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Dear Amy,

\$50 of the enclosed is your birthday present; the rest is a pass-along. Mom and Dad sent me \$1000 for Halloween and I decided to pass it along to you and Tom. It should cover your airplane ticket for the trip home. I didn't look for the "Stalking" poster because I thought it would be difficult to mail.

Carol got a job today. She will be working at the VFW home in Eaton Rapids, about 15 miles south of Lansing. She almost didn't take the job because she was afraid that it wouldn't provide the kind of experience she needs to get certified as a social worker, but they told her they really wanted her and would re-write her position description if necessary to meet the requirements. The job only pays about \$9 an hour and she will be working 4:00 pm to 12:00, along with some weekend shifts. But it is a nice place and she really likes the people she's met there so far. She will be working with kids and families. She is very pleased that the job hunt is over - she has been looking for 6 months.

Now I can buy a new car. I am especially interested in the '97 Honda Accord. It has been getting rave reviews. I have not yet seen one other than in pictures.

We saw Boogie Nights last night. It is a good movie. It is about the pornographic movie industry in California in the 60s and 70s. It has some humor and some violence and a lot of sex, but the characters seem real. We also saw L.A. Confidential this weekend. That was good too, but the plot was too complicated for me. Carol, a mystery fan, had less trouble with it. No car chases in either movie. I don't care if I ever see another action movie. For example, I have no desire whatsoever to see Air Force One. Supermen make me feel inferior.