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Dear Penny; Len, Marianne, Chris and Mike

Imagine you'll receive this on your return to C-4 from Colorado. We are returning to Tehran Friday the 26th and I've enclosed a map showing how to get to our house should you or anyone from UofT come to Tehran. Camron wrote the street names in Farsi so the map could be shown to a taxi driver (most of the telephone taxi drivers are literate). Also I've enclosed a clipping with the Tehran bazaar and why the rug prices are so high.

Since we returned to Chicago we went to the Zoo, Field Museum, Shedd Aquarium, Planetarium, "Great America", and Museum of Science and Industry. I couldn't find Karl Edstrom's in Chicago. I found out about a special test given at Childrens Memorial Hospital for eye problems like Melanies and managed to get an appointment. The test is to determine what chance there is for a child to develop binocular vision. After about 40 minutes of tests, apparently to determine how her mind registers what she sees, they said that further surgery wouldn't help - and that we had done all that we

could have done. She said that only 30 to 40% get a perfect result and that children don't respond the same to the same kind of surgery, and the hoped-for results usually are obtained by age 5 or never and that it has only been the last 8 or 9 years that surgery has been done on 1+2 year olds (before the anesthesia would as likely kill them as permit surgery), so even eye surgeons do not agree on treatment methods and that parents usually have a terrible time. She said that the surgery that had been done on Melanie was good and hadn't left scars (I didn't even know that visible scars could have been left). She said that the treatment that I described was all that we possibly could have done and that for reasons unknown now, all children don't respond to it uniformly. She said no glasses, no fess, and an eye checkup yearly was it unless I noticed a reason for one sooner. She emphasized that Melanie sees well, but in her own way, and that her results fall about in the middle of a continuum ranging from binocular vision to a situation where the eyes roll about from side to side.

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Anyway, I'll concentrate on orthodontists etc. We received a telegram from Moe that he was taking a 3-day leave beginning when we get back, but on tonight's news I find that the controllers are on strike at London airport, so I hope I can get an Aug. 26th Braniff flight to De Gaulle or Frankfurt. They were interviewing people who were in London for 3 days and still waiting to get out.

The kids enjoyed the Great America amusement park a lot, though I was really astonished at the tremendous crowds. Camron went on everything, including the "Turn of the Century" (a roller coaster that goes upside down) and Melanie and I went on everything but. It was extremely well-organized, and even though 500 people waited in some lines (most) we didn't wait more than 20-25 minutes. We managed to see 2 shows, but couldn't fit in the circus show. I don't know if it is always so crowded, or if all the rainy days caused everyone to descend on the one sunny day.

However, I think it's a good vacation for the kids (upmnie, \$9 for adults, \$8 for kids, though

I bought^{#7}, and^{#6} tickets at Jewels).

Hope Colorado was great, and
many thanks for all your hospitality
during our stay in C-U.

Did you ever get a letter from
Mae? Anyway, I'll write you from
Tehran as soon as I find a new job,
etc.

Love
Gloria