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Dear Greg,

Happy New Year! How are things going in the Land of the Rising Sun? I must say, I really envy you getting that Tokyo job with the company. Somehow they overlooked me on that one and I am forced to slug it out here through another frigid and snowy London winter.

I heard through the grapevine that business is going well there. Rumour has it that you guys are just about to close a big deal with the Japanese government for a new car fleet range. Great news! Good for the company and good for you. Keep up the great work!

Did you hear about Steve Jackson suddenly leaving the company just before year-end? It was a bit of a shock to say the least. He gave one week's notice and was gone. Nobody knows for sure what's up with him but rumours have been flying fast and furious that he went through a bit of a personal meltdown and has now gone away to lick her wounds for a while. There could be some truth to that since his long time relationship ended recently and three months ago he was passed over for that manager’s position that was up for grabs. I'll keep you posted when we find out more.

As for me, I am quite busy these days on the Cranborn Systems Project. We are entering Phase Two now, and that is expected to run for three years, at least. Frank Smith is the Senior Project Manager and I am Team Leader of the Embedded Systems Group. I am enjoying it so far. Whether I'll feel the same way in three years, I'm not sure. By then I might be ready to join you in Japan.

I'm still doing well in the squash court and am managing to get in two or three matches per week. What about squash in Japan? Have you been able to play any over there? Are there even any squash courts? I suppose since you are in Tokyo there must be some. Let me know.

I have to go now and attend to family duties. Jonathon needs some help with his homework and Angie wants me to fix something in the kitchen. You single guys travelling the world sure are lucky!

Keep me posted whenever you can. I really enjoy receiving your letters and getting the details of your life in Japan.

Your squash buddy,

Dave