

Dear Jim,

We were both glad to see you, more so because of the remarkable good shape in which you are, in all ways.

Yours was greater than the usual loss because Jennifer was in all ways so exceptional a person. Believing this made me a bit uneasy for a while. But as Lil said several times after you left, Jennifer was with you.

I'm reminded of your visit first thing each morning. Takes me a third less time to shave now. I'm experimenting now, trying your way on parts of the face and Norelco's elsewhere.

On a carbon I've noted that Wrono has a copy. I made one for you believing that it might interest you. Not for any other purpose.

I found the Hatem story in this morning's WxPost more interesting because of the things you had told us about him.

If I remember correctly Dave told me that Elaine plans a book on Lebanese-Americans.

I did not forget to write Gary. He'll be swamped when he first gets back from China. I do not know if any of the work of which he spoke has been put on paper but if it has been I've asked that he send it to you.

Little news since you were here. Continued fair weather has let me spend more time working outside and I enjoy it. The first of the asparagus roots I planted several weeks ago are up. What remains of the old bed, lost to a plumber when the foot valve fell out the well-pipe, I think a single plant, put up well. We ate those stalks raw. I was surprised to find that more of it is edible and not tough if eaten uncooked. I mowed (riding) and made out well, first time in two years. But I find my weight loss is enough to diminish traction and to make it impossible to climb the hill behind the house.

Best, HW 4/30/78