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Hi Bern,

More great, dry weather, but also more warnings that reservoirs all along the east coast, right up into Maine running low, and forest fires are becoming more frequent. Hope Duff Garden not in harm's way, those trees pretty far apart, but the pines have a way of really torching and there are a couple along the chimney side. Mom and I planning to drive tomorrow afternoon, around 1600, sure is nice to wake up at Duff and enjoy the quiet of the morning. Rake some leaves.

Now that the weather is chilly in the mornings Otto getting back into the habit of wanting to snuggle with me around 0400.

An article in today's Times notes that Alabama hit hard by current downturn of economy. It has enjoyed a fair amount of new manufacturing, like parts for cars, but when the car selling contracts those jobs go away fast. I assume your area dominated by the military, so economy fairly stable.

Taliban in major retreat as we speak, not at all clear why they are giving up enormous territory virtually without a fight. These are wily folks and may plan a counterattack, they have a far larger Army than the Northern Alliance, however, if the Taliban must make major troop movements they would have trouble big time with our air coverage. Big challenge right now is to avoid more ethnic division, Powell trying to arrange some sort of power sharing among the various factions, that never has been easy in Afghanistan. It was whacked up by the British way back when, with little consideration of ethnicity, we all now are paying the price.

Get you headers yet? I have the mailing stuff here, let me know. Best of luck on getting that thing running without damage from the oil loss, have you tracked down an oil idiot fight yet? I am sure you can be creative.

I must get to Phila today to noodle about what to say to EPA tomorrow on a Superfund site in WV where EPA has recently made a dumb cleanup decision. We are paying some 20% of the costs so we care. Things seem on track for Parkersburg, we are hoping to sign an order this week, the public meeting still is set for Nov 29, will be something to behold. The business finally has decided there is nowhere to hide so is becoming more aggressively responsible and open, that is a good thing that I have consistently been urging, if they were more savvy they could have figured that out for themselves long ago, better late than never.

Time to roll, hope all is well down South, looking forward to Thanksgiving.

Love,  
-Dad, Mom, Erin, Jen, Cass, Reilly, Otto

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