

12/31-Dear Jenifer, Lil had to go in town this a.m. to help a lawyer friend, so I went to the post office and got the mail. I noted that your package was addressed to her, and that it had your name, so I took it to her office so she could open it and get off to a good start on a day that began with Anacin. We have the first of a long series of guests, who came yesterday. All those she knows (and we expect not fewer than 2 strangers, one of whom even I have never met) she likes much, but I think she fears being wearied. Well, she was very pleased. I merely unwrapped the package and gave it to her. There is a nice girl, about 21-22, who works there and of whom Lil is fond, and I felt Lil also would like Lois to see whatever pretties you had sent. Was so. Lois also oohed and aahed. But the first thing Lil opened is the two Sony cassettes (many thanks, but don't send any more because I now have close to two dozen and I'll save these two for the first interviews), which kind of surprised us. She like the scarf (?) and what I think is trousers much, and the other girls did, too, and the walnut acorn salt and papper shakers got lots of favorable attention. Including from me. You had no way of

knowing it, but over the years, Lil has come to know my taste perfectly or I have adjusted to her seasoning, so we never have salt and pepper out when we eat alone. However, when we have company, we use a pre-Revolutionary War Walnut dropleaf table I got her years ago, and these are a perfect match. How do I know? When I got home I took them out and put them there, and even the young man guest commented on how well they go together. So, it was great, and we both appreciate much, as Lil will probably take some time getting around to telling you, for she is now another day behind and starts work on the 3rd. Hope you thoughtful ones are having a good holiday and that a better year than common sense could possibly anticipate lies ahead. Our thanks and our best, HW

DEC 31 1972 1271