

19 November 1971

Dear Lil:

A hurried note about the baby blanket, my good wife-wife being immobilized for the moment in the kitchen. (Keep 'em cookin and scrubbin, I always say).

Since this Work was commissioned by a certain party who now is gallivanting elsewhere, it occurs to us that the merciful thing to do would be to hold it until He returns and is able to view the finished product in all its glory.

Anyway it might be inconvenient for you to mail it before He returns from His wandering. And the Mattoses have no inkling of what is in the works and are not leaving for Seattle until the first of the year.

Naturally we are anxious to behold this Work, upon which you have spent so much time and love and effort, but we shall steel ourselves. We think it might mean something special to Harold to be ⁱⁿ on the dispatching.

We deeply appreciate your devotion and willingness and look forward to thanking you in person some day.

Sincerely,



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P.S. - What a triumph for all of us that your Chinese friend instantly read the Chinese character!