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Dear Family,

I suppose the great event of July was the sale of our Calif home. Escrow closed while we were on vacation. We had some needed purchases fulfilled like a new used car. We bought a 1983 Caprice Classic (Chevy) station wagon with 33,000 miles. It was in real good shape. We bought it from a private party. Charlotte is pleased with her new car. We got it for a good price and saved about half of the cost for a brand new one.

We also purchased a stereo, JVC and a TV. Yes a TV. After 7 1/2 years of marriage we have a TV. We needed something to watch our home movies on. I haven't had time to learn how to use the camera yet. We had fun spending but that is pretty much over now. Food storage and a few other items need to be taken care of. Later we will get a computer.

July was a month of softball. We played in a tournament every weekend except one. We came home with \$3 second place trophies and one first place trophy. Over this past weekend we took 4<sup>th</sup> in our league tournament. We gave away the games on errors. I sprained my left ankle badly and couldn't play after the second game. I batted .36 for 84 on the season. Over all our team improved from the beginning of the year. As a team we began to jell. Softball is over now.

My job out here is starting to wind up. I could be here for a year but there are real possibilities of being laid off as early as October 85. So far natural attrition has avoided lay offs. There is an uneasy atmosphere and people want to have a new job before being laid off. As for myself I will hang on until a decision on acceptance for law school is certain. I did not do well on the entrance exam. I have found my reading speed to be very slow. Still I have good to fair probability of being accepted somewhere because of work experience. If I do get laid off I could get on with the plant in operations. That would save an additional move until we know what our course is.

Charlotte is getting bigger. She broke her baby toe last week. Getting around was and still is painful.

The children are having a good time this summer. They especially like jumping on the trampoline with the sprinkler underneath. I keep moving the trampoline to the dry spots in the yard. It is amazing how good for the lawn a trampoline can be. We picked our first corn from the garden today.

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