

28 January 1976

Dear Gwen,

All is well with myself and family. We now fell "at home" in the Seattle area, except that we haven't as yet adapted to the rainy weather as the natives obviously have. That apparently takes several years. But we are making the best of it and continue to hope one of these days it will turn into snow.

With the winter quarter well underway, the pace of study and term paper writing is picking up. It seems that all six courses I'm taking require inordinate amounts of reading - some 900 pages most weeks - so that I'll be looking forward to the spring break. Next quarter my course load will by design be lighter.

Sometime in spring we would like to take advantage of our proximity to Canada and spend a day or two in Vancouver and Victoria, B.C. Will I have to prepare a request for foreign travel?

May I ask a favor of you? Would you send me the necessary Maryland income tax forms ASAP - or have Irene (x3237) do it? The post office did forward my federal tax forms but evidently did not do the same on my state forms (or of course they might have been lost in the mail). In any case, I would like to prepare my returns in the next week or two.

Attached you will find the course descriptions for both fall and winter quarter which I promised in my last letter, and also my book and supplies claim for this quarter. I hope they will be adequate for your needs. You can deposit the amount of the claim in my bank account.

While it may now be too late, I did find out that the per diem rate for the EPA man in our group is \$18 per day. I heard him talking with several of the others who are getting up to \$33 a day, saying he was going to ask his agency for a revision of rate. Has there been any progress in the CSC review of these rates?

Thanks for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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Form 879
Irene is taking
care of
Ft. OS/EAB
cc: EHR
Done Irene