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Dear Friends,

We know that everyone is really looking forward to 1995, and were no exception. We have some tremendous plans, and if we accomplish even half of them well be very happy.

Over the winter, of course, well be rearranging the furniture and doing some interior construction in the South wing. Refinishing the teak paneling in the small ballroom, replacing the cracked marble pillars in the billiard room, touching up a few of the Picassos, that sort of thing. We have to get the place looking nice for the United Nations summit meeting in March.

Spring, naturally, means well be turning to the yard work. We hope to complete our front garden (a 1/100 scale model of Versailles) early in the season, with enough time left over to put in a vegetable garden in the back. (This year were only feeding Ethiopia, Bangladesh, and Burkina Faso, so we should have plenty to spare.) Then its on to the side yard, where we plan to put in a reproduction of Van Goghs *Starry Night* done entirely in petunias and chrysanthemums.

It just wouldnt be Summer without a few trips. This year, our vacation plans will take us to Serbia (theyve asked our help in settling an argument), both Georgias, and Gruggnatz, the fifth planet of the star Quetzlac B in the Mordinian Cluster (the Provisional Government is sending a vessel to pick us up). Of course, well also be making our regular pilgrimages to Rome, Mecca, Jerusalem, Sri Lanka, and the Great Pyramid.

We have some personal-development goals planned for 1995. Don is going to be sharpening his language skills, picking up Ancient Hittite, Cretan Linear B, Xhosa, several more Eskimo dialects, and Bocchi. He is also working on a new design for a supercomputer so fast that it will be able to complete an infinite loop in under five seconds. Thomas continues his studies on neocortical neurology, quantum chromodynamics, and magneto-gravitic engineering; he hopes to have his Grand Unified Theory whipped into shape for the Nobel Prize ceremonies in November.

Renfield has a new ambition: he wants to become the first Pope to tour Antarctica by dirigible while simultaneously being named Archbishop of Canterbury, King of the Belgians, and Supreme High Druid. At the end of the year, expect to see him in Italy for his canonization as the new Patron Saint of Travel.

Finally, as next year draws to a close, we intend to revive the Apollo Program, set up the first permanent colonies on the Moon and Mars, and finish off with a bang as the three of us achieve the rank of Archangels.

Heres wishing you the happiest of holiday seasons, and may all of *your* dreams come true!

-Don, Thomas, & Dan

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