Dear Ones:

The additional sad news: Peter came rather suddenly after Alma's passing. I hope that Peggy can cope with her grief and attendant problems. I found out they are legion so much so that I considered dropping everything here and "escaping" to Lone Pine.

Erna's wire stated that Alma succeeded in her transformation.
And that coupled with the "rest"

I ordered for Alma's body while
at the hospital morgue, lifted
a great load off my heart and
mind. I too hope that Peter
reached the other shore quickly.

Alma's struggle with life and
death was heroic. Conscious to
the end, she uttered: "This is
no good, I don't think I'll make it."
(meaning the trip to the hospital).
She dropped in our apt. on the
way to be strapped, even tho
wracked by pain and shortness
of breath she managed to smile.
During her last 10 days of earth life, she tried very hard to spare me the agony of her suffering. Tried to put on that she was feeling "pretty good." However, her tired and muffled eyes betrayed her. I knew she endured much pain.

The void she left in my life will not be filled. Today we would have celebrated our 42nd anniversary. And time relentlessly pushes on.

Hope you all are in good health and I hope to see you in a few weeks. Much love, Gene
Alma Sedwick Dies After Long Illness

Word was received this week of the death March 12, in Chicago, Ill., of Alma Sedwick, of Lone Pine and Chicago. She had been ill for several months.

Mrs. Sedwick was active in the Order of Eastern Star, and was formerly a music teacher. She and her husband Eugene, who survives her, established a part-time residence west of the Alabama Hills Estates, while maintaining their home in Chicago.
Dear Gentlude:

Your most thoughtful + kind gesture re: my "Birthday" touched me deeply. Right here by the heater I am so firmly ensnared in your debt that I feel I even begin to repay you or Yogi. Saw Erma + Fipru and they wish to be remembered to you both. Possibly Helen + or Lillian may tell you about her finds in Palm Beach. It's fabulous. And most pleasant stay with the Briggs. Stopped here for lunch + Nostalgia.

Again many thanks. Much love to you both.

Vera
Dear Folks:

Came home early Thursday after a most enjoyable trip thru colorful country. The run into Phoenix was routine except for the heat around needles...only 115°. A most pleasant stay at Jim & Helen's; even had dinner with Erma & Dr. Fred at The Safari in Scottsdale.

I left Sunday A.M. and headed for Sedona. It's unbelievable to see the real estate development. The colors are most vivid here, then on to Flagstaff, Cameron, Tontalea and Payenta.
Headed North thru Monument Valley (AHS + OAS), Camped at the Gooseneck's St. Park near Mexican Hat, had the whole place for myself. Mary a Car. Early Mon. Morning Took a Brutal 17 Mile Loop into the "Valley of the Gods". Magnificent pillars and monuments--Flame Red. The "Road" is the World's Worst. Then on to Moab and Arches Nat. Monument. Again AHS + OAS. Back Tracked to Moab for lunch and then took a lonely road along the Colorado River for miles, on to Cisco and I-70.

Grand Junction is now by-passed by Interstate 70. On to Glenwood
Springs and Vail. The latter is a most modern Swiss Alpine ski resort that is out of this world. This you must see. It is 9000 ft. in alt. and I camped near here. Of course I almost froze to death. Car was almost ice in the morning. The ride into Denver from Vail is very scenic and most enjoyable. From Denver on - dullness and monotony come in on the heels of C and triple fortissimo. Trust you are both well and not too lonesome. You'll see more of Peggy now. Also Jim and Helen and all await you this fall.

Much work awaits me here.

Much love, 

[Signature]
Dear Yogi and Gertrude:

As I am typing away it is snowing hard and all signs of spring have vanished. So far we have had 74 inches for a record breaking winter which is too much and too long for me, as I chafe at the bit for the westward trek. I know that you plan to go to Phoenix about the 20th, and I was wondering how I can be in Lone Pine when you leave. This is my present concern.

I have reworked all kitchen and porch screens 16 in all, and I do want to put them up before I leave but this entails window slide renewals as well as window and sash cleaning which I cannot do now. Also I have ordered permanent awnings for the front living rooms which may not get here before the fifteenth, so at the present I cannot assure you that I will be in Lone Pine when you leave. However I'll definitely be there by the 22nd or so.

I trust that you all are well. Strange that Yogi and Lillian are patients of Dr. Pounds all the way in Phoenix. I hope Fred uses this in his publicity. I also believe that you all are making
this trek as the faithful of Islam going to Mecca. With a magnet as potent as Imra I'd do the same all the way from Chicago. By the way how is the Mercedes? I'm keeping my fingers crossed that my old Faithful Rambler will make the run without too much trouble as I have 108,000 miles on her old bones with absolutely no major work or replacement.

As of now I believe Peggie's job is about over and hope that she will find some source of revenue in the near future. Last week was the anniversary of Peter's passing and I know Peg was in the same doldrums mentally as I was on the 12th. of March. The time does demand its inexorable toll and the emptiness can only be super-ceded by a discipline of action. It is good to be able to act and also have the necessary energy to uphold it.

Please convey my best wishes to Lillian and tell her that she must be on the mend when I get there. Also before closing, could you arrange to have the latest tapes for my listening as I have much catching up to do. Take care and have a pleasant and safe trip.

Love and Regards

Pierre says Woof
(Ditto)