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Dear Anna,

Thank you for your most welcome letter of 28 June and the news that you were visiting Canada and the United States. I am regretful that your time is so short that you are unable to spend a few days with us for we would be so happy to have you and to show you the Washington area.

I appreciate so much your condolence on Dad's death for I know you, like his family, knew him to be a very special person. I recently retired from the Navy and was saddened by his physical absence from my Change of Command ceremony although I ~~found~~ had the distinct impression he was with us in spirit.

Mouza and I plan to spend at least the next year in the Washington area adjusting to civilian life and determining what we want to do next. Our daughter, Ann, will finish college this year and our youngest, Mouzetta, will be able to continue with her third year of high school in the same school she's been attending and of which she's so fond. We have two other good reasons for remaining here-- our son Jim, and his lovely new bride, are stationed here with the Marines; and son Elmo III and his wife who are expecting our first grandchild live only a short distance away in North Carolina. So you see we are very much in the bosom of our family and thus reluctant to leave.

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Mouza joins me in sending affectionate greetings
and loving best wishes to you as always.

Sincerely,

E. R. ZUMWALT, JR.

Miss Anna Meekers

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