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Dear Lois & Peter,

Your mother's day parcel arrived today, just in time for the day itself. I think that mum will be writing later to thank you, if she can find any suitable stationery and a pen that writes.

Your letter of 1st May also arrived in the same mail. Hope that Peter's mysterious illness has resolved itself - in any case our period of warranty on him has run out.

Dan Quayle's reception here was somewhat mixed. He started out alright and even seemed quite human (for a politician). He later got himself into trouble with our primary producers by claiming that America's entry into Australia's traditional markets for wheat etc ~~with~~ at dumping prices (with U.S. subsidy) would not hurt Australia. He copped quite a lot of flak over that. There was also comment on the large number of large bodyguards who followed wherever he went. It was assumed locally that they had been sent with him to shoot him if anything happened to President Bush whilst he was here. He has now left us in peace. We have had other things to digest on the political front. Andrew Peacock has deposed little Johnnie Howard to become leader of our Liberal Party (again). (Who said that a soufflé cannot rise twice?). Howard was that rare breed - an honest politician - but that was about all that he had going for him. He seemed to have no personality, leadership qualities, or appeal. Peacock represents a step back, but at least he has experience and a certain amount of charisma. The immediate re-action was a left in the opinion polls to the point where the Liberal Party is slightly ahead - but of course the real election is not due for another 6-9 months. In the battle of the birds - Hawke v Peacock - we did not really need a Quayle (even if spelt incorrectly). In this case, two birds in the hand beat the one with bush.

Thank you for the Cranville Stationers flyer. I hope that our large order reaches you before the end of the month to participate in the spectacular savings available to customers. We would like to order a box of Avery label address $3.5 \times 15/16$ if there are the things, with red roses, which appear in the top left corner of the envelopes we receive from you. Perhaps they are not, because the quantities 15M/box or even 5M/box are somewhat excessive. There would be little time for anything other than letter writing if we were to get our money's

worth out of them. What we would want on them would be June and Clem Roberts - with the address. We would of course prefer to have this and any subsequent orders delivered in person - however we could make an exception in this instance and collect them ourselves.

Speaking of flyers, ~~as~~ your two June fliers are getting ready for take-off. We don't yet have full confirmation, but what we plan to do and have requested are -

Wed June 14th leave Melbourne (Pantas) arrive Los Angeles.

Thurs - 15 at LA } letting the jet-lag catch up.

Frid - 16 at LA.

Sat - 17 L.A. to Chicago

Sun 18

Mon 19

Tues 20

Wed 21

Th 22

Fr 23

Sat 24

Sun 25 Chicago - Philadelphia

Mon 26 "

Tues 27 "

Wed 28 Philadelphia - N.Y. ^(AMTRAK)

Th 29 "

Friday 30 "

Sat July 1 "

Sun 2 On Tour - base bed

Mon 3 etc - no attached

Tues 4 "

Wed 5 "

Thurs 6 "

Frid 7 " PM N.Y. - CHICAGO

Sat 8 "

Sun 9 "

Mon 10 "

Tues 11 "

Wed 12 "

Thurs 13 "

accommodation being arranged by Ben-Brach, who have corporate deals with a few pubs in these towns.

Frid 14th July Chicago
 Sat 15 " Chicago - ~~to~~ Rapid City
 Sun 16 " Tour - backwards (so we can see where we have been)
 Mon 17 " from W. Rushmore -
 Tues 18 " Deton - Yellowstone -
 Wed 19 " Salt Lake - as per
 Thurs 20 " included.
 Frid 21 " "
 Sat 22 " "
 Sun 23 " Salt Lake City - LA - Tahiti (^{TAHITI BEACH COMBER HOTEL} ~~probably, but ~~Maui~~ ~~is~~~~)
 Mon 24 " ~~Bonobone~~
 Tues 25 " "
 Wed 26 " "
 Thurs 27 " evening flight Papakete - Melb.
 Fri 28 " (doesn't exist - we end up two days ^{not} earlier)
 Sat 29 " A.M. Arrive back in Melbourne.

The whole purpose of the exercise is of course to see you two, but that does not mean that we should disrupt your normal functions whilst we are in Chicago. We are used to poking around on our own & enjoy doing so. We have it on the best of authority that the plan Daniel Burnham laid out for the city's parks now extends to 563 of them across 6766 acres, not to mention 35,350 acres of trail-crowned forest preserves, and 31 public beaches; that State Street has been developed as a pedestrian shopping area, that there are a lot more shops at Water Tower Place, not to mention Marshall Field, FAO Schwarz, Lord & Taylor, and Granville Stationers. There will be lots of things for us to see and do and buy, so please don't worry about us being around, and just carry on with what you would do.

Saturday 13th.

It was great to get your telephone call. We had just come in about 2 minutes earlier, so once again your sense of timing was perfect. A lot of what has been written above you now know about. We should get confirmation (or otherwise) on our bookings during the week. The main PanAm flights have been booked and confirmed. We heard today that our flight across has been rescheduled for later in the day, and that it now includes a stop at Honolulu instead of direct from Auckland to L.A. It's a bit of a nuisance as it delays our arrival, but I suppose that we have no option but to go along with everyone else. At least our time of arrival in L.A. is reasonable - about 5-30 PM. By the time we clear customs and get

to an hotel we will probably be ready for a good night's sleep.
I will let you have a copy of our full itinerary when all has been finalised.
Is there anything you would like us to bring over?

Our weather in Melbourne is continuing to be fine mild & autumnish.
This week has been a succession of days of $20^{\circ}\text{C}+$ (70°F), up to 25°C one day. With
any sort of luck it looks as if we are going to miss winter altogether (unless
Chicago does the wrong thing). This will suit me. Winter is my least favourite time
of year.

We are due to go into town early tomorrow to deliver and hang paintings
in the State Bank Gallery (including some by my favourite artist.) Jenny, Brian,
Naene, Bronwyn, & their respective anklebiters will come for afternoon tea.
When they leave we dash down to the Kew Municipal library to pick up some
paintings, then head out to Endeavour Hills for an evening meal with Dan,
Rorie, & Co.

Sunday 14th June '89

One month today until we take off!! It can't come soon enough.
I think mum has five art shows before we leave - The State Bank, starting
tomorrow, followed by the N.B. Jewish centre (should be some money there) the
Doncaster bowls club, Belmont College (formerly known as Yooralla), Waverley (at two
Hill Down Hall), and somewhere else that I can't remember at the moment. We
took in three paintings this morning to the State Bank Gallery, then went on
to the RACV in Queen St. for morning tea. Mum wore her new beads
with a grey outfit. They went very well with it. It is of course mother's
day today. I have been emptying the glass house and otherwise attending
to various pots and plants since we came home, getting them ready to leave.
Late-rain day. The family have come & gone, and we are just back
from Endeavour Hills. Rorie is resuming her graduate nursing course
and will work part-time at the hospital at odd times. She started
the course at Lincoln centre (nothing to do with that other Lincoln) before
~~Michael~~ Rachael was born. Now that Rachael is going to school Rorie
is going to tempt fate again to try & finish. She certainly has a lot of energy.
Dan's practice is still busy, and the kids are doing well at school, sport, music
and most other things. Mum scored photos of Jenny & Dan's children amongst
other things. We will bring them with us. Is there anything else you
would like us to bring?

Love to you both,
Jenny & Dan.