

# 8/5/84

Well, tings is still in de air. An impromptu meeting with Van didn't solve our problem and may have opened a 'door'. Seems the EC-32's scheduled to go to Antigua on Sunday ran into some problems with the same no travel policy that I had. Now, the fact that they are traveling to a C.O.S conference makes little difference. Fact is that many folks wanted to add on a few days here and there to visit other islands. A strict interpretation would indicate that this is a contravening of policy. A more liberal interpretation would allow PCV's to travel on for a few additional days since they were traveling anyway. A couple of problems arise from that, however. First, assuming the 3-month no travel policy was established for reasons such as finishing up your work, being professional, etc why schedule a C.O.S Conference during the last 3 months if it is so important that PCV's remain on island. Second, even allowing for a 'special case' situation like C.O.S. why allow holiday leave for a few days before or after it? What makes a 'few' different from a week or a month? So, it's all conflicting and ambiguous. Van made a tentative ruling that since we were brought in under one policy we should remain under it. Hence, he said no travel during the last 60 days which makes October 16th our deadline and our Nouvelle Frontiere reservations are okay. We'll just have to see. Hedging, I also booked on Caribbean Airways for August 18th through September 15th but that would cost us \$1,040 EC more...

Deb is gone and I'm feeling empty when I'm at home. I sure do miss her. She is in St Lucia at a Partners / Peace Corps conference for the whole week. I'm not real keen on being a bachelor. Had a nice phone call from my folks on Sunday. Todd has repaired the truck, passed inspection and is going to have it repainted. He was also chosen for a management training program for Mervyn's which puts him over at Valley Fair Mall. I'm sure he is glad to have the truck.

Holly and Jeff will move into a house just a few doors away from our old house on Garfield. It gets me anxious to have my own house again. There is a certain amount of permanence to that. Deb's sister and brother-in-law might also purchase a house in Horseshoe Bend, ID. Everybody is settling down and Deb and I here are in such turmoil. I wonder if we'll ever settle down again. Mom and Dad

are fine. Dad told me that we don't owe Uncle Sam anything so that's nice. Mom sounds great and is still plugging away at real estate. The lake keeps rising and is worrying everybody. Hope they build the ark in time.

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