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Dear Mom & Dad,

I've been fairly busy here already trying to get a little organized. I'm through with all grad school applications (finally) and my independent study is looking O.K.

I filled up with gas the Monday after I got back. It was self service (Exxon - 35¢) and I filled it to the brim and found it only took 13½ gallons! I must have gotten around 22 miles/gal. I guess my car does a lot better around 55 mph.

The tape deck works real well. It wasn't any problem to set up and it sounds fine - records well too. That leather cover for it really helps - Thanks, Dad.

My courses are looking pretty good. Besides the research, I have:

- a Philos course in Existentialism
- a Music course in Counterpoint - It's sort of advanced music theory, studying & writing in the style of Bach

and - Psychology & Religion - This is probably the best of the courses - reading a lot of Freud + Jung - one of the requirements of the course is to keep a dream diary

I baked some bread for the profs who wrote me recommendations. It was the same kind as I brought home that time - I tried some more of the wheat bread at a lower temp but it didn't do well.

Dave wrote and said they got the books. He sounded like they liked them fairly well.

Ben expects to be here through at least March 1. I smeared him in ping pong the other nite.

I'm glad you liked the tape. I'll have to do some other things this summer. I was hoping to record some piano too but there wasn't enough time (or a good piano) I really enjoyed your letter, Dad. I really feel grateful for how good you've both been in helping us out, getting us through school, etc. I was only sorry that we couldn't do more for your anniversary. We must plan something extra special when Dave & Lynne visit this summer.

I wish that both of you would get out and do things and have fun more than you do. Let the child out. You aren't that old to do things like that (Dancing, for instance) I'm sure that both of you have hobby interests that might be fun. It just seems to me that too much of your life is at work and doing things around the house when, with a little initial effort, you could be doing other things which you would enjoy more. Think (and talk) about it.

Ben's tape of Messiah has some interference on it but has many good sections. I think I'll be able to make a copy of it here.

Also, my new checks came.

I hope things are sort of back to normal after all the planning for the anniversary party. I know Granny & Pops appreciated it and really enjoyed themselves, as did everyone who came.

Take it easy.

Love,  
Craig