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(From Bec:) April 6, 1975 Dearest David and Maria,

I love you both so much! Wow! 1. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR WON-

DERFUL LETTERS, David, and yours, Maria. They always thrill us so much, every word is so precious to us! We know how busy you both must be, and for you to take your valuable time to write to us is really an honour. Thank you ever so much, it really means a lot to me.

 I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE IT HAS BEEN ONE WHOLE YEAR since you left! How time flies! When I think back over all that has happened it is so amazing!--

3. <u>AND NOW WE'RE ON OUR WAY TO</u> <u>FRANCE</u>! We both really think moving to France is a great idea and I'm all for it! I'm really excited and looking forward to it. Whatever is best for you and for the work, that's what makes me happiest! A new place, new people, different language!--Wow, it's great!

 ARTHUR IS DOING GREAT TOO and he says he will be able to finally burn free once he's out of this country. Finally I managed to get his testimony typed, at least the part he has finished. There's still more to come! He loved to write and always gets inspired doing it, especially when writing about his experiences with you two.--And I just love to read them, so I will certainly have to push him to do more. He writes so good and expressively!

5. <u>A FEW WEEKS AGO WE TOOK THE</u> <u>KIDS AND WENT TO ARTHUR'S PARENTS</u>, stopping to see Anna Marie and Frank on the way. Anna Marie just loves the kids and the baby too! She said she wouldn't mind keeping Sharon. Gabriel had Frank on the floor playing cards with him, it was really funny!

6. AT ARTHUR'S PARENTS HOUSE THE WHOLE FAMILY HAD COME, even Ann, Arthur's oldest sister whom he has always adored. She flew from California where she works to be here for Easter, but mainly to "check up" on brother Arthur. She really had her doubts about me, thinking I was a typical American hustler. Arthur didn't have a chance to really talk to her until the day before she left for America. At that time she was so touched that she was in tears when they parted. Art was so happy that she understood him and accepted what he was doing!

7. <u>SHE SHARED WITH HIM ABOUT A</u> <u>FRIEND WHO IS PSYCHIC</u>: After Arthur first met me and wrote to her about me, she took the letter to her friend and he told her three things he got: Something religious, something about Texas, and something about a baby! So she told Arthur she wasn't a bit surprised when she heard I was pregnant, and was in fact expecting it. So anyway, Arthur was so happy to see her and share with her about his new life, and she gladly took some MO-Letters.

8. SO PRAISE GOD! I've almost reached the bottom so will close here. I have enclosed a list of items that I'd like to know what to do with. Give my love to everyone. We love you so much! Thanks again for your wonderful letters! You are always in our prayers! Love Always, -- Beck.

April 13, 1975 (From Arthur:) Dearest David and Maria, GBY both! 9. WE ARE ALL EARNESTLY PRAYING FOR YOU right now and know the Lord will work it all out. We love you both so much! Well, this is a semi-business letter which I hope will not disappoint you, but the Economy R has changed my life overnight in lots of ways. PG! TYJ!

10. THE MOST POWERFUL LETTERS I HAVE EVER READ ARE THE LATEST, and I think, long-needed bombs from the poignant pen and terrestrial typewriter of the two terrors at the point of the pyramid! Ha! I really love you so much! Justus Pound and myself have spent a number of hours together and we had agreed totally on a policy of giving everyone the vision that the World Services Colony would be a high-powered unit with everybody pulling his weight and helping out in any department that needed help.

11. NO STRICT DEPARTMENTALISATION should be enforced or encouraged and everyone should have the attitude of a field Colony, and the fight for survival should be present daily along with a renewed democratic structure of the Colony as a whole with everyone sharing the same facilities, with no executive lounge or kitchen, etc.

12. I REALLY GET ON WELL, VERY WELL, WITH JUSTUS and he sees the need for this community spirit which firm. I really pray the Lord will had died at the office. The disciples at the office were really al- fect time. most systemite in their treatment and dealings with each other and so this renewal of the vision and

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structure is a real blessing and will, I know, give the people there much more faith and stamina to start with a clean slate and keep the whole operation fresh and vital. I really must apologise for such a cold letter, but you know the way I wander if I start to effuse on any subject. I hope all the facts are here.

13. THE WHOLE RENEWING of the drive and spirit has got so many of the kids on fire, it's a real blessing to see things happen again! Everybody loves the change, especially when it is much fairer to all concerned. The vision a lot of the kids had of the office was one of a beaurocratic monster that was getting more separatist by the day, so now they know the chips are down and we are earnestly working down from 20 to 12 in personnel.

14. THINGS WILL I KNOW BE REALLY ENCOURAGING. We had a saying at work that the first man out the door in hard times was the man who earned the most money. TYJ! David and Maria, I love you so much and pray the Lord will help me to be a blessing and a faithful disciple for Jesus. Lord bless and keep you all and I want you to know that we look forward to the day we may meet again !-- Love, Arthur XXXX (How my life has changed in 12 months!!!)

(From Bec:) April 23, 1975 Dearest David and Maria,

15. CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE TRIP TO VISIT YOU, I would of course love to with all my heart, but I wouldn't want to put you out, as I know you must have had guite a busy and exhausting few months with all the others that have been there. Whenever you think is best please conwork it out and it will be His per-

16. IT WOULD BE A DREAM COME TRUE ! It seems so long ago and I haven't set my heart on anything--just trying to go on, hoping in my heart but not dwelling on it in case it would never happen. Just thinking about the possibility is making me cry, hallelujah! I love you so much and have missed you really bad. I just pray the Lord will work it all out in His time.

17. ARTHUR IS DOING GREAT and he is so excited about his new responsibilities. He is doing real well. I love you both so much. Thanks for all your encouragement, love and faith in us, I don't want to fail you or the Lord. Love with all my heart, ---Your Bec.

(From Arthur:) April 28, 1975 Dearest David and Maria,

I love you! GBY and greetings in Jesus' dear name! We really love you and think about you all the time.Blob certainly was not of the Lord! 18. GHQ, YOU REMEMBER GHQ, THE PLACE OF THE BIGGEST BLOB-BUSTING-BLITZKREIG IN RECENT HISTORY? -- HA! Everybody there is now so inspired and free! They are undergoing a renewed vitality, and a sense of urgency is surfacing. Most everybody has been left in no doubt as to the aim and purpose of the Economy Revolution, and it has been accepted and welcomed by everyone. It really is a blessing, in a way, being so old (ha!) 'cause the Lord has already shown me the folly of Blobs in the system, the way they drain the very life-blood out of the particular field they happen to be in, either industrial or just human existence. The privilege of maintaining a company like the Ford Motor Company is a real drain on the rest of the engineering field because the rules and taxes needed to keep a big blob company under control almost cripple small companies who suffer the same treatment.

19. BIG BLOBS ARE A LUXURY AND A LIABILITY that no organisation can afford. The bigger they become, the less efficient they are and the less work per man they produce. Thank

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God for a spanking from the Old Man of the Mountain to get things back on their feet and working again! How pure and humble you beautiful people are! I remember when I first met you two Angels what struck me most was the way you lived, dressed, behaved, etc...and dear Becky the same .-- But then when I met the Blob I really wondered what was what !--

20. HOW COME THERE WAS THIS EXTRA-VAGANCE, this opulence in an organisation dedicated to the Lord's work. when things should have been run on a shoestring as far as I could see? I really thank God that I was privileged to see the top of the Crystal Pyramid before seeing the fat bulging waistline below it! I had the vision of you both in my mind and I knew from the way you were that the Thank God we have you, dear David, to lead us in the way of the Lord and to teach us through the Lord's immortal gems the way of the Lord!

21. THANK GOD FOR THE ECONOMY REV-OLUTION! It has burst the myth that life at the office is better or fatter than life anywhere throughout the ranks! The World Services Colony is now under no misapprehensions at all, believe me, and I can assure you that although we are not going to sleep on boards, we are going to have the drive and spirit of a field Colony, remaining efficient and effective for God's sake! Lord help us to do Thy will!

22. I SPENT A COUPLE OF HOURS WITH HOPE AND JACOB the other evening because the Rabbits shared with me that they were having trials about something, and the Lord really worked through me while I was there. a unique experience for me to be used in such a way, and we really got a victory over all his fears about being phased out, losing his skill and techniques, and about his marriage, etc. I really thank God for it! We had a really heavy prayer session afterwards, with Jake and

Hope crying and praising the Lord, and I was so high in the Spirit that the Lord spoke in tongues through me! It was both frightening and exciting! It really is hard to put my feelings on paper.

23. I SPENT SOME TIME WITH LAKUM last week and he really responded to love and common sense and I'm sure will be a blessing at World Services. I have a brother of 23 years called Dave who is a Pisces, and 'cause I used to spend time with I mentioned to Jethro at the time him and help him and show him some love he really treats me differently this lot, ha! How guilty we all are from everybody else. He was the only of packing more than we need. member of my family who came to see Beck when we had the baby, God bless A PART OF THIS FAMILY IT'S HARD TO him!

24. WELL, WE ARE REALLY PRAYING TOGETHER, and the Lord is surely on our side! You would just love to see tal structure has a different Nu-Keren with her dear baby, just not being able to comprehend the fact that the Lord has blessed her with such a miracle! Ha! I really love Keren--she is so sweet and thoughtful, demanding nothing herself. But I digress.

25. OH, HOW WE LOVE YOU ALL THERE and are really praying for you! We think of you often and can't wait to get your next letter. I have nev- for MO and Maria and multitudes of er been so happy in my life and I just cannot believe I'm still on this Earth ! -- Love of the sweetest kind, Arthur.

(From Arthur:) June 6, 1975 Dearest David and Maria.

God bless you both! How can I apologise for not having written sooner than this to you? I have no excuses -- I have been guilty of procrastination of the highest degree. Please forgive me.

27. IT WAS SO GOOD TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR ADVENTURES. Becky read your letter to me and it really excited us. We felt that we were right there with you. We are really praying for you all. My imagination runs riot when I read the written word,

especially when put down so interestingly, the smallest details faithfully recorded.

28. YOU GUYS REALLY DO SEE THE WORLD! It seems that my horizons have burst into all parts of the world in just 12 months! TYL! You must have your needs down to a really fine art by now with only five suitcases! I remember helping Faithy and Hosea down to the ship and they had 21 pieces of luggage! that Dad would freak out if he saw

29. DO YOU KNOW, I FEEL SO MUCH BELIEVE I HAVE JUST MET YOU ALL! The Lord has really worked a miracle in my life, you know. My whole mencleus now. My reason for being here and breathing this life's air is now so clear to me. I wonder why I never understood before. I thank you all so much for loving me and indulging me.

30. THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME JESUS! As you said, that was all you had to give and all I needed. Now I know that was the truth. Thank God missionaries with minds and motives of the same manner! I love you !!

31. EVERYTHING IS FINE at the house here. The baby is growing daily and is a constant reminder of God's love for us to me personally. What a little miracle he is! The rest of the family are really doing well. Gabriel is now quite an accomplished reader, although just five years old! Sharon is recovering from an unfortunate accident at school which brought us all closer together in Jesus.

32. BECKY AND I ARE GETTING CLOSER EVERYDAY, especially when we have to make decisions and counsel together on various personal problems within the family. We realise how much it is the Lord in our relationship, and

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when our flesh gets in the way it just does not work as it should.

33. HOW WE LOVE THE LORD! He has been so good to us and continues to be so! TYJ! We really love you and thank you for everything you have done for us and want you to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you constantly .-- Love forever, Arthur, your son and brother in Jesus! XXXXXXX.

(From Arthur:) June 13, 1975 Dear David and Maria,

GBY both and all those there with you! Thank you so much for your letter to the PM's and World Servants.

34. WHAT AN INSPIRATION YOU ARE TO US ALL! Your letters are so encouraging and at the same time are a constant reminder to keep our eyes on the Lord for His guidance and His perfect will in all decisions that have to be made.

35. I AM REALLY LEARNING WHAT IT IS TO COUNSEL TOGETHER before making decisions. If any one person is in danger of making an out-of-thespirit decision or a careless or hurried decision, then counselling together really short-cuts so many terrible consequences.

36. I DRAW AND FEED SO MUCH ON YOUR LETTERS involving situations that we are trusted to share in, and I am really learning more about myself by reading them and putting myself in these situations. You know it's a really strange feeling! You were so right about me when you got my reading, that in the back of my mind whenever I do anything at all comes floating a vision of Aries the Ram and that important last paragraph: (See "The Ram" No. 302B.)

37. "'CAUSE EVERY NOW AND THEN THERE'S A RAM LIKE SAUL who wants his own way and thinks he can do it entirely without the Shepherd, and he won't listen. He wants all the glory as he leads the sheep astray, and the whole nation gets into here we can get an overall picture

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born leaders right now: They're wrecking their countries because they're too proud to submit to the words of God through His prophets!" I really love you so much!

38. YOU KNOW ME SO WELL and I know you believe me when I say that this paragraph is constantly in my mind. Whatever I do, wherever I go. I think of it and act on it, because Saul I am not, and a pain in the ass I try not to be, and I will not be if I listen to the Lord and use the Letters as leaders.

39. THE BIGGEST JOB I HAVE HAD IS TO SLOW DOWN AND "STOP-LOOK-LISTEN!" My natural tendency to charge into a situation is now curtailed, and I am doing much better by waiting to hear from the Lord and counselling with others before acting. Your Letters are so encouraging and always speak faith! "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall!" (I Cor. 10:12.) God bless you, David! No matter how many little people think their efforts are going unnoticed (not referring to myself but the people I've spoken to in the Family who are overburdened by smothering leaders), the Lord knows and never fails to lift up. Thank God!

40. DEAR BECKY IS SUCH A HELP and an inspiration to me in my personal life! What a truly beautiful person she is. She is everything I ever dreamed a woman could be and more! She is so precious! I just wish everyone in the Revolution could be as happy and work as well together as we do.

41. I REALLY WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT YOUR LIFELINE and contact is our prime consideration in all we do as a Colony, and we consider it a privilege here to be helping Becky in her labours for the Lord. We love you both so much and don't intend to jerk into a situation just 'cos it's a new move. While we are trouble! Reminds me of some stub- of World Services and the Revolution

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tage in reaching decisions, etc.

42. AT THE SAME TIME I KNOW THAT THE CREATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS STAFF down there and you donning the na-LOOK TO BECKY AND ME FOR INSPIRATION, tive garb where you are and my mind and with the Lord's help and guidance not only in their work but also guys there. I can just see you in a in their private lives. We spent an evening together, Justus and I, whilst I was in Paris, and shared a lot about the way things were going and about policies that should be adopted in dealing with certain people and situations that have been freeness and spirit of any native. arising. I'm so thankful that the Lord shows us the same things about people and situations, and Justus' longer time in the Family is a great ily flitting from pillar to pillar help in filling out the picture. He can now use a lot more that the Lord palace, the moon shining from a shows him in his job than he was able to in previous situations.

43. I DO TRY NOT TO GET INTO THIS LEADERSHIP THING, but like to think of it as a cooperative with someone in a position to take the responsibility. It really helps to break down the system-type walls within the Colony. I made a point at the breakfast table for all 22 people to note that I felt that manners and consideration for others was sadly lacking and that we should start by a compulsory "please" and "thank you" at the table before all else. Ha!

44. IT BROKE A FEW BOTTLES and convicted quite a high percentage of others! TYJ! The Lord really lifts me up at an awkward time like that. I'm afraid I go red and blurt out what I want to say. I'm so unused to dealing with a group of . people like that, but with the Lord's help I'm getting there.

in touch with the youngest brother or sister -- to show love and not dictatorship! I want to do my best for Jesus and you, Dear David and Maria! What a blessing it is to be able to work in this way!

46. WORK? -- WHAT A MISNOMER! IT'S

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as a whole, which often is an advan- JUST DAY AFTER DAY OF PLEASURE! PTL! I NEVER HAVE BEEN SO HAPPY! We read a note from Stephen about your visit started working out pictures of you rough cotten woven striped Kaftan with dear Maria in her black slinky with face covered, just those two love-filled peepers visible through the folds of engulfing black cloth around her head! With the calmness. no one would ever know you!

> 47. AS THEY CAME CLOSER AND CLOS-ER across the tiled patio, stealthof cloistered outer wall of the clear star-studded sky glistening off his well-polished shoes, then ... yes they met!.... He embraced her, they looked into each others' eyes, his left hand came from the folds of his clothing, clung onto her right, and then as the lights flashed on !.....the orchestra struck up with, "Ladies and gentlemen, take your partner for the first waltz!"--Ha! I digress. I love you so much. We think of you often, Please send our love to all those there.

48. WE HERE ARE ENJOYING A REALLY HOT SPELL of weather in the 85's for the last week now. It's really stifling in the house! Everything is fine with us. The baby is growing and almost, well, ready--well it won't be long before he says "Daddy!" Ha! What a miracle! Gab and Sharon are doing fine and enjoying school. I went the other evening for a childcare meeting and I think 45. GOD HELP ME TO STAY HUMBLE and I was the only actual daddy there. Ha!

> 49. I FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE MY NEW LIFE STARTED ONLY 12 MONTHS AGO! How things have changed inside my head! The thoughts that God put there when I was born are now being lived out after 30 years of suppres-

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sion! Ha! I love you so much! One day I will tell you face to face and you will see for yourselves. Ha! Love as ever, Forever--Arthur. 50. <u>P.S. ON MY LAST TWO-DAY VISIT</u> <u>TO WS I READ THE NEW LETTER</u> "When To" to the whole Colony. It really made people very happy to receive yet another NR Letter! They love you both so much. What an inspiration to work with so many people with a common purpose and meaning in their lives!--Love, Arthur.

(From Beck:) July 5, 1975 Dearest David and Maria,

51. <u>I LOVE YOU SO MUCH!</u> I really apologise for taking so long to write. I just didn't get a chance to finish it, even though I've started several times. So, so sorry! I really do love and appreciate all you are doing for us. Sometimes I stop and think about all the things the Lord has done for me and it is too much!

52. <u>IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE, IT'S SO</u> <u>WONDERFUL!</u> The Lord has certainly blessed me more than I could ever desire or imagine! I love you with all my heart and I know it has all been brought about by your great love and faith. The Lord's ways are certainly not ours. My life has so drastically changed over the past two years, wow, it's wonderful!!!

53. <u>ARTHUR GOT HOME FROM ITALY</u> <u>THIS MORNING</u>. I missed him so much and it was good to have him come back! He was really excited about the trip and was so faithful to record the sessions for me and tell me everything. He learned a lot and the experience was very good for him. He doesn't miss a thing!

54. <u>HE WAS REALLY PLEASED THAT HE</u> <u>GOT ON WELL WITH EMMANUELE</u> and he really thinks very highly of Rachel and her abilities. He told me in great detail each day and its events. His descriptions were so vivid and true, I got a very clear picture of

what happened. He played the tape of your prayer when you were praying for him. He was so touched! He loves you very, very much.

55. HE LOST A LOT OF WEIGHT .-- I could hardly believe it! He has been trying to lose weight for a long time, but he really did in Italy. He really feels good when he is slim and he looks just right. I've been trying for a long time to get him to get some better clothes. He used to wear short pants with shirts that never fit his arms right because he is such an odd size. But I finally made him get some modern looking pants and a few nice shirts that fit, and he looks so much younger and slimmer! He reminds me of Emanuele in so many ways, not wanting to shop for himself, but just getting by any old way.

56. <u>ARTHUR AND I ARE DOING GREAT</u> <u>AND OUR RELATIONSHIP JUST GETS BET-TER AND BETTER ALL THE TIME!</u> We work so well together and we know each other inside out. It is really funny when someone knows you that well--you are just like an open book! It is great! Just the way you talk or a look or gesture, and we understand one another without an explanation. It's unbelievable! I have never experienced being so in tune with any one person all the time!

57. <u>I LOVE YOU SO MUCH</u> and we pray for you each day. Thank you so much for all the new letters that are coming out. I can't wait to read the new ones! The Lord bless and strengthen you! You are so faithful to just give and give and give, and I pray you have all the quiet and rest you need. Your little house here is nice and quiet and we are keeping it nice and warm for you if you ever need another place. I love you!!! XXXXXXX!!!!!!--Much, much Love Always, Beck.

(From Arthur:) July 18, 1975 Dearest David and Maria.

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God bless you, we love you! 58. <u>WOW, WHAT A LIFE! I AM SO</u> <u>HAPPY!</u> I did not think it possible that I could feel like this for such lengths of time! Do you know I have not had a fit of depression for almost a year! It is a sheer miracle of God! Now I see what you were always smiling about when I knew you not so well as I do now.

59. <u>AS YOU SAID, DAVID AND MARIA,</u> <u>ALL YOU COULD GIVE ME WAS JESUS</u> and you did. God bless you for all your kindness and the love that you gave so, to me, considerably generously and so heartfelt and freely. I feel as I write that I talk to you as if you were right here.

60. WHAT A LOVE STORY! What love stories!--Jesus' love for us, your love for me and my love for you! Love, Ahhh! What a different meaning it holds for me now! Becky's love for me, her love for the Lord, for David and Maria, my love for her, her children--oh, there is so much love around this Family I can't write it down! We are so happy!--I hope you catch that from this letter.

61. WHAT A PRIVILEGE IT WAS TO GO TO ITALY! I hope that I made some useful contribution. What a different spirit there is amongst the family there! It must be the care and attention and affection shown by dear Rachel and Emanuele in feeding their sheep that produces results like that! God bless them! They were so good to me there. Really made me feel at ease.

62. I SPENT QUITE A LOT OF TIME WITH RACHEL AND LYDIA whilst in Italy. I really hope they got a good witness off me. I'm afraid my sense of humour sometimes runs away with me and I don't give quite the sober witness they expect, but I don't think they were offended. I really hope not! I really admire dear Rachel and Lydia so much! They are so on the ball and humble, and yet so strong and spiritual in all their DFO NO. 521

decisions. They are both so young, yet so old in their wisdom and dedecisions!

63. <u>HOW THE LORD HAS WORKED IN</u> <u>THEIR LIVES!</u> I pray daily to remain humble and broken so I can be used so freely and give of myself freely as these two beautiful people have in the furtherance of the Lord's work. Dear Emanuele has such a jewel for a wife and helper!

64. <u>I REALLY BECAME FIRM FRIENDS</u> <u>WITH EMANUELE</u> and we seem to understand each other really well. It's quite remarkable how I know from the similarities of our natures what his remarks, his supposed conceit and superior attitude is hiding by way of a soft generous heart, a really deep feeling of love for his fellows and his wife, that he shows in such--to anyone who didn't know him--strange ways! God bless him!

65. I REALLY AM VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF SPENDING SOME TIME WITH THESE BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE! Rachel shared a lot of her testimony with me, which I consider a real honour. My God, how good You are to me! I have a beautiful sweet intelligent spiritual strong loving woman for a wife, and I know so many other women just the same, so intimately, it is sometimes too much for me! I have a personal flesh family, a spiritual family, a unity of spirit with thousands of people in my bigger Family, a Shepherd who guides by leading and showing the ultimate sample of love and is ever faithful to feed his flock with words that flow so free from his heart and are like water to a thirsty soul living in the systemite deserts of man.

66. <u>MY GOD, I THANK YOU FOR DAVID</u> <u>AND HIS</u>! Lord, please use me in anyway You can. Thank you David and Maria and Becky and all your--now my--big Family, and most of all dear sweet Jesus who died for us all that we might be saved! What a commission we have! I love you!--Arthur.