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Dear Phyllis & Ross

Many thanks for your circular letter with
lots of news & also your itinerary for 1982. You are certainly
getting around. Booking in touch with the family & the most
amiable. Some of the places are quite far apart but it is all
possible now with air travel. Show your friends in France or
are you going - have become you think you might like it?
Anyway it is so somewhere different. Nice is a lovely spot also
the surrounding. It was had a holiday there in my
early years of European travel. Hope you don't find it too
expensive. France was always a dear country even when others
were cheaper. However they are all on the tourist bandwagon now.

I suppose you know that the IFOFSAE
Assembly was held this year in Dijon France & as one of
our Canadian Suedt members was there I saw some of her
Studebaker recently. At last Inford Suedtling is on the move in
Canada. Mine new guides have been formed in the Province of
Alberta this year & more to come. Last West President of the
Ottawa Suedt has been helping them to get started. Her
husband is a judge in Ottawa & they had an invitation to
the Royal Wedding last July.

I attempted to hear one of Virginia's daughter
is working on the family tree. I remember you telling me
once that you met her from Ireland was an Anthony
Whitten from Belmont Co. Tipton. If she gets that far
back, she might visit Tipton to go back a bit further.
I think the Whittens went from England to Ireland with

Enormous army.

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25 Japail Swidler & 2 Swidlers left Vancouver airport on the 8th May but for a 3 week holiday in Sussex England. He was ^{there} looked after by the Swider Swidler's they gave us a wonderful. We stayed in a small hotel in Easton on the coast & went round everywhere by coach. We had 5 days in London staying at B.P. House & doing all the sights. Some of the great had been in England before but for most of them it was a great experience. We visited Brownsea Island when Scouting was started & from there went ~~out~~ on to Folkestone for 3 days. On the 30th of May the party broke up, some going back to Vancouver others doing tours of England. Scotland, Wales & Europe. I went across to Dublin & had 3 1/2 weeks there. My sister went so well & was in a hurry to home. She has since died in Oct. but I remember I saw her she went long for the world. She hadnt enjoyed the best I had for a number of years, so I hope she is doing better where she has gone. Her married name was Cranston & the family was of Scotch Presbyterian stock. She had one son married now with 2 children a boy & 1 & a girl just a year old, so I saw them when I was there. Arrived back in Vancouver on the 29th June after a very hectic 7 weeks.

You may have noticed that I have changed my address. Towards the end of August the owner of the Pemberton Hotel told me that the premises had been sold & the rent would be increased. Sure enough the new owner put up all the rents to 600 dollars a month. What was a hefty increase. I thought it was a bit much so looked around & got fixed up in the Barclay Hotel at a slightly higher rent than I had been paying. It is in a different area of Vancouver near English Bay, Stanley Park, and one lovely spot in the summer. Plenty of shops, restaurants,

a good library & an excellent Community Centre, also a big Supermarket, all within easy reach, so I am really very comfortable. The Ambassador Hotel is due for demolition in about 2 years & there are Plans for a whole new complex, so I would have had to move out eventually. I have been able to get my own Phone in (No. 669-0839) which I hadnt before, also there was a cablevision Point already in the room, so my colour TV is on cablevision & I get much better reception also choice of lots of channels. We get lots of American & British Programmes.

Well Christmas is descending on us once more. The shops getting very busy & decorations & illuminations going up everywhere. I expect it is the same in your Part of the world. I have a short trip arranged with a friend to a Christmas house Party in Oregon USA. We will be away for 5 days leaving Vancouver on Dec 23. The hotel to which we are going is situated on an Indian reserve called Warm Springs & should be very interesting.

I have more letters to write so will close now. Wishing you Happy Landings in all your travels & All Good Wishes for Christmas & 1982

Love

Mabel

Hope you both kept well. I am lucky so far with the health & am keeping my fingers crossed. Still enjoying life in Vancouver.