

December 21, 1954

Dear Grot:

The holiday season is upon us and we wish you were spending it with us instead of on the other side of the world. It probably doesn't seem like Christmas at all with the seasons reversed, and much of what we associate with Christmas is in terms of cold weather.

Since this is the last day of Autumn tomorrow is your birthday — Happy Birthday, old slave, with 5 echoes from the best of us. Here's hoping you are hale and hearty and find the Tasmanian climate to your liking. I finally located Tasmania on a globe today — it's quite a piece from here, you bet!

The enclosed cards account for part of the group. Jean has been after me to write this for the past ten days — I hope the air mail service is good. Jeff decided he couldn't write well enough to suit him, and Larry writes his own brand of writing Jan everything, but paper. Paper

is for burning — not writing.

We are all in good shape after a bout with the stomach flu — it literally went thru the whole family! Christmas is pretty well under control, and the only blur on the picture is a lack of business which has existed most of the last 4 months. Things have been a little tough — and apparently this is general in the window covering industry. Thus, Christmas will be on the lean side this year. I hope things pick up fast after the first of the year.

Do you still want those Assurak discs from Richardson — if so, can you use about 20 of them instead of six for a 10⁰⁰ minimum order. Let me know — the exact cost is still to come from Richardson.

Jean and I both hope you have a very merry Christmas, Gato, and the high cost of air mail precluded sending you an elephant or some other appropriate gift. Our intentions were of the best.

Love from all of us.
Schuyler

Dear Grate -

We're all getting into the act here! Just want to add my own thoughts - we do wish you were going to be here with us for Christmas. Whether or not you realize it, the children always enjoy your visits so much. They seem to like the kind of banter you throw at them. I do, too,

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you will be here with
us next Christmas.

all good wishes, Grate.

Best love,

Jean

although they may hear from
my family more often, they
know you better than their
other relatives - So they are
sincere when they tell you
they'll miss you - Andy,
Jeff & Todd have all three
asked me several times if
you were not going to be
here - Larry even remembered
where everyone had slept
when you were here last,
for he was rather proud
that you'd slept in his
room - (even tho' he didn't.)

We'll think of you
for sure - Just hope you've
found congenial people with
whom to share the holiday -

I hope the coming
year is a fruitful one...
for you - and that

Dear Uncle Grote,

We are very sorry that you
can not be with us for Christmas.
We miss you very much. We need
someone jolly around here. I know
we are going to have a Happy
Christmas and I hope you do
too.

Love,
andy

Best Wishes for Christmas
and the New Year



Love,
andy

(over)

to DD

With best wishes
for the
Christmas Season



REDE R

Merry Christmas

He wrote his own name inside
with gusto just for you!!
This morning I came down
stairs to the kitchen & there
were Todd & Larry eating
cereal. He had set the
table, got bowls, glasses,
spoons etc. & placed the
cereal, got milk out of
the ice box & fixed Larry's
bowl as well as his own.
Real pleased with himself
he was.

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