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Dear Henry:

Thanks very much for your letter. We did visit the Twin Cities and saw the Prairie Home Companion Show on May 1. It was a very interesting show and weekend. Also, we went out to the Mariner Restaurant and the Emporium of Jazz on Saturday evening. I didn't realize before this visit to Minnesota the historical and cultural strength of the obvious link between New Orleans and the Twin Cities -- the Mississippi River. At any rate, Butch Thompson was also playing at the Emporium of Jazz. It was excellent. Nevertheless, we didn't stay too late because we brought our two youngest daughters along, ages seven and 11 years.

We visited the Science Museum and the Art Museum next to the Guthrie Theater on Saturday and Sunday. We really enjoyed the exhibit on Hmong and Yao Art at the Science Museum. It is extremely well done and educational. As you know, we lived in Northern Thailand for two years and I have been back to Southeast Asia many times in the past eight years. Even though this art is not new to me, I thought the exhibit was extremely well done and very instructive. You must make it a point to visit this exhibit before it leaves, if you haven't done so already.

I learned some really tragic news this week, which you may not have heard. As you can see from the enclosed newspaper article, Rick Shekelle's stepson committed suicide last week. My son went to the same high school as he did. It is really an unspeakable tragedy.

Thanks again for the tremendous lecture and the delightful evening of music in Atlanta. I am really impressed with Minneapolis-St. Paul also. I hope to see you again in the near future. Have a good trip to Russia. Incidentally, did you see Richard Cooper's recent paper on cardiovascular mortality and risk factors in Russia? I thought it was a very good paper, but I can see how his studies may be frowned upon in the USSR, as they may call into question some aspects of the "Bolshevik Dream".

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure


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P.S. Your first letter just arrived. I hope you are well. I have to return to Minnesota soon.