

12th April 2002

Dear Nancy,

First of all we would like to send you both our congratulations with your wedding on the 27th April and of course all our best wishes for your future life together.

We thank you also very much for sending us an invitation for the wedding. We appreciate this very much although we had to send our regrets. Hopefully we shall be able to meet again on a future date, when you can tell us everything about the event.

Of course we were very tempted to go to California to meet you both again and to participate in this ceremony, which surely will be something very remarkable. However work and some other engagements did not make it possible.

Instead we searched some of our cardboard boxes, which we still have not unpacked since our American adventure in 1997/98. We wanted to find something special for you. We did find something unique, which you will definitely not see on many other walls around: An original Christmas Plate in limited edition from the Danish Royal Copenhagen Porcelain Manufactory from the year 1974.

Although the motif is quite alien to you folks from Sunny California, you might appreciate both the hardship and the expectations which we are subjected to during the long winter months. The Winter Twilight is a special feeling which is both depressing us, because of the long and dark days, but also makes us love the spring so much more intensively – when it finally appears, which actually is right now in these days.

It is also quite appropriate that it shows a forest, like the one where we are living – we even have an inhabited owl house less than 20 feet from where I am sitting now!

We do hope one day to have the pleasure to welcome you here in our house – please be assured that you would be most welcome at any time.