

Dear Penny:

December 5, 1977

You will be surprised that it now takes 18 days for a letter from U.S. to reach us as yours arrived today. It seems I wrote to you when I came to Iran, but I can't seem to remember where I left off! We are all fine - the pool has long since been drained, and the leaves are off the trees, the ski slopes on the mountains around Tehran are ready for skiers, but no snow has fallen in town yet.

I have been working at the Iranian National Assoc. for Welfare of the Deaf where I worked before (1972 - 1975). I had left because my salary was too low, but this time they called me up (at Moe's office, we still don't have a phone at home) and offered a good salary. I've been working since Sept 17 from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm, 5 days a week. Another reason for my return was that the hours are much better than 8-4 which I had last year.

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I had meant to write to you sooner but the INOWD held a Regional Seminar on Deafness from Nov 5 to 9 and I was very busy before it with correspondence to the delegates and during it typing speeches, resolutions etc. The Proceedings have to be printed yet. This week Bernard Bragg, a deaf pantomime artist, came to give 3 performances, 1 to deaf children, 1 to deaf adults, and a benefit and again I was busy with hotel reservations, printing tickets, and publicity. I hope

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Things quiet down by Christmas so I can do shopping etc.

For Halloween we carved a pumpkin and <sup>as</sup> I set it out on the balcony and lit it, I saw fireworks from the King's Palace (it's in Shemiran) so the kids and I saw fireworks on Halloween (instead of the 4th (it was the Crown Prince's birthday)).

We had relatives + friends for Thanksgiving but I served rice + khoresk + stuffed chickens (at 81.75 lb, who needs turkey?).

I have been going to a club meeting + luncheon once a month but nothing exciting. Will write again soon - no more space soon - no more space  
Love  
Doria, Moe, Melani