

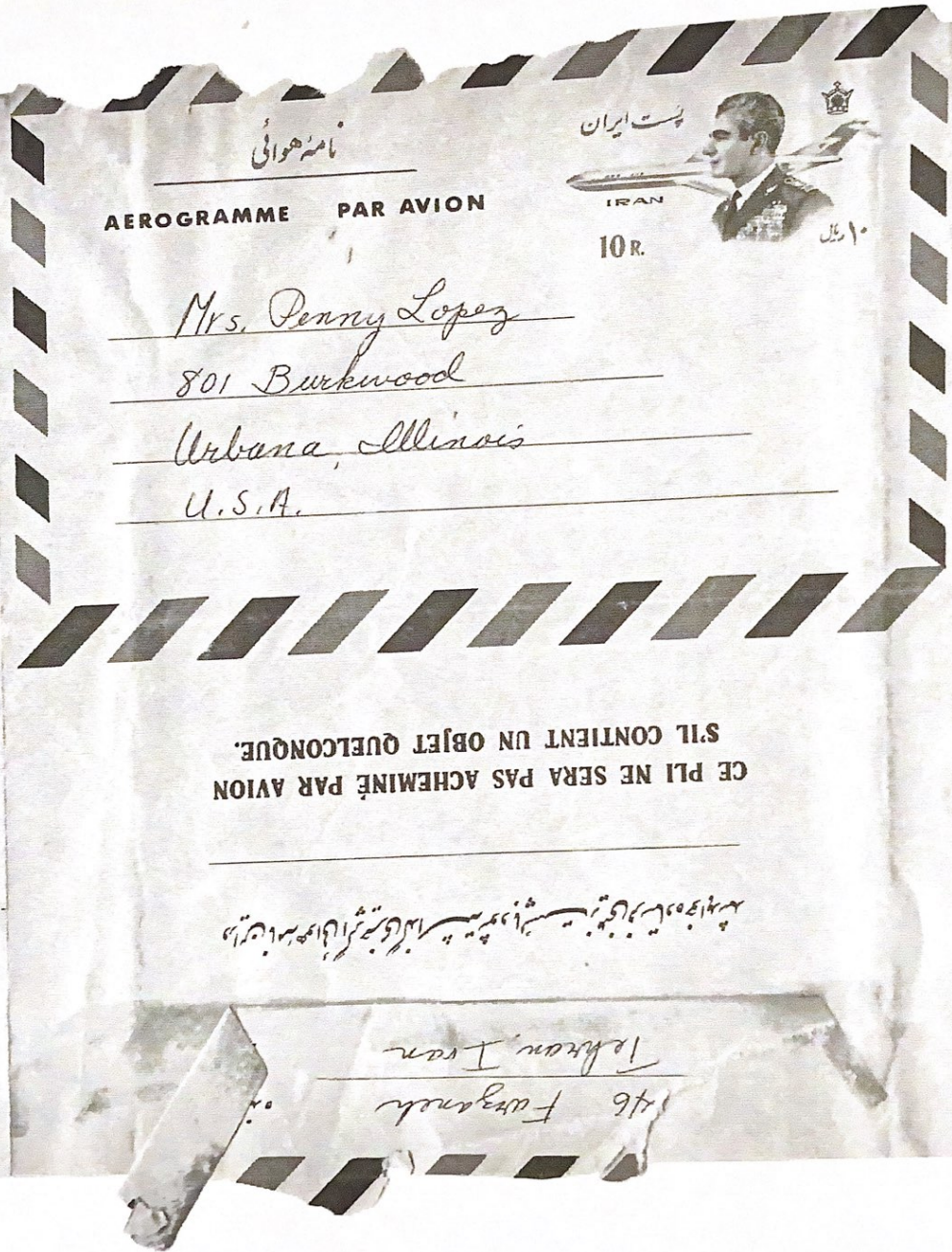
July 13, 1975

Dear Penny:

Glad to hear that you and everyone are fine. Camron and Melanie have started on their third week of summer school, a misnomer since there is nothing academic about it, and seem to be thoroughly enjoying it since they swim, paint, do drama and art every day in the mornings while I'm at work. Since the temperature here has been between 102F and 105F for the past two weeks, I'm very happy they are going to the summer school which is shaded by tall trees with a big garden for them to play in instead of cooped up in the apartment with nowhere to go. I had thought of having a 4th of July picnic since it fell on a Friday which is the equivalent of Sunday here, but since it was one of those 105^o days I changed my mind and invited Moes sister's family and mother to a dinner prepared at home! There doesn't seem to be enough electricity to go around in Tehran and just about every day except weekends when the factories are off there have been blackouts for a few hours, usually from 3 to 8 in the afternoon. These play havoc with my "schedule?" since I can't run the washing machine or vacuum in the afternoons when I'm home, and with the cooler and fans out of commission as well no one is in the mood to wash floors etc either. Hopefully it will cool off to 95 or so next month.

I imagine Len must be in Brazil by now, or rather by the time you get my letter on his way home. You have really been doing a lot more traveling than me, though Moe this past year has done more than my share, though his travel has been all inside Iran. This month he has been home weekends and most Thursdays we've been going swimming together, and he finds he's able to swim and dive again with his back giving him no trouble as long as he remembers to do his morning exercises. The operation cured the bone growth, but at the same time he was left with a minor disc problem which with the exercises does seem well in control. I hope you have all the children on their own bikes now instead of yours so that your back will be spared. After August 6th I will take my remaining 3 weeks vacation, and hope to find a babysitter for the month remaining till school begins. I think Moe will be in Tehran for most of the summer, and since he just gave the final for the one course he taught this semester, his work load should consist of Ministry work and the ever-present nuisance of building the house. Our landlord has sold the house whose 2nd floor we are renting. According to Iranian laws, we can't be evicted for this reason, but the landlord has told us he paid 20,000 T to the buyer which the buyer will return to him when we leave. Moe told him that he doesn't care if he gives 1,000,000 T to the buyer since all the buyer has is Moe's word that we'll leave when our house is finished, since Moe doesn't care about the landlord's money. This landlord promised to put in an extra cooler for us this summer and in turn we increased the rent we paid to him. Summer arrives and he says sorry he can't put in the cooler since he's selling the house, which really has nothing to do with it since he can take the cooler with him when he leaves. The next thing we know is that he wants us to sign a paper stating the month we will leave. Of course we refuse to make any promises to him since it really is impossible to predict when the house will be finished, and why should we, when he's so good at keeping promises? Nevertheless, we are anxious to complete the house

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 more a month. Mo's
 sister when she
 moved to Tehran looked
 at 30 apts, and now
 she's living in one of
 them for 3000T a
 month (nothing for
 less exists). Give our
 best to Marianne,
 Chris and Mike, and
 Len of course. Love
 Gloria