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Sarah, Phil, Toby, and Hanna Sayre
169 Pennsylvania Ave.
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Dearest Sarah, Phil, et. al.:

This is the bell which traveled about 17,000 miles aboard the *Invocation to the Great Bear* when I cruised her from California to New England and finally to the Gulf Coast at New Orleans during the years 1973-75. When I sold the *Great Bear*, I kept this bell along with a notion to use it on my next boat.

I would like you to have it with my greatest thanks for all the help, care, and love which you have provided to my mother over the years. Through thick and thin of internecine emotions and brouhaha in my branch of the family, and through trauma and hospitals, you guys have always maintained a steady and precious friendship with her; it has meant a lot to all of us.

I hope you can find a proper place to hang it. Perhaps Toby or Hanna would know the best place for a ship's bell. On the eastern shore, it might even make a good caller to let people know when dinner's ready... It needn't go to sea again. And I left a rich blue-green patina of several oceans' salt... but I suppose it could use polishing, so I'd better apologize now.

Someday I will finish the special letter/drawing program which I started months ago. But Hanna will probably be reading *Beowulf* by then.

Best love, and have a great summer!

Tay

P.S. Karen is due in about 5 weeks. With 46 chromosomes, two of which are Xs, we've named the baby **Elizabeth Hunter Vaughan**.