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Dear Harold:

Your mailings of the 17th arrived today, and this is to respond that we shall of course be delighted to see you if you can return from LA via San Francisco.

We've heard nothing from Eason's producer, but until we hear anything more definite let me make this suggestion: If your program with Sahl goes through, call us collect from LA (415 388 2426) and give us your ETA at SF International or Oakland or wherever. That way we can meet you, unless you've made other arrangements and don't need it. That way also we can get you a motel room, which we customarily provide for guests whom we have no room here to take care of, and apart from sleeping there you can spend as much time with us here as you like or can crowd in with other commitments you may acquire in the meantime. Breakfast, lunch, dinner, the works, and transportation.

One of the prices we paid when we built this house was to forego enough room to take care of overnight guests, which we've never been able to have. The house is simply too small, a situation which is complicated by cats (one of which is much under the weather these days due to an allergy). In any case, long ago we found it works well for us to put our guests up in a motel to provide the sleeping quarters we can't furnish here. It gives the guest more freedom too. The motel can be anywhere you like -- there are three I can think of within walking distance of KGO where Eason holds forth. Or you might like one out here in Marin County ^{near} the highway -- closer to us and with bus service to SF if you have to use it. Think about it and let us know when you call from LA.

I agree this is the time for other shows in addition to Eason, but aside from Spann on the same station I can think of no local possibilities. NBC is hopeless, rock music etc. KCBS does have a morning show called Input where they spin out taped interviews in segments, which is all but useless. On television such as KPIX (CBS), KRON (NBC) and KWED (PBS) I have no contacts to suggest, but Eason or his producer might be willing to steer you, if they can't fix you up with something on ABC-TV.

Even if Eason himself doesn't put you on the air, we hope very much that the deal with Sahl goes through and that you can come back this way. We would love to see you and spend some real time together. We regret we can't put anyone up here, but do have an alternative which might actually be more convenient and useful for you and should not interfere seriously with actual talk, which can't be done during sleeping hours anyway.

Keep us informed, and above all phone from LA with your flight number and ETA so we can make necessary arrangements.

We're both looking forward to it so much.

Best, .



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