

Aug. 17, 1978

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Marty's folks are coming out to visit us the second week in September, which is my deadline for finishing all these projects I've started. Marty is going to panel the family room this week, also, and then we're having new carpet laid there, so my family room and kitchen will seem brand new! Course, I've also chosen wall paper (it just arrived UPS) and ordered fabric for curtains and drapes. Now, if Marty would just take the kids and vamoose for two weeks I could really get some work done!

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Love,  
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