld with the PAHO story - I didn't even know what had happened and that AH was out. I see NYT only once or twice a week and Sunday as it is not easily available here and the sub price by air is prohibitive.

After a turbulent month of settling in physically the apt is nice and I keep hoping you will visit the great west sometime. Endless chores repairing the breakage and hoping the insurance claim won't take forever - the bastards CUT the wires off all my floor lamps, smashed one, broke frames on five oils and etchings, disassembled my exercycle and ruined the altimeter, took apart a beautiful stainless xxx dull steel and cane chair thereby ruining it, and so on and on. I am just getting out of the endless running to get things repaired, replaced, damage appraised etc. They also broke in half one of my finest mineral specimens...

But that is past and I am also settling in other ways. Without compensation but nonetheless official I am now

Visiting Lecturer in the Department of Family, Community and Preventive Medicine at Stanford Medical School. Have a small office, library facilities, status and a parking sticker. My office adjoins the lab of the one professor who does intl health, and is a schistosomiasis man on the side. We have endless charming mice injected with S. mansoni and thousands of snails fed beautifully red-tip lettuce. Quite a change from Geneva. I have already taken part in his small but only class on intl health and will do so again, been introduced at staff meeting, and had people in the dept wax enthusiastic about my proposal to study the causes and consequences of the thalidomide disaster which I had ~~always~~ always intended to do when I retired, but from Geneva. I am now trying to work up the necessary 1-2 pp précis and 8-10 pp outline for critical comment so that when satisfactory it can be used as the basis of an attempt to get govtal or foundation grant money. If you have any bright ideas on foundations do let me know. I can gamble until next summer but after that I'll have to find someone to keep me. But of that more anon when the session is over.

Give my best to Vera, hello to Steve, try to write when it's over and you've recuperated a bit  $\perp$  love,

*Elly*