



# Forsætisráðherra, erlend samskipti 1970, fyrri hluti

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Sehr geehrter Herr Ministerpräsident,  
sehr verehrte gnädige Frau!

Zu den bevorstehenden Festtagen  
dürfen wir Ihnen unsere besten  
Grüße übermitteln, verbunden mit  
allen guten Wünschen für eine schöne  
Weihnacht und ein glückliches und  
friedvolles Jahr 1970.

Mit besten Empfehlungen

(Dr. Adenauer)

5 Köln-Müngersdorf, Spitzwegstraße 16

Jón Ragnar Johnson

Toronto 21/6

1970.

Kari Bjarni -

Kærn fækkrí fyri bréf fyrir degrett 3 apríl  
s.l. og eg frakka sérstaklega að þú segir að  
beriefi mið hafi verit skrifast á "þýðilegri  
íslensku": fæta hlitar að vera íkjur af þú  
og eg lærdi aldrei að skrifa íslensku og var  
aldrei á íslenskum skóla. Þen og reyni vit  
hvort takifani að tala og leira íslenski og  
einstaka sínum að skrifa fáeinan línum  
á málum sem mið þú ~~soo~~ vantein.

As for my illness last summer - I had  
what is called a prostate operation or surgery  
on the prostate gland. For some time I was  
aware that something was wrong as I was  
compelled to get up during the night and it was  
reaching the point when I sometimes got up  
more than once. In early May 1969 I consulted  
a surgeon, he performed a small test and  
found that there was considerable retention  
of urine, in other words when I voided I  
did not completely empty the bladder.

The surgeon and I agreed that the operation would take place in late July, as it suited me best. Nature decided otherwise and my condition rapidly became such that immediate hospitalization was required so I entered hospital on June 12<sup>th</sup> and the next day the surgery was performed. I remained a fortnight in hospital and two weeks more at home — mostly in bed — before returning to work at the office on a much reduced schedule. Fortunately Tom was available. He was serving his articles in a law office but as soon as his principals heard that I was in hospital, Tom was instructed to go to my office immediately and remain there until I returned.

While I was recuperating at home, our cousin Oddney Ragnarsdóttir was with us for a few days. She had been in Montreal attending an international meeting of nurses. She is a lonely girl and had met Tom & Patsy in Iceland so there was much rejoicing amongst the young people.

My recovery has been good and I believe satisfactory. I have been pampered by my wife, wife, <sup>Einkaska</sup> and by the "children" (Tom & Patsy)

Jón Ragnar Johnson

and have substantially reduced my working hours. I have also abstained entirely from the use of alcohol — not that I was a heavy drinker nor ever had a problem in that respect — but the surgeon gave me a long lecture on the evils of drink insofar as I was concerned. He said at the end of his somewhat depressing talk that he gave the same "sermon" to every man on whom he performs a prostate operation but at the conclusion at least 90% of his patients say: "very interesting but I am going to drink anyway." I chose to be one of the 10% minority and now go to cocktail parties and drink orange juice.

Alt gengur príðilega hér — eg hefi mekið af gera vifvígjandi lögfræðingastarfsemi — Jón varð fullkominn lögmaður (was admitted to the Bar) í marg s.l. og er á lögmannaskrifstofu þar sem eru 25 lögmennt — stórt fjöldi. Patsey er inðal kona og líti Jón Ragnar (hinn príðji) verður eitt aia gamall 16<sup>th</sup> juli n.k.

I have been very slow about answering your question about my illness but we have for several weeks been in the midst of what may develop into a national postal strike. Each daily news item about the dissatisfaction of Post Office employees is more depressing than the one before and we are not sure from day to day what may happen. In the meantime I hope this letter reaches you and finds you and yours in the best of health.

Vif vonum at ykkur lífum  
sem albra test og lífum ástræmlega  
at heilsa alri fjölskyldu þinni  
of frónapólkinni ofkar.  
Med bestu henedjum kari frondi.

- þinn einlaugur  
Pagnar.



Hon. Bjarni Benediktsson,

Háuhlíð 14.

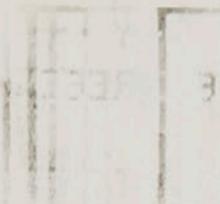
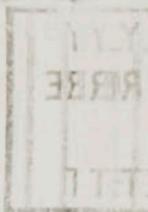
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Borgarskjalasafn Reykjavíkur

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frá: 584 Briar Hill Avenue, Toronto 12,  
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Jón Ragnar Johnson

Toronto, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1970.

Kærí Bjarni-

Fru Guðrún Helgadóttir frá Kraunaskólanum í Reykjavík er nú í Canada og var í Toronto að fletja fyrirlestur um Hrafnessaga og Thomas à Becket. (Tómas saga?) Þetta var á Toronto háskóla og eg var þar með öðrum "vestur. Íslendingum" og seinni vorum ved raman að kvöldmálstíf á Granit Club. Hin gaf mið hvedju frá Utanríkisráðuneyti og sagði mér ymlest frá Íslandi. Hin er myndaleg og greind kona of þau vor mjög ánællegt að hin kom hingað. Frá Toronto fór hún vestur til Winnipeg, Edmonton og Vancouver, og síðar.

In giving me up to date news of Iceland  
she told me that you had recently undergone surgery

but she was quite uncertain as to the nature of same. Marion and I sincerely hope that you have now fully recovered. We would also be interested to learn some particulars of your illness.

Við líðum öllum vel - fætta er afmali Marions - hún er 63 í dag - fimm árum yngri en eg. Aft gengur vel fyris Tóir og Patry og líkhi Tóir er alltaf skemtilegur.

Við Marion fórum á föstudaginn til Fort Lauderdale í Florida þar sem er engin sajón og mest sálshús. Að móð hvæld verðum við í mikil liberal ramsati með Hon. Pierre E. Trudeau, persatísroðherra okkar (1600 manns).

Vertu fá blessadráum og soll göfi fröndi og venur. Við bíðum kæslga að heilsa ykkur og fáð varí gaman að hegra þá fér.

Ragnar J.

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Hon. Bjarni Benediktsson,  
Háhlíf 14,  
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from . 584 Briar Hill Avenue . Toronto 12, Ontario,  
Canada .



HANS FURUHOLMEN  
BANKSJEF  
CHRISTIANIA BANK OG KREDITKASSE

OSLO 3. juni 1970.

Statsminister Bjarni Benediktsson,  
Rekjavik.

Kjære venn,

Det er nu en rom tid siden jeg kom tilbake fra besøket i Island.

Besøket var en stor opplevelse på mange måter, og det var meget interessant å være til stede ved innvielsen av kraftverket og aluminiumfabrikken, begge foretagender som vel vil være av den største betydning for Island i årene som kommer.

Oppholdet var også ellers meget lærerikt og på alle måter hyggelig. Dette skyldes ikke minst møtet og samværet med deg og din kone, og jeg sender dere begge min beste takk for all hygge og gjestfrihet.

Samtidig benytter jeg anledningen til å gratulere deg og ditt parti med utfallet av valget - et valg som vi her har fulgt med stor interesse.

Hjerteligste hilsener

Hans Furuholmen



# HOTEL WITTEBRUG

**TELEGR. WITTEBRUG-HAAG**

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DEN HAAG - SCHEVENINGEN

Dear Friends, I want nothing more than to thank you all for your kind words.

casey & I visited and that was truly a wonderful week we spent in Iceland. And

\* your delightful dinner party was one of the best experiences! You always  
make us feel so at home, and the company always leaves us with so much

to think about and to talk over (to say nothing of the beautiful dinner!)  
etc Daan is very anxious so that you should know <sup>how</sup> put out he was at having no

opportunities to make the limited space available more pleasant at the same time.

opportunity to make the little speech he had prepared to offer at the end of the dinner; as the American ambassador did not say anything, he felt

he could not come forward with his own remarks and so remained silent. I refuse to take this as a comparative observation on Dutch and American

manners, and I really think that as a Falcon-with-Star he would not have been overstepping the diplomatic courtesies if he had spoken! But he is disappointed not to have been able to convey his appreciation, both personal and general, of our relationship <sup>with</sup> Iceland and our good Icelandic friends. I think you know how we feel, anyway!

We have heard since that the weather has improved in your area and we wish we could say the same for here, but it is still cold and damp and all horticultural glories are long delayed in their appearance. We are having a thoroughly busy time here, seeing family and friends, and all is going well. In the hotel we have King Moshweshwe of Lesotho, but he does not appear in public and seems to move around under careful supervision of Foreign Affairs. His High Commissioner from London has come over, and with him he brought his Minister of Justice and Tourism (isn't it a good combination!) and these two gentlemen handle the press which is all the time coming to ask questions and take photographs. One rather ungraceful young man from a newspaper said he had come "to talk with Mr Moshushu" (that's the way most people pronounce the name, but we happen to know that

the aforementioned spelling is nearer the mark); to which the High Commissioner quietly and with great dignity replied "There is no King Moshushu", which I found perfect! the little men are charming, very dark, very neatly dressed, speak beautiful English in gentle voices, love to laugh at little jokes they make together, and are altogether most sympathetic. One wonders so much what will become of those people.

DEN HAAG - SCHAEFFGEN

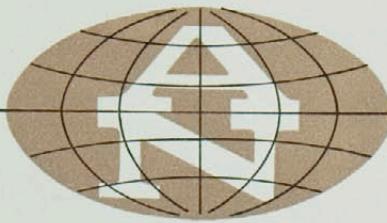
You know, we did manage to hear Vilhjalmur Gislason read the 50th Passion Psalm that Saturday evening of Easter, when we were at Vilhjalmur Thor's. The Thors produced three copies of the Psalms, so we could follow the text in our own fashion, and that was helpful; and then we talked about the psalms. We have thought a lot about it since and I still wish we could get a proper English translation-- I don't know that any has been produced since the <sup>weak</sup> one I found at the Library 19 years ago. Meantime I'm so grateful to have met V. Gislason at your house. \*

General  
Dear Sirs We are dining tonight with the former Governor of the Netherlands Indies under whom Daan served in those pre-war and war days. What a changing world our generation has lived through! It's sometimes quite appalling -- but one can't deny that it is interesting!  
With many thanks for the good evening, and our best wishes always. With love to you both,  
*Polly & Daan*

\* P.S. I wanted to write him a little note of appreciation but am not sure his address -

May Darle f to formal Re enclosed?

*Many thanks!*



**Anders Nyborg A/s**  
*International Alt forlag*

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Hr. statsminister  
Bjarni Benediktsson  
Háuhlid 14  
Reykjavik  
Island

10. juni 1970  
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Kære statsminister Benediktsson,

Vi fejrer i året 1971 med udgaven "VELKOMMEN TIL ISLAND 1971" vort 10 års jubilæum med denne publikation.

I de år, der er gået, er publikationen udgivet i et samlet oplag på 265.000 eksemplarer med en sandsynlig læserkreds på ca. 600.000 mennesker. Den kommende udgave vil vi lægge meget arbejde i, og vi har mødt stort og velvilligt interesse fra alle sider.

I denne anledning vil vi også gerne spørge, om statsministeren vil skrive en kort artikel, måske på 1 1/2 - 2 sider, om Island i relation til EFTA, om Islands handelsforhold i det hele taget. Jeg kan fortælle, at vi i dette år - vi vedlægger et eksemplar af årets udgave - bragte en artikel om den islandske aluminiums-industri. Vedlagte kopi af et brev, vi modtog fra Malmö, vil kunne give statsministeren et indtryk af den anerkendelse, publikationen har mødt i vide kredse.

For at følge denne særlige specialitet op at nævne disse industrielle muligheder af international interesse, har vi planer om at bringe en artikel om den islandske hydrokraft, direktør Jakob Gislason. Den ny Federation of Icelandic Export Industries har også vist sagen stor interesse og kommer med en særlig artikel om dette emne.

Jeg vil nærmest sige, at det eneste sted, vi ikke har haft succes, er udenrigsministeriet, og dette har undret os så meget mere, som f. eks. i Finland, hvor vi udgiver 2 publikationer, køber det finske udenrigsministerium store oplag til distribution i ambassaderne. Vore oplagspriser er meget fordelagtige, nemlig kr. 2,88 pr. stk. ved en minimumsbestilling på 500 eksemplarer.

Vi har set, at Eimskipafélag Islands nu også effektivt ønsker at gå ind i samarbejdet, og det er naturligvis vort håb, at også udenrigsministeriet vil vise vor publikation sin interesse.



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Vi hører meget gerne fra statsministeren, om vi må modtage en sådan artikel, der som allerede nævnt ikke behøver at være lang og først skal være færdig i august måned.

Redaktør Nyborg sender personlige hilsener.

Med venlig hilsen  
ANDERS NYBORG A/S

*Helga Sørensen*

Helga Sørensen,  
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den 12. januar 1970.

PARAVION

Hr. statsminister Bjarni Benediktsson,  
Hauhlid 14,  
Reykjavík, Island.

Kære Bjarni,

Jeg er lige vendt tilbage fra et møde i Bilderberg steering committee og har forvissset mig om, at du er på listen over dem, der vil blive indbudt. Mødet afholdes i Bad Ragaz, ca. 1½ times kørsel fra Zurich, i dagene 16. - 19. april.

De danske blade har i de seneste dage været meget optaget af de islandske redningsaktioner til Grønland, og der er fra mange sider givet udtryk for anerkendelse og taknemmelighed for den hjælp, som Island har ydet os i vanskelige situationer.

Med venlig hilsen

din hengivne

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den 12. juni 1970.

PAR AVION

Hr. statsminister Bjarni Benediktsson,  
Hauhlid 14,  
Reykjavik,  
Island.

Kære Bjarni,

Tak for dit venlige telegram af g.d. Jeg ankommer til Reykjavik tirsdag den 21. juli kl. 23,05, formentlig sammen med min gode ven, direktør, landsretssagfører Søren Bøgh, som er hovedpartner i fiskeriet i Grimså. Vi har tænkt på straks at tage til Grimså i 2-3 dage og derefter muligvis søge fiskemuligheder et andet sted gennem islandiske venner.

Jeg synes, at du blot skal tilrettelægge dine planer, som det passer dig bedst, og så må vi se, om vi kan finde et sted at mødes enten i Reykjavik eller på Thingvellir, hvor jeg naturligvis gerne ville modtage din venlige indbydelse til at overnatte. Da mine planer jo skal koordineres med andres, kan jeg ikke give dig endelig besked endnu, og det er derfor, jeg synes, at du blot skal indrette dig, som du bedst kan.

Med venlig hilsen også til Sigridur

din hengivne

P.S. Jeg håber, de islandske strejker bliver kortvarige denne gang.

LUFTPOST  
PAR AVION

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*skal i*  
Berlingske

Hr. statsminister Bjarni Benediktsson,  
Hauhlid 14,  
Reykjavík,  
Island.

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23. jan. 1970.

Hære Terkel,

Jeg takker for dit  
venlige brev d. 12. jan. 1970. Det  
er mig en velsignig glæde, at  
blive indbuddt endnu en gang  
til Billedberg-møde, fordi  
jeg finder dem meget interessant  
boede angaaende de emner man  
behandler og de personer, som  
deltager. Tak skal du have  
for et huske mig! Jeg sei  
frem til vores næste møde  
og ønsker dig og dine all  
godt!

Din hengiven  
Bjarni

Mr. Chefredaktör

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DER PRÄSIDENT  
DER MAX-PLANCK-GESELLSCHAFT  
ZUR FÖRDERUNG DER WISSENSCHAFTEN

22. Mai 1970  
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Herrn Ministerpräsident Dr. Bjarni Benediktsson,  
Háuhild 14,  
Reykjavik / Island

Sehr verehrter Herr Ministerpräsident !

Nach meiner Rückkehr aus Island ist es mir ein aufrichtiges Bedürfnis, Ihnen noch einmal für die großzügige und herzliche Gastfreundschaft zu danken, die ich von Ihnen als dem Repräsentanten der Regierung Islands empfangen habe. Der Abend des 11. Mai, an dem Sie mich mit den anderen Gästen der Deutsch-Isländischen Gesellschaft "Germania" in sehr festlichem Rahmen eingeladen hatten, wird mir immer unvergeßlich bleiben. Sie und Ihre verehrte Gattin haben sich in ganz besonders liebenswürdiger Weise unserer angenommen und geholfen, daß es sehr schnell zu guten persönlichen Kontakten und Gesprächen zwischen den isländischen und deutschen Teilnehmern kam. Dankbar habe ich es auch empfunden, daß Sie mich in Ihrer Begrüßung besonders erwähnten und mir so viele freundliche Worte widmeten. Das hat mich sehr bewegt, und ich hoffe, daß ich auch Ihnen etwas von meinen Gedanken und meiner Freude an dem Erlebnis dieses Abends vermitteln konnte.

Die Tage auf Island haben mich tief beeindruckt, und ich hoffe, daß ich dieses in seiner unvergleichlichen Eigenart faszinierende Land mit seinen prächtigen Menschen nicht zum

letzten Male besuchen durfte. Die Erinnerung an das vielseitige Erleben dort wird noch lange nachklingen, und gewiß wird auch manche persönliche Beziehung erhalten bleiben. Sollte Ihr Weg Sie einmal nach Deutschland führen, würde ich mich sehr freuen, Sie auch als unseren Gast begrüßen zu dürfen.

Mit wiederholtem Dank und guten Wünschen für Sie persönlich und für Ihr hohes Amt bin ich, Herr Ministerpräsident, in ausgezeichneter Hochachtung

Ihr Ihnen sehr ergebener

*Adolf Butenandt*

(Professor Adolf Butenandt)



Herrn Ministerpräsident Dr. Bjarni Benediktsson  
Háuhild 14,  
Reykjavik / Island

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DER PRÄSIDENT  
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Dir. Anders Nyborg

Anders Nyborg A/S

Köpenhamn

Åberopande angenäma telefonsamtal och efter det jag studerat Edra eleganta och informativa publikationer om "ISLAND" här jag funnit mitt intresse för sago-landet Island ännu starkare knuten till mina tankegångar om "ideal-landet ISLAND" vad gäller möjligheterna att utveckla landet ekonomiskt och industriellt.

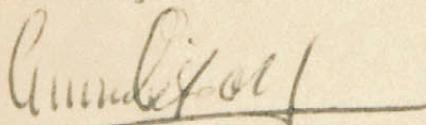
Om landets rikedommar, energi genom vattenkraft, uppvärming genom värmekällor, och turismen genom dess sago-natur, exploateras på ett hänsynsfullt sätt och i en "stille og rolig udvikling", så kommer "ISLAND" att bli en "liten" nation i ekonomisk och industriell utveckling utan jämförelse.

I 1970 års årgång av "Välkommen til Island" har jag speciellt fått mig vid Eder artikel om Islands första, största aluminiumindustri, byggd av det schweiziske "Alusuisse" världsbekant och med gruvintressen runt hela världen - så att industrier, så finnes det säkert ej något motstånd från skandinaviska intressenter att följa utvecklingen och finna lämpliga komplement-industrier, eller andra energi-koncerner företag att etablera sig på ISLAND.

Jag är i varje fall 100 % intresserad av ett samarbete i denna sak för en stark ekonomisk och industriellt expansion, industrier som kan skapa arbetstillfällen i det lugna och kulturellt utvecklade sago-landet Island, samt öka landets exportmarknader, intäkter och turism.

Med dessa rader har jag velat få kontakt med Eder, som vill öka ISLANDS möjligheter till att bli en stor / liten / nation i Europa.

Med venlig hilsen



Gunnar Ericson

Försäljningschef

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MAJ. GEN. E. J. McGAW, U.S.A. (RET.)  
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March 11, 1970

Dear Friend:

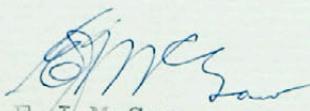
My delay in answering your cordial letter, written in January, does not indicate any lessened desire on my part to visit Iceland. As a matter of fact we have been trying to coordinate three visits: to West Point, to Iceland and to our daughter who is leaving with her family for the Netherlands where her husband is to be stationed with the NATO Command at Brunssum. There are still many loose ends because of the uncertainty of the latter transfer. Nevertheless I have my passport.

According to your suggestion I shall try to arrive in Iceland as soon after the 20th of June as I can arrange transportation. I too dislike between plane visits so I shall plan to stay about a week. You will hear from me more specifically in May after all plans are completed. At the same time I'll forward a short list of my friends for such use as you may care to make of it. Please do not go to any great expense on my account. My only purpose is to renew old friendships.

I do not know Admiral Hadden who I have been told is the present Commander, Iceland Defense Force. Nevertheless I expect to write him in May and request the use of some of their facilities during my stay. I am anxious to talk to him and to see the many developments that have taken place since my departure - so many years ago. I would appreciate it if you would tell him, at your convenience, of my visit so that he won't think me an imposter when he receives my letter.

Let me assure you that I am looking forward with anticipation to the trip and that I'll write to you in May as to final plans. Mrs. McGaw has asked me to extend her best wishes along with mine to Mrs. Benediktsson and to yourself.

Yours sincerely



E.J. McGaw

Hon. Bjarni Benediktsson  
Prime Minister of Iceland  
Reykjavik, Iceland.

MAJ. GEN. E. J. MCGAW, U.S.A. (RET.)  
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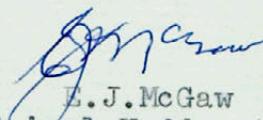
June 7, 1970

Dear Friend:

I have just returned from West Point where I attended the 50th reunion of my graduating class. While in the East, I stopped at McGuire Air Force Base and found that the plane which I hope to board is scheduled to depart McGuire at one AM, June 23rd. If I fail to gain passage, due to an excess of personnel traveling under orders, I'll proceed to New York City and travel by Icelandic Airlines as I stated in my last letter. I have written Admiral Hadden that if I miss the Air Force plane, I'll inform him by cable of my alternate plan.

It now seems certain that I'll make that often planned and postponed trip to Reykjavik and needless to say I am looking forward to it with great anticipation. Mrs. McGaw joins with me in warm regards and best wishes to Mrs. Benediktsson and to yourself.

Sincerely



E.J. McGaw

PS. Please add Admiral Hadden to the list of suggested guests which I included with my last letter.

Honorable Bjarni Benediktsson  
Prime Minister of Iceland  
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The Prime Minister of Iceland  
and Mrs Bjarni Benediktsson  
Reykjavik, Iceland

Dear Prime Minister and Mrs. Benediktsson:

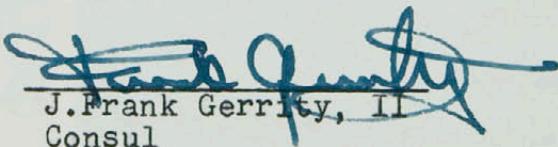
I just wanted to drop you a note and tell you how absolutely delighted I was to have the opportunity to have met you both.

The experience of flying in your plane and examining at close range the newest volcano was something that neither Ruth nor I shall ever forget. I am just so sorry that Mrs. Benediktsson was unable to remain long enough to enjoy the flight. I hope that some time in the future an opportunity will come for us to entertain you in Boston, or in our summer house in York Harbor, Maine. We will just be delighted.

It would be inappropriate if I did not tell you how tremendously impressed I was with your Country. I know it is one of the most beautiful countries I have ever seen, but even perhaps more impressive than the country, itself, were its people. My wife and I thought they were simply great. Again, I want to impress upon you how pleased I was to make your acquaintance.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
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