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Dear Eliot:-

Just came from a delightful holiday in Virgin Islands. When we were in St. Thomas Airport on Sat. it was 72° . This morning it was 8° below zero. Coldest weather in several years.

In N.Y. Times yesterday there is a splendid article by Walter Sullivan reviewing a series of reports in Feb. 2nd issue of Science on recent research in Antarctica. Age of Ice Sheet 1.5th billion years. Analysis of isotopes in U.S. & Japanese areas: one fell 7 million years ago. A jet flame cut a hole thru Ross Ice Sheet, 1386 feet thick, water below 782 feet thick. Water from Pacific replaces water beneath ice in less than 6 years. 11 cores, 3 feet thick from sea floor, which formed a trough when stream of ice scoured bottom. etc. etc.

Love to Alice and all best wishes

Gene