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Dear George,

We received your telex today and sent a reply to "Easy Rider" following all instructions, previously given for the sending of telexes. My cable to UN HABITAT was returned probably because I didn't state c/o B. Hyland. Really I only wanted to convey that our failure to communicate was simply due to the fact that whenever we received a card or letter, which always takes ten to twelve ~~days~~ days, you would indicate that you were only staying ten more days. Telexing ~~is~~ seems the most satisfactory way of communicating. Nevertheless, we have enjoyed all the postcards!

A few weeks ago I ensured that we would be able to leave the country in December so I made ~~an~~ booking with Sing. Airlines. Sydney Rome - Rome Sydney. Though I was rather dismayed at the prospect of having to go this circular route, it's now impossible to fly direct to or from Israel ~~Sydney~~ from Sydney. I also seem to be getting the best deal, money wise, from Sing/ Air. The three places I've settled on is, Egypt, Israel and Italy - it makes sense to do it in that order, chronologically. I've started reading about Egypt and feeling quite excited about that part of the trip - it's probably nice for Stephen that one place will be new for all of us! How do you feel about Egypt, now that you've been spending so much time in that part of the world! We're all pleased that everything seems to be going so well for you and look forward to hearing in more detail about your work and the people you work with. Perhaps we'll have to wait till we see you - there seems no time anymore for letter writing and over the years we've ~~you~~ certainly done our share of it. I

We've all been rather shattered, in the last week, and Andrew in particular, by the death of Clifford's father, John Barry. To our surprise he was sixty - he died of a heart attack, soon after coming home from a Father's day dinner that his daughter gave him. ~~He~~ ^{Clifford} gave a speech at the funeral which brought tears to Andrew's eyes amongst many others. It was very moving, partly because he was so close to tears himself - - hearing him

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him say "he was my father, my boss, my skipper and my best friend... and feeling the greatness of the loss Clifford was experiencing made me feel veery strongly that the next two years the time you can spend with Stephen - even if short, let them be memorable - like this trip would be great, After that we'll have a few terrible teenage years when he might not want to know either of us, till at sixteen, seventeen he'll come back to us. ~~So~~ I'm aware that for the next two years, I cant leave him except with you for any significant period - you're a better teacher than I, and he really would benefit emotionally, intellectually and in every way from your presence.

I've just spoken to the travel agent and just confirmed there's no easy way of going direct to Cairo, even if you spend more on fares - so it seems we'd arrive in Rome early on the morning of Friday Dec. 11th. - the first flight to Cairo would be late in the afternoon that day - so I think the sensible thing to do would be to spend the day and night in Rome and leave about midday on Saturday for Cairo - hopefully being a little fresher - so it ~~looks~~^{seems} that our arrival date for Cairo would be Saturday the 12th.

I've been advised that the Hilton is the best situated from the point of moving around to museums etc. so would like to make a booking - can you do it more easily from the U.N. or shall I do it - and what kind of accomodation???? double room with adjoining room - I think would be best or all in one room ... I'll leave all that till I hear from you - airlines seem to be the most essential to book as soon as possible. I had originally thought of taking the boat trip down the Nile, but now feel that I wouldn't want the claustrophobic atmosphere of a boat for eight days. Please let us know as soon as possible how much time you would like/be able to spend with us and where. It seems you left your favourite sandals (German or Swiss) but purchased in America - I found them under the study bed a while ago - do you want them brought with us.

Today my Mother leaves for Hungary to celebrate her brother's 50th. Wedding anniversary so I'm off to take her to the airport - will just have time to post this before I leave, Andrew has started work as the property manager in D/ Bay - the only one there in charge of property so he has no one looking over his shoulder, which he likes - seems to be doing well both at work and

his course - He got A's in ~~Bookkeeping~~ Bookkeeping

8 has - in a pretty good frame of mind - He

Clyde go for early morning swims at

Wendi every morning - if only he & Rebecca
could give up smoking!

- for time

Love
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