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Dear Esther and Josh,

So much of the Pacific Ocean has flowed beneath us— and the China Sea— that I hardly know where to begin. I tried to contact you when we were in San Francisco in June but Josh was out of town and Esther was at home baking a cake. We had a grand voyage except for 3½ days in Hong Kong which threw me into complete blackout.

Our six weeks in Manila were most pleasant. The younger ones swam, played tennis and fished. Imoge was entertained night and day. After interviewing 60 medical students, we developed a questionnaire and learned many interesting things about the medical students—most of which was “news” to the faculty. The student anywhere, about 20% are in medical school because their parents told them to be a doctor--they are taught in English but live in the dialect. About 50% of the students are Filipino, but the present trend continues the Philippines will be controlled by a race of Amazonas in 30 years. Pharmacy, Medicine, Law are becoming female professions— and the girls are attractive. Fancy hairdos, spangled heels, Chanel #5 and a stethoscope are incongruous.

We moved on to Japan on Sept. 1. Our home is classical Japanese and we have no clock and no hour. Meals are served in the floor. Imoge is taking an intense course in Japanese—6 days a week and 2 tests a week. We have been working with the faculty in revising the curriculum and talking with medical students. We like the Japanese— as you did—and our reception has been delightful. Jack (the oldest boy) is at the Internet...
Christian University in Tokyo and is living with a Japanese family - and no English. I will begin interviews with Japanese students next week. I found the lectures of The Comparative Anatomy of Medical Students to be most interesting.

Our other two children are five days older. We are finding the routine of travel days with no children to be delightful. But we are glad to see them when they come home. Josh, you will be thrilled to know that when Jack was interviewed for university admission he gave his career choice as - "Genetics - I am interested in genetics as a line - we think of you and Marjorie Fortley-Jobs."