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Very dear Laura and Betsy -

It is really dreadful that I have not written to you before - We think about you and talk about you, + we worry dreadfully about you both - We can't bear to think of all the troubles you've had, Laura, since last we saw you. The painful back, the agonizing gout - Oh, if only we could get you here and spoil you a bit - and keep you off your feet - We think you should consider the Fall - We could take care of Betsy too - on the ground level, no steps or stairs + with any luck good weather until early December - I shall be on my feet thoroughly by then + would

love it - At the present time I am still quite limited in my activities, in fact most activity is with a therapist + lying on the floor with the feet up! But considering the severity of the break am lucky to be walking around as well as I am - Alas, not well enough for the rough terrain at Tin Cup or the Indian country, so sorrowfully + with painful conflicts we've decided to go to England - I have two of my sisters who need to see me. One very frail from an awful so of shingles last Fall, the other recovering from a bad operation plus a bad heart - Both Carol + I long for the S.W. + Colorado + we have hoped against hope that we could come - We long to see you + talk to you - We want to see Bicha + Ann Clark too -

Jean has been dear in calling us + keeping us in touch - We are delighted to know too that she has been so good + thoughtful with you both - I believe, + Carol does, that looking after you has done a lot for her - She sounds

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a different person over the telephone - She told
us when she called last week that you &
Betty hoped to get up to Tin Cup later in the
summer - How I hope you can -

Carol is so much better - She's had a wonderful
time the past 3 months working in a Seminar
conducted by Miss Esther Dunn, the famous ^{College} Smith
English professor - There were 30 in the class
& they've all worked like dogs - The purpose
of the Seminar to get credit for "An MA in English
Literature" - Carol doesn't care about the MA or
the credit, but she needed something to refresh her
mind & spirit - This was it! It's given her an
impetus for her writing too which is splendid -
It's been a strange year - I missed Tin Cup &
Santa Fe terribly & felt too often like a caged
bird! I missed my children, my Scouts & all
my other activities - But this fall I hope
to start off again, & I think Carol will do
interesting things too - - And then the Spring
of 1966 will see us back in Santa Fe!
We both want this above all else - Sincerely

Though if we could get you here we would
love it - Your friendship & affection means
a lot to us & while we are shocking
correspondents, our feelings are the same

O I trust this summer will bring better
health to you Laura - I know you need
to get off your feet above all else, & I
know your work does not allow much of
this & the day to day worry & expenses
adds innumerable burdens -

So much love & thoughts always

Your old friends

Seth and Carl.