

July 9, 1996

Dear Harold and Lillian,

I hope this letter finds you both at home and Harold recovering from your long hospital stays. I am sorry I have not been in touch more but the past two months, with Hanh-Trang gone much of that time and a busy summer school schedule, I am just now beginning to breathe a bit easier. I am anxious to begin working with Dennis on our book project. I have made good use of that paper we wrote last summer in a couple of my classes. Bill Neichter has been in touch and sent me a bound copy of Waketh the Watchman. I also have Hosty's Pudding on my desk. I hope to be able to read both manuscripts before we come up for a visit in roughly two weeks.

Hanh-Trang's cousin and his wife and two boys came down for a visit a week and a half ago. They dropped the boys off at a summer camp in Bat Cave, N. Carolina, about an hour from here. We agreed to pick them up and take them home when camp is over in three weeks. That means we will be travelling to Fairfax, VA (where they live) on Sat. July 20th. We will stay in Fairfax through Sunday at least, after which we will come to Frederick. I believe Dennis is also planning a trip to Frederick at that time as well. We will be sure to let you know more specifically what our plans are as that time draws near. We understand that your health comes first and we do not want to cause you any undue strain. Please don't worry about making any special arrangements for us, as you have in the past. If we can do anything in the meantime please do not hesitate to ask. I know Hanh-Trang is also looking forward to the visit very much. She plans to bring up many of the slides she took in Vietnam (and a slide projector I have on loan from the college).

Take care, and ...

Best Wishes,

*Gerry*

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