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Dearest Ben,

Does it have to be a birthday or
Xmas to send ones good wishes?

It is almost Thanks giving and I
want to send you my love and
good wishes. As I have no turkey
to prepare or chestnuts to peel, there is
some time left. - How are you? What
are you doing? It seems so long since
I heard from you. I hope you and Aline
are well!

I was twice this year in Buenos Aires
and in summer in Europe and Maine.
Around Xmas Goggi will visit me
and that takes the sting out of the
Holiday season. He is now in Germany.
He had to retire from the Goethe house at
65 (with a pension and a medal) but

got a job as technical director of the Argentine State symphony. After 6 or 7 gruelling months the corruption got too much for him and he resigned. I am afraid that he is not in optimal condition right now. Too old and too young and with 2 young children. Trying to sell his house, which is too far from schools and city. No buyers. Poor Joggi. Money troubles are of course always close to the surface with him. - The Institute still exists. At a new address, new directors, too few children, bankruptcy. Ted just operated for Stomach cancer but recovering amazingly. It all tired me out very badly, but I go on as always. I donated the black and white Oaxaca "Lilywoman" to the Auction of Channel 13 and it was, lo and behold, bought.

Generally I am well. Arthritis, Sciatica and fatigue is about all that bothers the body. The soul ?? The mind ? - - - - Well, The mongrel was in the making for a long time (German: das Senilschew) Let me know how you are. Much love B,

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