

MARCH 14/83

DEAR AUNT EDITH, JUAN & IVAN,

DESPITE THE TRAVEL DIFFICULTIES WHICH WE DISCUSSED, I STILL FEEL A BIT UNCOMFORTABLE ABOUT NOT BEING WITH YOU ON THAT FRIDAY. NOT THAT I COULD HAVE BEEN HELPFUL, BUT JUST THAT HE WAS MUCH MORE TO ME THAN SIMPLY MY FATHERS' BROTHER.

I REMEMBER YEARS AGO WHEN I WAS TOLD THAT MUSIC LESSONS WERE REQUIRED, I CHOSE THE VIOLIN OVER THE CLARINET - TO MY DADS' CHAGRIN - BECAUSE IT HAD HELPED UNCLE JACK TO GO THROUGH UNIVERSITY; AND THAT SEEMED LIKE A GOOD THING. I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN VAGUELY CONSCIOUS, THROUGH THE YEARS THAT WE WERE AWAY, THAT THE FAMILY WAS A CONSTANT BENEFECIARY OF HIS CONCERN, ATTENTION, AND SOMETIMES FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS. I KNOW VERY LITTLE OF THE DETAIL AS IN OUR PERIODIC MEETINGS HE ALWAYS DOWNPLAYED BOTH THE PROBLEM AND HIS ROLE. I'M SURE THAT MY APPRECIATION OF HIS UNASSUMING QUALITIES, AND QUIET SENSE OF HUMOUR, WILL BE MISSED BY MANY - OUTSIDE OF THE FAMILY TOO.

WE DON'T KNOW WHAT EDITHS' PLANS WILL BE, BUT WE'RE ONLY TWO HOURS AWAY FROM GOVERNMENT STREET AND BOTH DERE AND I ARE WELL EXPERIENCED IN PACKING, MOVING ETC, AND OUR VAN CAN HANDLE QUITE A LOAD. WE (WOULD) WELCOME AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HELPFUL IN ANY WAY.

HOWEVER, TO-MORROW I LEAVE FOR MEXICO,

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PANAMA AND TRINIDAD. I'LL BE HEADING BACK JUST BEFORE EASTER AND WILL MEET DEE IN PITTSBURGH WHERE WE WILL BE ADMIRING DAVID RICHARD LANGSTON. WE WILL BE BACK ON APRIL 4TH AND WILL PHONE TO SEE WHAT IS HAPPENING. DEE LEAVES VANCOUVER ON MARCH 23RD.

WITH LOVE TO ALL

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. Langston", with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.