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Dear George &amp; Valli -

We passed through Singapore on 15 November, on our way back from Sri Lanka, & tried very hard to reach you through your friend Kerry Hill, but got no answer at either number. We may well have been in the airport at the same time, since we had a wait of several hours ~~at~~ between planes. Too bad. The two months in Sri Lanka were very pleasant & professionally interesting, although for nearly 6 weeks I was far too busy trying to pull the project's chestnuts out of the fire, working literally 14 hours a day 7 days a week. Jean enjoyed living in a mansion with 10 servants, & I enjoyed particularly the time spent in the field in our region, including 2 weekends at an extremely simple but utterly delightful beach resort where we slept in woven bamboo cabanas right on the sand for 60c. per person per night. Now I am spending a few weeks with the Development Studies Centre at A.N.U. I'll return to the Centre for Research in Federal Financial Relations (A.N.U.) in January. About mid-

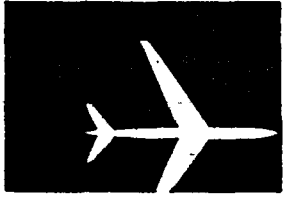
April we go back to Sri Lanka, probably for 4 months, to finish off the project, & then back to A.N.U. to complete my assignment with C.R.F.F.R. So we are more or less booked for a year.

I don't know whether or not Jean wrote to you about our purchase of a just-under-1000 acre property in the foothills of the Snowy Mountains. It is a very beautiful "property", with a 2-storey log house on a plateau nearly 4000 ft. up & higher hills around. We have 200 acres of virgin forest & perhaps 200 acres more under smaller bits of woods, with intercroppings of grey-green rock, 600 acres of pasture & a view down the valley to the river. We have a "pool" some 300 yards long & 10 to 20 yards wide where the river is anything from 5 ft. to 20 ft deep, a nice big swimming pool. Why don't you come & see us?

Ean has just emerged from a cluster of disasters. He found himself an excellent job in the Development Studies Centre ANU when he visited us last September, cut short his vacation to rush back to Nagoya, resign from UNCRD, sell his car & stereo & TV & furniture, & apply for a visa to return & begin work on October 3rd. The

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Investigation authorities took 6 weeks to issue a visa & by that time Ben was in hospital with hepatitis. So he did his job & having resigned from U.V., had to pay his own medical expenses. The family arrived two days ago & is conversant & here at Hyderabad as the property has been called. It is likely to be home & loved after but worried about what to do when he recovers. Ben & Jean a good synopsis of the plot. But at the moment I'm enjoying concentrating on doing nothing. Sorry to have worried you in order on whether it was that you contacted tried to contact me. I hope we can run into each other again soon. Best of luck on Bali.