

December 21, 2000

Dear Harold and Lil,

It is very cold here and a little bit of snow here and there. I am glad that my vacation has started so that I can catch up on things a little.

Both boys are coming over for Christmas day for dinner, the first time that has happened since the divorce 6 years ago. They have come over Christmas Eve to open presents, and Steve for Thanksgiving a year ago, but never both for Christmas dinner. We will then go to Toledo for a day to visit my brother, as we usually do at this time of year.

Chris is working at Meijer discount store as a supervisor and taking courses at a community college, and Steve was on the honor roll as a freshman first term and is doing even better this quarter.

I wanted to ask if you had just two (2) more of the *Case Open* books that you could sign and date as I want to give them as gifts and can get them nowhere. Hood doesn't have them (I checked when we last visited) and the bookstores cannot order them as they are out of print. Just tell me the cost of the books and postage and I will gladly pay it, I just don't want to be without them. And I want to put one of the two copies in my new high school's library as they are most deplete of any books, let alone on that subject. I have already donated the books about Virginia Foster Durr and Clifford Durr to the library as I had to the other schools I had worked at.

I am somewhat tardy getting my tree up, but have been busy. I was able to entertain one evening for the holidays a couple of weeks ago, but working fulltime again has changed my energy level. All I have to do is clean up the dining room and make room for the tree, and I hope to do that today.

I have two weeks off, til January 3, then it is getting back to work again. I teach English as a Second Language to Somali students in an urban setting in Columbus City Schools. There are 30,000 Somalis now in Columbus, with 10,000 more expected next year. Many come from Atlanta, where American blacks shun them, or from Minneapolis, and are here because of Clinton administration policies. And there are more to come.

I hope you are both holding your own and being able to get out and do some things you like. Tom and I are looking forward to visiting again in April, if not sooner. We think of you often and hope you are doing well. Have a wonderful holiday.

Sincerely,
Dave

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