

Dear Sister

Evelyn & Alice.

I wonder if there's any wadline in the matter of the conclusion of the signing of Mr Paczay's "release" form. I think I should write or phone Mr Whiting in Hasselton's office that, that big cheque Paczay made out to JCL's estate doesn't really need counter signing at all for the Bank to deposit in that account, unless Paczay wanted to see the cancelled cheque.

So, Evelyn, "my" dimpled darling was the big drawing card, for your trip down here was it? We were very pleased indeed to have you, come again soon. Irene says that in answer to your observation, (in your letter of the 21st) that I seemed less tired this time than a year ago, the obvious answer, that a year ago she was less than 24 hours you and Eric stayed-I didn't shave, (and probably hadn't since the previous week end!!!)

Just for the record, JCL is now up over 10 lbs 14 oz, has had another visit to Dr Garbard, even a filling for him at his proceeding, "Hello Jonathan." To report a good of course!! But he's still blonde, despite Irene's thinking his hair has a tendency to redness, and on his fourth church attendance with us today, even the ladies noted his grey blue eyes are like Irene's.

We were expecting Alice up last week end, perhaps so we could go up to Delhi with JCL to the Doctors as well as to do the signing business. This time its not quite because as having three signatures to see copies. That can be done by mail, since no witnessing of the signatures is required. But our line if the "release" form were sent by mail for signatures, it would have to be witnessed by a local solicitor etc etc. So when Alice can find time from her cottage rehabbing, delayed no doubt by her "out-rest" trip, we still have a "dimpled darling" as a drawing card, with us as welcoming committee and hosts. Then the grandchildren cheques and family member cheques can be signed, and the Banking business done up all at once. (If Alice will come one week day)

Irene is expecting a guest in from England via the USA, early in Sept., a retired fellow school teacher, from the time Irene was over there. She was thinking a trip up to Stratford would be a good way to entertain "Mary Alexander" (the friend's name). But who knows what'll be playing at the theater just then?

The two photo "bookered" books Evelyn sent down for JCL, are very fine indeed, although as yet we've no more pictures to put into anything. This PM, we got together on the patio, and made a couple of colour photos of us three. I made two more of JCL musing with the other camera on regular film.

The elderberries are in full production now, we spent some time stripping two 6 qt baskets of the bunches this pm. Irene's brother Peter and Bev, and the family were up to see the new arrival, JCL of course, and for a fine visit. The kids had a fine time with the intercom speakers in the house, shop and on the patio. (It was last Wednesday) So Irene and Bev, picked a picnic, for the evening etc at home, in Niagara Falls.

So now all Irene's folks have seen JCL except Ruth, and John, & John's wife Rosalie and their family. We've been in at Ruth's house two times I guess but each time Ruth was away, though some or all of her children and Gray have been there. So far only Evelyn of my folks has viewed him. We still get cards from odd people. Latest was Mrs Lola Gray in Fairground, (remember how our parents sorta befriended them when they came to Fairground from out west back in the thirties??) Murray Finch and Edith, and Edith's mother stopped in one Sunday an to see JCL and us, on their way back to Ancaster.

I've had a letter from Audrey and Norm Boller the NZ couple I hosted through Ontario back in '59. Audrey was happy to have news of the prospect of JCL's arrival, (the letter came by surface mail), and I for at whether we have sent them a birth announcement or whether we have a record of it if we did. Norm sent a letter about his "jet" boat also made in the USA "under license" to a New Zealand firm!! The jet is a turbine like motor driven propulsion unit that "jets" water and air from the stern of the speed boat, enabling it to power "skid" over shallow rocks, sand bars, and "white water" rapids. A boat of this type finally conquered the rapids of the Colorado River in the USA in 1960. Naturally it needs a fibre glass hull for that kind of abuse.

Cheerio for now and maybe Irene has a note to add.

Yours truly;