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Dear Ruth, Clarence, Betty & Elaine

I'm trying to finish my Christmas letter writing at wee hours of this morning but I'm experiencing some difficulties with my pens, they all seem to be running dry and I still have 9 more letters to write. I'm enclosing several pictures which I took while visiting with your cousin Eric, Birgit and their son John Eric and family. I used to correspond with his mother Ellen when Grandpa Swanson was so sick. His Aunt Teckla called while I was there so I got to talk to her in Swedish. She's the nurse, is now 85 years old & lives alone. Birgit treated us on coffee & goodies. We ate a lot of delicious raspberries from their garden. I understand that he is diabetic. Their son is some sort of an engineer and they have a beautiful home. Their other son flies a big jet plane. We sure enjoyed every minute of our six weeks stay in Norway & Sweden. I took about 250 pictures and had them with me when I went to Lorraine & Bob's the Saturday before Thanksgiving when Wayne was there. Art, Lovina, Ann, Mary & their cousin Pam were there also. Lorraine served a most delicious dinner and they showed us their beautiful slide pictures taken in Italy and Jamaica. Very interesting. They tell me that you, Clarence have had some problems which I hope have cleared up by now. We were happy to see Carla & Rick for one week in September. I picked them up at O'Hare on Sept. 25th. Carla has studied long & hard for her new job at the insurance company and is now an underwriter. Rick is glad to get the painting job at the State of Arizona University so now he can have regular hours & be close to home. They are buying a cabin near the mountains where they go often to climb cross country skiing etc. Dan got married to Laura Aug. 13th. They plan to come home next spring. She sounds like a fine girl & I'm anxious to see them. It's a relief to be fully retired by time flies fast anyway. Mildred and other people depend on me for rides adn other things and there's always something going on especially now at Christmastime. I had my brother & family here for Thanksgiving and also Mildred & friend Ruth. Gordy brought the turkey & Mildred the pumpkin pies.

Now I wonder if this pen will survive nine more letters. It better because most of them are going to Sweden. Hope you will have a nice Christmas & find much happiness & a healthy New Year.

Love, Elsa