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Dear "Boss":

I'm remiss for not writing you earlier to thank you for lunch and the opportunity to talk to you several weeks ago. The truth is, I simply got overtaken by events. The day after we had lunch, I learned my Dad passed away in Findlay, Ohio. He was 83. Fortunately, Martha and I had just returned from Findlay the week before so I had the opportunity to be with him and mom, take them out to dinner several times, etc. one last time. Although he was in reasonably good health when I last saw him, I think he was ready to go. He had had a full life but in recent years, it became necessary to place both he and my mother in a nursing home, where they could receive the continuous care and attention they both required. I will miss him.

In any event, by the time Martha and I returned home following the memorial service, etc., it was time to repack the luggage and head back to Jubail. We arrived back here last Monday at 0430, just in time for me to shave, shower, and go to work. It's been a hectic two weeks.

I look forward to our get togethers and appreciate, more than words can say, your willingness to take time out of your busy schedule to see me. Thanks for lunch, Boss, and the opportunity to talk to you. It is always a special treat to see you and catch up with how you, Mouza, and the family are doing.

The Royal Saudi Naval Force didn't change during my absence. I returned to my office Monday only to find the Saudis are on vacation. It seems these next two weeks are a national school holiday period and accordingly, my counterparts are on leave to be with their children. That's a wonderful, family oriented philosophy, I suppose, but it hardly contributes to naval readiness. They will all return by month's end but Ramadan will begin about 11 February -- a month of fasting (between sunrise and sunset), with no productive work, then a month of vacation to recover from the fasting. It's an amazing culture!

Again, thanks for lunch. You are truly a special person whose friendship I cherish. Give Mouza a kiss for me.

Very respectfully,





E. R. ZUMWALT, JR.
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February 7, 1994

Mr. and Mrs. David E. Woodbury
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Dear Martha and Dave:

Mouza and I were distressed to learn of your father's passing, but it sounds as though he had a wonderful life and how fortunate you were to be able to be with him just before the end.

It was great to see you^{him}, and we send our best wishes.

Sincerely,

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