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Dear Grandfather,

Thank you very much for the Christmas check. I plan to use it toward a lesson with the principal boss of the Boston Symphony next week.

I'm not sure whether or not you've heard that I'm not in school anymore. Dad is still telling people that I'm at Brown, so I guess he wishes I was. But working and going to graduate school, especially in something as competitive as History was so much. I think it's best that I'm not in school, but I still miss it. I didn't have very good relations with the faculty,

and I wasn't very well advised.

Now I'm working in the local symphony, opera company & for the college & community orchestras when they need a ringer. I'm also practicing for auditions. I'm going to be substitute teaching in the local private schools soon. One of them is encouraging me to apply for an opening for next year.

Has a caretaker been found for the island yet? I had heard that Ebby said he was interested. Nancy didn't think that would have been a very good idea, because of the kids.

I haven't any plans for the summer yet. What I will be doing depends on some of the auditions I'm taking. Dad is talking about ~~going~~ going in June. I would like to go, but I'm not sure when I would be able to.

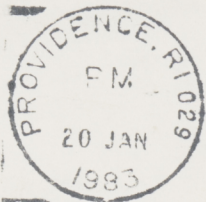
Please remember me to Aline, Pat & Annie

Love,

E.F.

P.S. I thought that this review might interest you. I haven't seen the show yet, but I plan to go this week.

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