

Dear signers of nice and appreciated cards,

3/26/93

24th fine and we look forward to it. Given the times, should we figure on lunch? Won't you or some of you need that before returning home? If you'd like we can use two cards and you can start home from there and maybe save a bit of time.

To us the storm of the century was that only in terms of the extraordinarily low, record breaking low pressure in both Balt, and DC. We still have a bank of snow 3' high and about 5' thick where the truck with a blade pushed it in our turnaroung. Otherwise only broken branches to be picked up.

It was a little effort for us but we were prepared with two large coldpackers and about 10 gallon jugs full of water, with two carts of wood in the house to use at night if we lost current, add enough K1 kerosene for more than a week of daytime use of a room heater. But fortunately we had no such problems.

I've lived through such abnormal Marches and remember very clearly what wet snow can do. The wind thus was a blessing around here because it kept the snow from building up on the wires and tree branches, I can remember 17 consecutive utility polls broken off by a March storm when we farmed.

I see I have the date wrong. 25 fine, too.

Do you need or want a map for using the Virginia side from Falls Church? Probably faster and certainly less traffic than the Beltway. I know you take State 7 until the road that connects with the bridge, point of Rocks the Md. terminus.

Sandwiches Lil's birthday nicely. Friends from near Baltimore are coming the day before (it is the 18th) and you following it.

Thanks for some of the nice things you said.

Our love to you all,

*Alvord*

Dear Harold,

March 23, 1993

I hope the "storm of the century" did not adversely affect your lives too much. We had some pretty strong winds and about 4" of snow, but we were not paralyzed like people in the mountains of N. Carolina (about an hour north of here) where they received 1-2ft. of snow. The intensity of the storm as measured by barometric pressure was incredible, the pressure was as low as the pressure that was recorded when Hurricane Hugo ripped through S. Carolina.

Congratulations on your upcoming 80th birthday and especially on you and Lillian being chosen to receive honorary degrees from Hood College. I believe the honor is well-deserved not only for the diligence with which you pursued evidence in the JFK and MLK assassinations and sought to preserve a record for history, but also because you have showed me, and many others I am sure, what it means to be a concerned citizen and a careful scholar. I have also been personally moved and inspired by many other things you have sent me over the past several years on a variety of historical and personal subjects.

Our plans for a trip to Frederick have changed. A cousin of Hanh-Trang's is to be married in Falls Church, Virginia on Sat. April 24th. These are the same relatives we visited about 2 years ago when we took Hanh-Trang's parents to Wash. D.C.. It will be a good occasion to visit with relatives we rarely see on a happy occasion, and especially to have Claire and Nick have some more contact with cousins on Hanh-Trang's side of the family.

What we would like to do is to travel up to Frederick to visit with you and Lillian on Sunday, April 25th for a couple hours before we head back South. Most likely, we would drive up Sunday morning and arrive in Frederick around 11AM. We would only be able to stay until 1:30 -2:00PM, but at least we could have a short visit. Please let me know if there might be a problem with this.

Hope this letter finds you well.

Best Wishes,

