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Dear Margaret;

How nice of you to write me such a nice letter. But Oh, dear, dont extend my life too long! I am in fine shape except for my stupid back. Have j just had a biannual complete check up.

The important thing is how are YOU? I didnt know you had diabetis, and I am sorry you had trouble while you were here. I do hope that it has straighted out and that you are your vigorous self again. But I was sorry not to see youaagain. I am glad Dr. Kolb came through. Something must have been a little wrong the day we were up there because he is usually so calm and interested and nice.

The prints are finally done. THE NEGATIVES! A new batch of order envelopes had come in from this laboratory and I evidently put them down on my desk right on top of yours. Later I picked them up and put them where I keep unused order envelopes. Yours were on the bo tom and I didnt see them.

This bill seems awfully big when I am doing work for a good friend. I wish I didnt have to send any. This is some higher per picture on the new ones that three years ago. Not only have the lab charges gone up but I just was coming out the thin end at anything under \$50. on the first print. This chg includes making proofs, extra ones to be sure of color. These are fat from even 90% due largely to the excessive blue from the overhead light. When you compare these new ones with the Big Sur interior you can see what a difference New Mexico light makes. Anyway, I hope you will like them.

This brings my best wishes to you both and hopes that it will not be too long until you are back.

Affectionately