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Dear Family,

Mother's blackmail is very effective. I'm not about to miss another round of letters!

The Wood family is just fine. Barry's been made a Seventy and spends two or three nights a week doing missionary work. One young lady he's been teaching will be baptized the 21st of July. Her sister is already a member. He's also teaching the husband of a young woman (American Indian) who's already a member. They're having a few difficulties teaching him as he feels it's impossible for him to stop smoking, sees nothing wrong with smoking pot, and just quit his job as a cook to work in a liquor store in D.C.

Some of you may not know that Barry quit his job with the Government (your tax dollars are no longer supporting us) and is working for a large Chicago-based firm (Kirkland & Ellis) here in their D.C. Firm. He's still largely doing communications law for them. The former chairman of the FCC (Wylie) is a partner in this firm. He called the FCC looking to hire and personally called Barry and asked him to interview with them. It seems that everyone he asked at the FCC recommended Barry as an excellent lawyer to hire. Last week Wylie had a "progress interview" with Barry and gave us a bonus and raised his salary. The only thing I don't like about the job are the hours. I got spoiled by the 9-5 job with the government. He's especially busy right now with the clear channel problem. Comments are due on July 11th so I'm lucky if he's home by 9 or 10 pm. He'll have to work Saturdays till the 11th also. Dean Lee (BYU Law School) and President Dallin Oaks both worked for Kirkland & Ellis at one point in their careers.

Barry's also been working on an adoption for Uncle Delbert. Aunt Caroline was babysitting a two yr. old (son of a military, un-wed mother) who approached them about adoption.

Caroline started out watching him daytimes, and gradually the Mother asked her to take him more and more. She has enough sense to realize she couldn't offer him much of a life in army barracks.

As for me, I'm winding up a year as MIA Pres. Barry and I will serve as chaperones at Youth Conference July 12-14. It will be held at ~~At~~ Mt. St. Mary's College in Maryland. I haven't decided who will be the lucky sister of Nathan yet and will take Warren with us.

Warren is a VERY GOOD BABY!! He is so good-natured. As most of you know, he was born on May 4th. I was induced as he was 10 days overdue and our insurance was due to run out on the 7th. I had him in only 5 hrs. without medication, but found it harder than Nathan's birth. This was probably due to the fact that I had to share a labor suite and couldn't concentrate as well and he was 9 lbs 10 oz! (7 more ounces than Nathan.) It was great to have both sets of Grandparents here.

I finally finished our bedroom. It's so nice to have one nice room in what can otherwise be described as a MESS! What a temptation to spend all day in bed. HA!

Nathan's a handful right now. He's adorable one moment and an absolute horror the next. He's been pretty good to the baby, though I still hesitate leaving Warren in the same room as Nathan within his reach. He likes to give kisses, but has also tried to step on him a couple of times.

Well, we hope all's well with each of you and yours. Hope you all have a nice 4th and wish we could be there this year to enjoy a picnic and the parade.

Love,

Virginia, Barry, Nathan &
Warren Tracy