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Dear Hal and Gary,

Hal's typewriter was stolen and I do not know whether he has replaced it. Gary indicates he is able to borrow a machine once in a while but has none of his own. Today I was at what hereabouts is known as a "community sale". It is a privately-conducted auction at which people dispose of what they no longer need, either via the auction or through private sales. There were two old protables, each dating to the period when portebles were like minerature uprights. Both had not had hard use, although old, and both typed well, with clear faces.

Now, I do not know whether either of you would like an old machine or not. I would think if Gary has none at home on a regular basis, he might want one there. Nor do I know the problems or costs of shipping. However, I doubt if either of these machines would cost more than $10.00.

They may both be sold at tomorrow night's auction. They may have been placed for private sale. I have no way of knowing. I also assume that if these are sold, they will ultimately be replaced, whether or not by good ones. So, if something like this interests either of you, let me know and I'll make it a point to visit that place weekly and see whether I can get a machine for either or both.

With the real old machines, there is sometimes a problem getting spare parts.

There were also several decent old uprights. However, shipping them would be a real problbem.

Sincerely,