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Dearest Eliot,

Is my hunch right? Is this a  
"special birthday"? My good  
wishes for you cannot be better, though!

However often this occasion comes  
around, I congratulate you and me  
and the world that you are born.

It just couldn't be born if you weren't.

Be well and content, dearest Bu, and  
keep on giving us a better picture  
of our messed up world.

How far is the China book? I am very  
impatient for it.

My photographic career seems at a  
complete standstill. The Sanders  
are partly not with the business any-  
more (she) and partly trying to

Deal with a market, whose bottom  
has dropped out. So I am told.

Have you experienced it?

I still work at the Institute whose  
bottom is also more than wobbly.

With this bottom line I shall close.

But, once more, health and  
happiness and much love

B.

Greetings to Aline. Hope, that she  
is well.