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Dear Guz,

Thank you so much for your letter. I was delighted to hear from you and I appreciate your congratulations. I often recall our friendship at Emory and the various short stories that we wrote as undergraduates -- and also the very pleasant visit with your parents and sister in Florence.

I am especially grateful for the copy of the beautiful book in memory of your wife. The poems and photographs are superb, and I was very much moved by the introduction with its memorial to her. She must have been an exceptionally rare and beautiful personality, and I wish that I could have known her.

I am glad that you also asked about John Loftis. His wife is the daughter of a former colleague of mine at the Huntington, Professor Allan Nevins. John and Anne are living in Menlo Park, as he is currently teaching in the English department at Stanford. I know that he will be glad to hear from you.

I hope that your travels will bring you to the Los Angeles area before long and that you will have time to visit the Huntington Library. It would be a great pleasure to see you again.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

John M. Steadman