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Dear Suha and Feza:

How wonderful to get Suha's long, long letter. Feza should be returning from his trip about now, according to your letter, but instead of waiting for his account, I am writing to tell you our reactions to Suha's letter.

First of all, you are certainly forgiven for not writing, but we were beginning to wonder what plans to make.

Secondly, you do make the whole trip sound very, very pleasant for us! The fact that you will be spending so much time with us, even in Istanbul, makes us terribly pleased and grateful.

The plan sounds fine to us as you outlined it! two weeks in Ankara, a week in Istanbul, sitting on the beaches of the Bosphorus, and most exciting of all, wandering into various parts of Anatolia to see the archaeological remains!

Since Suha hasn't the final say, we wait word from Feza about the exact mechanics of all this, and the formal invitation, if there is to be ~~such~~ such a thing. But in the meantime, I have called our travel agent to start the wheels in motion of reservations. This is what we have achieved thus far!

The flights from London to Istanbul on Sunday, June 10th (which is the date I gave her) are a BEA which arrives Istanbul about 8 pm and a PAN American which arrives about 3:55 pm. It seems there is no flight from Istanbul to Ankara (according to her) after about 1 pm, so whichever flight we took, we would have to stay over one night, if we are to go to Ankara first. I therefore told her to put us on the one that gets in at 8 pm (for the moment) because the other one necessitates getting up at the crack of dawn in London.

So, first question: when will the Istanbul visit be? At the beginning or the end of the trip? On our schedule, I told her to leave open for the moment, the flights from Istanbul to Ankara, and Ankara to Istanbul.

In any case, we arrive Istanbul the night of Sun. June 10th, and we fly Istanbul to Geneva on Wednesday, July 3rd to arrive there late that afternoon in time for the conference which starts at CERN on July 4th.

So, that is a bit more than three weeks.

Next question: when we went on the round the world trip, we had all ~~the~~ kinds of shots. I know we should have vaccination, typhoid, tetanus. Should we also get typhus, cholera and yellow fever shots? I think these were specific to India, but then again I seem to remember that there is typhus in Israel. What do you recommend.

As for the financial arrangements, we await to learn the details of that from you. I hope you do work it out in a way that will not complicate us getting the money out of Turkey.

Later on, you will have to tell me the kinds of clothes we will need. Beside the obvious beach stuff---what kind of rough stuff for the countryside---what the weather is at that time of year--rain stuff? Dressy things? You know what we will need to know.

Another thing! there must be somethings American made that you regret, as of now, not having brought along with you. PLEASE PLEASE do let us know anything you want from mundane underwear for Joseph to a dishwashing machine! Seriously, though, what do you miss that we can get for you.

Can we bring in some scotch, for instance? I seem to remember you liked it and that it was very expensive there. Or am I mixed up with another country.

How is your political situation now? We read of an attempted coup. Does it make any difference in your personal ~~lives~~ lives?

There must be a lot of other pertinent things, or impertinent, but I will await to hear from Feza that you really want us and can arrange it. If so---WE ARE COMING!!!! And the thought of all that time with you is the most exciting part of it all. I am sure you will be sick and tired of Les Serbers by the end.

What other news? We finally saw Bram the other night. He called up and invited himself to dinner. He seemed a little down in spirits, but not too bad. He said he is trying with the idea of coming to Turkey but most likely will spend the whole summer at Brookhaven.

Lila is all better and looks fine. She came in to my art gallery. I must call her soon.

So, darlings, we now await word from Feza.

Love Love

Charlotte & Bob

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Dear Feza and Suha:

Your letter of March 18th crossed en route my "Turkish" note to you. And it was a fine letter to receive.

We are getting very excited about the trip and looking forward to it with delight. Everyone I tell is most envious.

Now to business:

- 1) As you say, as soon as the formal invitation to Bob arrives from the Physics Chairman, Bob will send an official reply of acceptance so that you can finalize the arrangements.
- 2) As far as the financial arrangements are concerned, we would like to have the entire sum paid in dollars in advance in New York. We will gain a great deal on the exchange.
- 3) As far as the travel allowance, we also would like to have the amount of a round trip first class fare paid in dollars in New York in advance. That would be a big help. We have a travel agent setting up the trip.
- 4) Would it facilitate things if I send you a bill from the agent for the actual amount of the round trip fare?
- 5) We have reservations on BEA from London to Istanbul to arrive Istanbul at 8 PM Sunday, June 10. And we have reservations to leave Istanbul on Monday, June 11 at 2:30 pm to arrive Ankara at 3:45 pm. There seems to be no way of avoiding a layover of one night, so our agent has requested a room at the Istanbul Hilton for the night of June 10. She has also requested a room for the night of Monday, July 2, since our flight to Geneva leaves Istanbul on Swissair Tuesday, July 3 at 8:15 a.m.
- 6) We have not asked her to do anything about a hotel in Ankara, assuming that you will make a reservation for us starting Monday, June 11 in the best hotel. Also, we assume ~~xxx~~ that you will make the reservations for the hotel when we visit Istanbul in the middle of our stay. OK that we assume this?
- 7) If the agent has trouble getting confirmation for June 11 and July 2 at the Istanbul Hilton, I will write you and ask you to use your pull.

Thanks for the information on the weather and the shots.

Also, Bob says to tell you, Feza, that he will be delighted to give at least one talk a week. The idea I was trying to convey was that I wanted to avoid the kind of heavy load he had in Bombay (5 lectures a week).

The trip in the middle to the archeological sites and Istanbul sounds wonderful. By car we assume. Right?

Now, one question you did not answer. SUHA! seriously think about any american things that are hard for you to get and that we could bring. Please!

News in New York is still mostly about people who have the flu or are getting divorces. At the moment, since we have been "flu-bitten", I think it is not the lesser evil.

Seriously, Bram seems definitely to be going to Reno in April. And Jack S says that as soon as he and Joan can agree on a financial arrangement, they will get a divorce. Too bad all around.

We are on the mend, and I've stopped working for the season with the intention of getting into great shape for our departure June 1.

We await the formal invitation and answers to sundry other questions in this letter.

All love--

Charlotte & Bob

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Dear Feza and Suha:

It is a long, long time since we answered your card about coming to Turkey. Since we had no response from you, we are wondering if it ever reached you. We wrote to your home address. So, this time, I am sending an identical carbon to both addresses that we have in Ankara.

If you did get it, let us know what you think.

In the event that you did not, let me state a rather brief resume of what was said:

We were grateful and pleased by the suggestion and offer that we come to Ankara. However, a full month seemed too long, and actually, even the three weeks ~~which~~ we mentioned seemed a little long. We wanted your honest opinion about whether we would really have a good time (other ~~than~~ than of course the joys of seeing the Gurseys).

At this point, since we assume you would want a rather heavy teaching or lecturing load out of Bob, I am leaning to our original plan that we spend a few weeks along the Dalmatian coast with Bob doing absolutely nothing but rest. (I don't mean to say he is ill or anything, but every old man and lady needs some rest now and then--and me too.)

Anyway, give us an idea of what is cooking there and what you think, because I do have to make reservations soon and we have to decide what we are doing before we can do that.

Don't for goodness sake feel embarrassed if the whole thing went down the drain. We love you and would love to see you both, but maybe the ~~simplest~~ simplest way is to overlap at the meetings in CERN from Jul 4-11. Are you invited, Feza? We are definitely going to be there.

How is life in general for you three by now?

Here things are OK except I had a nasty flu just at the time of the meetings so I saw no one.

Lila and Bram are definitely separated and Lila has an apartment with Josh in the Village here in NYC. The Steinbergers are also separated. Too damn bad in both cases. The Krolls are in La Jolla for a semester. They are trying to steal him from Columbia. Hope they don't. Jeremy Bernstein is selling articles and stories to the New ~~Yorker~~ Yorker Magazine. Still unmarried. Likewise Quinn (I mean unmarried).

Did I write that I am in an art gallery now? I think so. Lots of fun.

Love from  
Charlotte + Bob

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