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Dear Glen and Jenba,

I thank you for your Christmas card. I have always been lazy, or a non-conformist, and don't send out any, but I appreciate every one I get, and maybe some day I'll reform!

I hope that all goes well with you and that 1973 will be a good year. I had a very good 1972. We made a trip to see the total eclipse of the sun last July 10, by going on a cruise that went 900 miles out in the Atlantic for a viewing spot. The weather was quite uncertain along much of the path over land in Canada, and a New York group got up this plan of being onshipboard and maneuvering into a clear area, which worked out all right.

Business has been pretty satisfactory but the governmental restraints are quite frustrating. We have to be sure everything is quite safe under the Occupational Safety and Health Act, and there are some silly things you have to do. For example no fire extinguisher can be over 60 inches above the floor, and it turned out a lot of mine were about 63 to 65 inches high! So we had to lower them all. Then there are more serious things like all kinds of tests and additions to elevators.

The worst thing is the control on wages and prices. For years our government established minimum wages and said we had to pay more; now they say we can't pay too much more (not over 5% increases overall). And the limitation on prices actually turns out to be a limitation on profits.

I've chased a few fireballs during the year but did not corner anything satisfactorily and no meteorite finds resulted. By the way, two people here swore they saw a bright meteor about 7 a.m. DEC. 13 "tumbling" down to the horizon in the NNE, roughly towards you. I assume you didn't hear of anyone up there seeing or hearing anything from this unconfirmed report.

Best wishes to your folks.