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Dear Don,

Time has rushed by! Now we are in England again, and next Saturday, the 11th we will go to Texas to see Mel's family. We will be in Houston first, for a week or so, and then in Longview until the end of June. There the telephone is (214) 643-3359.

During the last three months or so, I have been taking care of the children's and my own health. All of us have been ill - on and off - and since we are here, only Zen has been unwell. He was in the hospital for several days, but doctors haven't found anything really wrong with him, and the matter seems to be caused by allergy. As you can imagine I have done very little else but be available to the children and make their lives pleasant and interesting. I have slept very little, have done some serious thinking and have tried to keep at peace with family and with my spirit. - Now that after 2 years we are going back to the



U.S.A. I hope to try to go and see you. Mel's brother lives in New Hampshire and we will go to see him during the first week in July. We will talk over the telephone soon, but in the meantime I wanted you to have a line from me. It would be wonderful to see you again, but let's wait and see if this time it would be possible.

Now, here is my love with all my very best wishes to you, Chris, Benny and Bertha for a happy summer!

Be happy, Always
Rudy

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