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Dear Malcolm,

Many thanks for your letter. Indeed you may wonder up to what I have been, so here, in case you have not heard from Derek, are the details of the past three/four months.

Met up with Mary again in Kingston, had planned to do Expo together. (First met in mid-Atlantic, both on way to Canada two years ago. Since then Mary had been working in Winnipeg, and bumming her way around the Bahamas, New Orleans, Mexico City and Los Angeles, before settling down again in Vancouver). Had great time in Montreal, week in Kingston, trip to Quebec, got engaged just before she returned to Ireland for long-planned stay with parents. Hence I returned to Ireland just before Christmas, we spent few days in London, Devon and Cambridge, flew from Amsterdam to Vancouver. Great trip over Arctic wastes, etc., but could not see any polar bears from 35,000 feet. Gorgeous sunset in middle of afternoon. Started back East in New Year, dropped in on Penticton, saw Jim Caswell, conversed over telephone with Jim Gower, did fantastic amount of radio astronomy, got back here on January 8th. Got married February 17th, depart immediately for Bahamas.

In middle of this, astronomy is flourishing. Have two observing sessions with 150 ft dish next month (immediately before and immediately after marriage and the Bahamas) and will be doing blue objects and DA catalog sources at 4.6 cm, galactic sources at 10 cm. Am also starting up for 5 MHz 1974 at Penticton, erecting interferometer to look at Cas A and Cyg A 4 to 6 MHz. 10 MHz is still flourishing and we plan to extend the antenna and also continue observing down to 100 f.u. sources. So I am still falling off both ends of the radio spectrum at once, carering around from here to Ottawa to Algonquin Park to Penticton the while. Life is somewhat more active than it was in Cambridge (for me at any rate!).

Car is only about 19 feet long, but it's ugly and automatic everything and thoroughly decadent, so I'm sure you'd approve! Fantastic performance, have had it up to 110 mph on the 401 highway near here. Hi-Fi arrived yesterday, neighbours shortly to be deafened along lines similar to yours.

Kingston is great, even now in grip of real winter. Has been down to  $-26^{\circ}\text{F}$ , several feet of snow. Two nights ago it was  $+15^{\circ}$  and an inch of rain fell - whole town buried under inch of ice in a few hours. Lake Ontario is frozen, took trip on car ferry to an island 5 miles out, towed along by ice-breaker. People skate, sail ice yachts, drive cars out on the lake now.

Hope you manage to get something fixed up with Ginzburg - sounds a great opportunity. Hear they have a real winter there too. Remember, remember, Edmonton in December!

All the best,