

3225 Keewaydin Place
Minneapolis, Minnesota
May 17, 1953

Dear Dad Rinell,

Do not mistake this note for an answer to your last letter. As soon as I finish finals now at Bethel, I will write a letter, not just a note as this.

I was asking you about a Contax camera in a former letter. In your last letter, you said that you were able to buy one. It seemed in your letter that you had bought the Contax for me, but I was not sure. If so, wonderful; if not I'd like one. There are a few questions I would like to ask.

The first question is, of course, have you got my camera?

Secondly, how much? Do you want me to deposit the price of the camera in your account here? If so, would you happen to know the exchange amount (if not, I can easily get it here). Or would you want us to include American currency in our letters to you. I know that American money some times comes in handy when one is traveling.

Thirdly, do you think I should get filters, etc. through you in Sweden? How about a telephoto lens, is it a necessity? If so, how expensive a necessity is it?

If this is my camera you bought, would you want to take it with you to Switzerland and Korea? I am in no hurry to get it and probably you would like to take it along. If so, that would be perfectly alright with me.

Before I close these lines, let me congratulate you on your appointment to Korea. I hope that all your hopes materize for you. Be sure to greet Karamor and Grandmother for me. And be expecting a letter from me very shortly.

With love,

Bruce

3225 Keewaydin Place
Minneapolis, Minnesota
June 27, 1953

Dear Dad Rinell,

Knowing that you are due home from Switzerland in a couple of days and are about ready to leave for Korea, I decided to set all else aside this afternoon and get this letter off to you. You move around so much that it is hard to know where or how to find you. I hope you will be remaining long enough in one place for this letter to catch up with you.

First of all, you deserve a double congratulation. You need to be congratulated for the invitation you received to lecture in Switzerland. Boy, what wouldn't I have given to have been able to go along with you there. I have long wanted to visit that country. Then you need to be congratulated for your commission with the United Nations in Korea. In Korea I am afraid you will run into a lot of hard work. But your work there, nevertheless, should prove extremely interesting. Best of luck to you. May the Lord prosper you on your journey and allow you to serve well both Himself and the dear people of the Orient.

I know that my words of appreciation are belated, but I want you and Karamor to know that the book you sent me for my birthday was well-received. It is a very beautiful volume and I know cost no small amount. I think you should have done much less; but I do appreciate both that fine book and the love and thoughtfulness that it represented. As long as I can remember, I have wanted to have been able to speak Swedish, as well as read and write it. But circumstances have not permitted the fulfillment of this ambition. Also for many years, I have been extremely interested in the land of my ancestors, Sweden. Since Doris and I were married, this interest has been increased. But to my dismay, most of the literature available at home concerning Sweden has been in the Swedish language. But now finally I have something about Sweden that I can read myself. Tacks-a-micka.

I certainly wish you and Karamor could see the children. They certainly are a lot of fun. Little Tootsie is more full of the dickens than Lennie ever was. She is into everything. Just this morning, for instance, she dumped Doris' laundry soap. Then she broke her bottle on the bath room floor. She just loves to take things from Lennie and run off with them. For one so small, you would not think she could defend herself. But one need not worry about Tootsie; she takes good care of herself. She is quite a climber too. It is nothing to see her shoot up a flight of stairs or balance herself on top a chair or chest. What a girl!

Karamor mentioned that some of the U.N. representatives going to Korea may be passing through New York. If that is true, would they not fly across the country to the West Coast? And if they should fly to the West Coast, perhaps the plane would make a stop-over at Minneapolis here. It only takes about two minutes to drive from our home to the air port. Maybe your group would not be passing through the Twin Cities. But if it should, perhaps we could drive up to the airport and meet you, with the children. Please let us