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Dear Doc,

Your Christmas note was most welcome, but the news of your retirement was not. I had heard that LSC's policy was most inflexible - no bending of rules even for a Howe or a Stenzel.

The Indonesian trip was very interesting. I worked hard while there but managed side trips to Bali, Sumatra, and central Java. The week going and week returning, of course, were more enjoyable. It was nice to have a paid trip around the world, and I am young enough to enjoy it. Travel is one thing it will be difficult for me to ever not enjoy.

Today is the day all of us Green Dinosaurs are supposed to learn more about our future. Many of us may be "retired" if the Atlantic-Richfield merger goes through. I'm getting to the age (45) where I cannot take too many of these mass layoffs. If the merger goes through, and if Sinclair employees are retained, I could very well find myself back on the Gulf Coast in operations.

I am back on the Gulf of Alaska workwise. That should end soon with the big lease sale. After that - Recent*, Alaska North Slope maybe, or Rocky Mountain Cretaceous. *Gulf Coast + Bahamas