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Dear Jeanette,

Thanks for your great birthday card, and for the picture of the horde---though I should mention that it looks to me as if we are getting dangerously close to a violation of the Morrow Control Act of 1977, which as you know was specifically designed to update the Morrow Population Planning Act of 1965, originally intended to bring the proliferation of Morrows under rational restraint, supervised by the Office of Morrow Management. I know the Club of Rome Report, with its fallacious Malthusian projections, has been for the most part repudiated, and Morrows are thought to be less of a threat to the environment and the world food supply than they once were. Still, it remains a problem. I keep hearing of outbreaks of Morrows in Houston, for example, and elsewhere. There were some erroneous theories that once Hughie calmed down, things would improve and there might, in the long run, be a tapering off of Morrows. Well, it hasn't happened. In other words, we can't just blame Hughie anymore!

Glad to hear your health is good. I had an amazing operation last January, which, after many months, seems to have worked. It was an experimental gene therapy procedure, in which the surgeons inject DNA into the myocardium, instructing it to grow new vessels. I did not feel better for some time, but now am vastly improved. The new vessels have reawakened "hibernating" tissue on the front wall of the heart, and so I am able to run around almost as before. I started playing squash again this week, having given it up two years ago.

We are basically living on the farm here in upstate NY and going into New York a couple days a week. I am trying to decide whether to resume teaching at Boston University. It is hard work, very time-consuming, and I'm not sure I like it much. The kids seem kind of confused about why they are there, and when teaching, you wonder whether you want to bother to struggle with their confusion; it seems that ought to be their job.

James is working for US News & World Report as a writer and editor, having a great time. Justin is studying this term at the NY Film Academy, wants to go into movies.

Please give my love to everyone, especially to Sally and Dan. Hope to see you all soon, now that I am out of my hypochondriac mode.

Love,
Lance