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Dear Mr. Simons,

We've wanted to write you for a long time now, and today is a nice-spring-rainy-letters-waiting day with you at the top of our list.

Yes, I have all day to write. I "retired" the middle of March in accordance with the schedule we made for ourselves nearly a year ago. We felt that when Andy had been masking for one year, I could become a full-time housekeeper. We had wondered what excuse I could give my employer for making such a move, since I liked the work etc. -- and do you know, I turned up with the best excuse of them all! The first of our six children is due October 1st. Isn't it wonderful how things are turning out for us? We were dying to tell you as long ago as January but waited till after we told our folks. We just knew how happy you would be for us. I feel just like a bird out of a cage -- haven't known an uncomfortable moment. Our doctor finds me as normal as can be and believes (as do we) that I will continue that way since we are so completely happy and "ready" for our baby. Call it Christian Science or psychology (did I spell that right?) or horse sense -- it doesn't matter what the name is, your mental attitude certainly governs your nervous and physical systems to an enormous degree.

So there in a nutshell is about all our news. This thing of being home all day is Heaven! We can get up later in the morning since I get breakfast now. Andy always got it and shaved while I got dressed and made the beds -- and he was slow as the seven year's itch! Then at night he gets home at 5:30 and finds dinner ready whereas until now we didn't get home till 6:30 and then had to do some last minute shopping and prepare dinner. The evening was over by the time we finished the dishes and straightened up the house. Neither of us had to go to work on Saturday, but we did clean house, went marketing, took the laundry to a Laundrette, and generally put in a pretty full day. Now all those chores are done during the week and Saturday and Sunday are really days of relaxation. It's wonderful!