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Dear Phyllis.

Here we are with Christmas descending on us once more + I am getting down to the letter-writing + card-sending again.

I see by your itinerary which you sent me last year that you will be home at the end of February 1983, so I'll send this to Murray in Brisbane & he will know whether or not to send it on to you. You must have had a wonderful year of travelling + I hope everything came up to your expectations. Nice + the French Riviera are lovely. I was round there a few times when I started to go abroad for holidays from Dublin of course. I hope you didn't find the winter in Europe too cold, coming from such a warm climate as yours. I know Britain, Ireland + Parts of Europe had very severe wintry weather after Christmas. Maybe you escaped it. I expect you took lots of Photographs, so will be very busy when you get back sorting them all out.

I haven't been away this year yet, except for a short coach trip to Vancouver Island in August. However next Saturday Nov 13, ~~my~~ a friend I have made out here + I are going to Palm Springs California for 2 weeks. Disneyland is near, so we may do that again + there are Plenty of other Places around. The weather can be very hot + humid earlier in the year, ^{there} + we were advised to go in November by People who know more about that than I do.

We had a good summer + beautiful fall here. I had a friend out from Dublin visiting her married daughter. She stayed for 3 months so I was out + about a lot with her. She had been here before a few times, but there is always plenty to see + do especially if the weather is fine. Her daughter gave a farewell Party for her + invited about 18 friends. Some were here on holidays from Dublin + I met one lady who knew quite a few people I knew in Dublin. I had met her sister-in-law in the badminton world many years ago, so you can imagine the amount of chat that went on.

I have no plans to go to Ireland in the immediate future. Next March the Infol Suite I am connected with are going to Mexico. We are staying in the Suede Cabana in Mexico City for about 11 days + then spend 5 days in a place called Tlacalli about 50 miles away. We had a meeting the other night to finalise our plans. We have to get 2 shots, one for Tetanus + the other typhoid. I had the typhoid shot along with smallpox, + cholera + yellow fever in 1971 for my trip to Australia, but I think they are out of date now.

I thoroughly enjoyed watching the TV coverage of the Commonwealth Games in Brisbane this year. It brought back many happy memories when I saw the koalas on the eucalyptus trees, the kangaroos hopping around + the playing of the theme song "Waltzing Matilda". I suppose you + Ross might have attended if you were in Australia at the time.

~~W~~ Hoping you + Ross are enjoying good health + wishing you a Very Happy Christmas wherever you are on the Planet. Best Wishes for 1983.

Love

Mabel