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Monday

Dear John,  
 This is the second letter! I didn't get around to posting the first one. Sooooo much has happened. Don't cancel your trip!! It will be fun to talk with an articulate, intelligent fellow being.

Graham rang last night and I suspect he is after some T.C. and he rang here after he found you weren't home. - He gave me T.C!

Purpose is not to moan and groan but to say "hello" and "how are you!"

How's the new car performing above to the point, how's Larry coping with the new job? Is he still smiling?

I went out to the outskirts of Sydney on Friday. Took me 1 hour 20 minutes and  $\frac{1}{2}$  the distance was on a free-way / motor way (\$2). I do not like driving in the suburbs here - poor signposting, narrow roads and aggressive trucks! I was in the school car (Carny I think). It was fun in an abstract way. Tomorrow I go to Blacktown to meet some kids but I don't fancy the car. I'll try to go by train. That way I get to see some of the scenery! Then I only have a few kids to see.

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**1282** (the boss) was summoned to the Superintendence people for a medical today (The others don't know). I was talking after work today and he said they had records of his sick leave since day 1. The reason for the summons was he has had too much sick leave recently - stress leave and all that with Pekka's death. The Super people are worried that **1282** is slipping the lead. I also suspect **1282** has applied for medical early retirement.

The house is a problem for him because Pekka, in my view, deliberately changed the will or didn't sign it or something and Pekka's sister has claimed the insurance and  $\frac{1}{2}$  the house. The insurance was to cover payout on the house for the surviving partner (both had it to cover the other). So after Pekka died instead of having the house debt free, Geoff was left with a large mortgage and legal battles with Pekka's sister. So he has my sympathy there! He's also moved with his job and can't go anywhere. - He's in the best possible place - no kids, 9.00 to 3.30, no problems. He has a good staff so there are no problems. I hope he gets what he wants.

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Anyway, Jim encouraging  
to go out on his own which he's  
doing and Jim encouraging  
him to meet with his Thornleigh  
friends and to "stay over".

Not encouraging in the worst sense  
but indicating it is OK to do so - he  
doesn't take much encouraging.

But then I cannot seem to take  
the hooks out. - he won't let go!

The last thing to shake him was  
then I told him to remove his  
stuff from North Adelaide.

Jim hoping your Tommy stay  
will be much easier for you at  
the end of the year!

Gops - Jim slipped into it again.  
Hope to see you soon!

Cheers.

Ken