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Obviously, Cathie and I would very much like to see you in our neighborhood! University School is a few blocks from VIPPS, and I would enjoy guiding you through the school.

Cathie and I just returned from the Orient, including a week-long visit to Palau. We traveled with the last American administrator who left with the election of the first president. Palau appears to be an island paradise laden with difficult political and social issues. We were hosted by some wonderful islanders who introduced us to their finest local delicacy, bat soup. It sounds as bad as it looked...and tasted!

I do hope that you and your family are well and have some time for gatherings. I can only imagine the demands upon your time.

Cathie joins me in extending warm regards and personal admiration for your outstanding work and dedication. Please give Katy our love.

Cordially,

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