

Dear Debbie -

April 30 - Sat.

I think I'm going out of my mind !!! How I am planning a million details, moving people in and out of shot clinics, arranging house sitters, dog feeders, tree waterers when you call to say you're too busy to come along. I really can't believe it. This trip will be the most educational thing you'll probably ever do. Especially since you have chosen to live in South America, a tour of the rest of the continent, meeting with political leaders would really let you know where you are on the map, both physically & politically.

Then there's me. This may be my only chance ever to get down there to Guyana and it will definitely be my only chance to tour South America free (or otherwise).

The reason I'm attaching my trip to yours (if you don't go I don't go) is #1 - there are a good number of meetings that I will be involved in since I have spent 3 months

doing a literature study of Aylla and probably have 100 times more facts at hand about it than Ray does. During those meetings I will need your help with S. and D.

2. - When I'm on my own I won't be able to explore my way through big cities and crowded buses with one child on each hand. I'll need another adult around. I'm really too chicken to do it without

you, when you get right down to it. I tried to get Becky to fill the slot but she's having a lot of trouble these days.

She was suspended from school for cutting PE. 10 times.

She flunked geometry and is bombing out elsewhere. Sound like somebody you used to be? Luckily she's not into drugs or sex.

When she cuts she just goes home and sulks. She is a very unhappy 16 yr. old. I'm trying to get her to transfer to Davis High & live with us, but part of her problem is

that she has changed schools too much already. Enough - I'll tell you more May 15. But she can't go.

When we went to New Zealand 2 years ago, Ray spent 10 days in Australia while I toured the North island alone with the kids. There I spoke the language (English) but just about went out of my mind without any help.

You should get this letter by May 3. Still time for you to be able to come. I'm certainly not going to cancel any reservations because I fully expect you to become convinced

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of the importance of all this. I may be able to arrange to stay longer than 4 or 5 days in Guyana. How often is there transportation into & out of Georgetown. Could I get in and out in five days? If it looks like I may be able to, but you're not sure, I'll go ahead and "double book". I'll not keep the present reservations out and get another set for about June 13-15. The airline probably won't realize it because the reservations through the U.N. are held in a bloc without individual names I think. If they catch you with two sets of reservations they cancel everything. I've heard... although I'm sure they wouldn't cancel the U.N. reservations. They could do it to the later ones. You see, I'm not going to take no for an answer from you. I'll see you in Caracas come Hell or High water.
BE THERE Love & Kisses - Annaliese BB-3-X-2

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Dear Delli,

April 26

I just sent you a telegram with our basic itinerary. You wouldn't believe how complicated all this is. The United Nations (actually their Rice Research facility in the Philippines) is handling our tickets and visas and travel costs etc. They have some magical stamp or marginal or something that will get us in and out of anywhere. Assuming that you have wrote your passport number by now we will also have your necessary documents. Luckily I have a photo of you (with a natural!). The one place we're running ~~it~~ into trouble with you is Venezuela (Caracas). I tried to arrange a flight so I could meet you in Port-o-Spain with your visa, but I just can't make good connections... plus I would have to be dragging both kids around because Ray has to be on his own pretty tight schedule. Here's the problem: we can't get you into Caracas without you in possession of proper documents. We can't even get you an airline ticket with the destination of Caracas without those documents so here is the solution: The flight mentioned in the telegram (Varig airline # 98 Sat May 13 Port-o-Spain Caracas) plus on to the U.S. Your ticket will say destination New Orleans. What you have to do is to go to the Varig ~~air~~ airline officials when you arrive in Caracas. They will have your necessary documents. With these in hand you can stay in Caracas. As soon as you get into customs have them cancel the rest of your flight. We can get BB-321

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our money back even if you are unable to cancel, but
it would be easier if you take care of that.

Hopefully by flight time we will have the name
of a person at the airline or US embassy there
who you can phone or talk to

Meanwhile after you arrive in Caracas go to
Friday noon time. You have reservations for Saturday
night & Sunday night. We will be arriving
Sunday 10:30 PM. Our room reservations are for
Sunday night only, and since we won't arrive
until quite late you will need to confirm
the reservations on Sunday before 6:00 PM.

There will be somebody from that Rice production
project meeting us Monday afternoon, and from
there on in we are in their hands. They will
have our tickets in a book and accommodations.

There will be a few other people traveling
with us. I know of at least 1 other professor from
Texas. Being at least one person there because
we may be going to some party during parties.
However you are traveling as an observer (bab-
sitter) so you will see others (and we don't
want that).

Back to this trip... I really don't know
our exact itinerary and I think nothing for
the US. I do know that we will come to

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through Caracas and end up in Guyana. June 13
+ June 14. Do you think it will be possible for
us to get into Jonestown for about two days?
if not, maybe mom can come to Georgetown.
I haven't written to mom yet - I guess you've
told her about the trip ---? I'll write to her
soon. Where is Karen these days? It would be nice
to see her too.

I'll be able to hang around doing what I want
in Guyana. Ray and the group with him will
be speaking with Guyana officials about the
\$50 million grant, how it is to be used, where
dams will be built and (most important to Ray)
how Azela will be used and cultured, what
equipment will be used, who will take responsibility
for the Azela etc. etc. Whoever that (Azela) person is,
he will probably be sent to our lab to be trained eventually
(or else to a big Rice Research facility in the Philippines).

I'm curious to know if this whole deal is being
publicized much down there? Guyana is really being
used as a model country to show how greatly rice
yield can be increased. The world bank is financing it.
I wonder what's in it for them?? I guess I shouldn't
bite the hand that feeds me! They're being really
generous, letting all of us travel, but they know
that Ray is using 1 1/2 yrs. vacation time to do it and
they can't pay him an out and out salary - so our tickets

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If you see why I write in pencil I'm sorry this letter is a
such a mess.

are his compensation. When we went to New Zealand
two years ago it was the same sort of deal.

Talk to her if there's anything she needs brought
down to her. I could leave something large at
Caracas and pick it up the second time we pass
through. Some gas for anything you or Karen
need.

Also - do you have a smallpox vaccination? Bring
proof of that and yellow fever vaccination (you
needed that to get into Guyana). Also you will need
your passport with you when you pick up your prepaid tickets.
I can't think of anything else right now. If you
haven't sent your passport number by the time you
get this letter do it now.

The kids have opposite feelings about this trip.
David wants to stay home and play with his friend
Eddie. Sara is so excited that she stays awake
half the night making plans. (in case you hadn't
noticed, Lori is now going exclusively by the name Sara)
I actually prefer Sara and her teacher has changed the
name at school.

Here is your flight again, in case you lost the telegram.
Pan Am # 227 Georgetown - Port of Spain Fri May 12 11:55 P.M.
Varig # 981 Port of Spain - Caracas Sat May 13 1:05 P.M. - 2:10 P.M. (midnight)
Your tickets will be held at Pan Am ticket counter in
Georgetown. Love + kisses sis BB-3-2-4

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P.S. Your tickets will be held in Guyana about 2 days before your flight. Somehow, if they telex them down now, the tickets will be telexed back in two days. So just pick them up the afternoon before flight. I will probably think of a million more things so I'll probably write again.

-Sis-

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