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Dear Karen & Mike

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at the moment I'm in the Van Gogh Club at Amsterdam (very fancy) waiting for my KLM flight to Anchorage, then hopefully home 2 hours later. The flight is late (as usual) so I'm not sure what connection I can make in Anch.

I flew to Iceland last Sunday and spent 1 day with Icelandair. Reykjavik is a quaint town of about 100,000. The entire island population is 240,000. Had a delicious meal, rack of lamb, and gravolox

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(pickled salmon with dill mustard sauce)
delicious! Saw some geothermal vents
which they exploit for heat and power,
sometimes drilling down 6 kilometers!

often surprisingly warm, between 0-15°C
due to the Gulf Stream. Only a little snow
in the mountains. When the wind blows,
it really freezes your bones.

Toes bite it flew to Copenhagen and spent
Wed with Maersk. It was very
involved in getting Boeing to offer them
a modified (strengthened) version of
the 737-300 they already operate which
will carry a full payload (146 passengers)
from Stockholm to Las Palmas in the

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Canary Islands non-stop. These type of changes cost tens of millions of dollars to develop so ~~it's~~ it's my job to convince the company they can do it for less, and there is a market for it. We also improved the number of passengers they can carry into VAGAR, a very short runway in the FAROE islands (1/2 way between Norway and Iceland). It is the shortest runway in the world with regular jet service - ¹²⁵⁰ ~~1300~~ meters! with a hump in the middle and very difficult

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approaches in both directions, extreme turbulence and poor visibility much of the time. Otherwise its fine.

It flew in there on Thursday just to see how it was. Wow! It was a nice day with no wind and good visibility and it was still very exciting.

Went to Amsterdam that same route and met with Transavia Holland this A.M. They are interested in what we are doing to improve our airplanes since they also operate 737-300 on long ranges. I had not planned to come here, but was asked to divert when I got to Copenhagen.

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As a result I had to put something together
on the run. It turned out fine.

I'm anxious to get home to see
how the room looks. The plasterboard
was up and partly taped when I left.
It should be all done so I can start
painting.

As soon as carpet is in, hopefully
right after Thanksgiving, we can move ~~it~~
in. I think it will really be nice.
The society will probably not be ready

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until just before Christmas so I should
have everything else done by then.
Thank God! It really was a big job
and took longer than I thought.

In spring we start on the outside -
plan to redo the backyard. By the
time you're home, you won't recognize
the place.

When will you be home?

Sorry my writings so bad - a
combination of pen, low table and fatigue.
Write soon

Love,
Dad