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DEAR IVAN,

I'M AFRAID THAT THE CASUAL RELATIONSHIP WHICH HAS EXISTED BETWEEN US HAS SUFFERED AND I WANT TO SEE IT REVIVED BY ADMITTING MY OWN SHORTCOMINGS.

UPON RECEIVING A CHRISTMAS CARD FROM TOBBIE ADVISING THAT YOU WOULD BE VISITING DURING THE HOLIDAY I WROTE BACK SAYING THAT WHEN YOUR TIMETABLE WAS DECIDED TO CALL US SO WE COULD ARRANGE A GET-TO-GATHER. IN THE XMAS/NEW YEAR HUBUB I DIDN'T REALIZE UNTIL THE NEW YEAR THAT WE MIGHT HAVE MISSED YOUR VISIT I SHOULD HAVE PHONED TOBBIE PROMPTLY THEN, BUT NEVER DID. INSTEAD I FUSSED WITH PREPARATIONS FOR A MONTH-LONG VISIT TO BRUCE IN L.A AND LATER TO MEXICO.

SO, I'M SORRY - I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED - BUT WE MUFFED A RARE CHANCE FOR A VISIT AND I ONLY HOPE THERE WILL BE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY BEFORE LONG. MEANWHILE, ALL THE BEST

Sincerely

David

PS. MY MACULAR DEGEN. IS FAIRLY STABLE!