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Dear

Eliot

My affection. I did get your letter you wrote me in reply of the one I wrote you.

University of Michigan have been a challenge to me but now it is over. I am glad to tell you that last Friday I defended my thesis. For four hours I was in the room been question by my faculty committee and at the end they shook my hand and congratulated me. It was a satisfying moment.

I wished my father could have understood the challenges I went through which as ^{you know} so different from my up bringing and somehow I managed to pull through.

I am leaving next Friday to an international seminar which has been organized by the parks of this country. Canada and Mexico and which will cover the three countries. I must say it came in the right moment, just when I completed my M.Sc. degree and are ready for a break of some sort. Eighty countries are represented and it will cover, Ontario, Quebec, Acapulco in Mexico and end in the Everglades in Miami. I am excited and I am looking forward for it. I will start at the 2nd of August and end at the 2nd of Sept. A whole month trip - exciting.

The L.S.B. Leakey foundation have met the Seminar cost which \$1,600 this excluding the flight from here to Ontario and also from Miami back to Michigan. I tried wrote to the World Wildlife Foundation in Switzerland but told me. that, all their sponsorship money were directed to South America and therefore did not have money. If you can assist or no somebody else who can I will appreciate it greatly - I feel as if I only remember friends when I am in trouble - a terrible thing. Anyway I care for you and I am not ashamed. At least you know that I am determined to do something for the Colourful Maasai. My thesis is about the Cultural Ecology of the Maasai - I will send you a copy if you want.

Say Hi to the family for me particularly to Steve and Marcie

Your sincere friend

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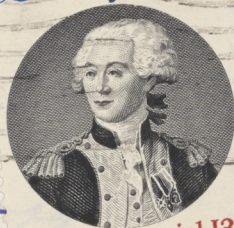
I will leave for home in September or October - Eh! I am ready for a whole new life. Six years of school straight through is enough at least for a while. Ok.

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