ROBERT B. STEPHENSON
P. O. Box 413, Astor Station
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HARVARD TRAVELLERS CLUB

April 13, 1992

Dear Member,

Norman D. Vaughan is one of the Club's most distinguished members having been a dog driver on the first Byrd Antarctic Expedition in 1928-30. Among his many other travel and exploratory accomplishments are travelling by snowmobile from Alaska to Boston, competing numerous times in the Iditarod sled dog race (including this year's) and discovering, excavating and salvaging from 256 feet within the Greenland Ice Cap eight U. S. Air Force airplanes forced down in 1942. His latest venture is the Mount Vaughan Antarctic Expedition, the objective of which is an ascent of his namesake mountain. An Antarctic Treaty protocol is calling for the removal of dogs from the continent by April 1, 1994, so this expedition may be the last to use them.

Mr Vaughan seldom gets to Boston but early in May, on his way to Greenland for the 12th season, he will pay a visit and is enthusiastic about seeing old friends and making new ones and recounting some of his past and future adventures. Because of the Club's meeting schedule we are unable to accommodate him as a speaker in the normal fashion. Consequently, we are planning a small and informal dinner to which some of his local acquaintances are invited and a selected group of others with interest in the polar regions. Here are the details:

Date:	Monday, May 4th, 1992.
Time:	6 - 7 pm Reception 7pm Dinner, followed by informal remarks by Mr Vaughan and a lively discussion and general chinwag.
Place:	St. Botolph Club, 199 Commonwealth Avenue, Back Bay.
Menu:	Soup, Salad, Dessert, choice of Chicken or Salmon.
Price:	$30 per person, all wine and drinks are extra.

Reservations are necessary and must be received by Thursday the 30th of April. The absolute maximum number is 50 so please be prompt. Members and those to whom this invitation is being sent (plus spouses) will have priority. You may pay that evening or send checks to the above address beforehand. They should be made out to the Harvard Travellers Club.

Reservations may be made by writing me at the above address or by calling my office in Boston at 262-0060. The weekend before I may be reached in New Hampshire at 603-532-6066. Please indicate your menu preference (Chicken or Salmon).

This should be an interesting and exciting evening and I hope you'll make an effort to join us on the 4th of May.

Regards,

Robert B. Stephenson
President

April 15, 1992

ROBERT H. BATES 153 HIGH STREET EXETER, N. H. 03833

Dear Rob,

The evening with Norman Vaughan should be a good one. Gail and I wish to be there.

Thanks,

Bob

AC-176

Dear Rob,
I was delighted to receive
your invitation to have dinner
with the Norm Vaughans. You are very
kind. I'll be "very interested"
to see "my Kirk" again.
Sadly, I had (boosh sour a month
ago and today, I'll be
getting over a mouth
infection ... sung all day
got too much. The coriander Blackened
Salmon Fillet at the Brigham, I'll be
glad to return.
Thanks for thinking of me
would love to have
Dan Stevenson
Boston ... Rob

Rob Stevenson
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Dear Bob,

Sign me up for the Norman Vaughan night — if you still have room. Otherwise, keep the check as a donation.

I had hoped to bring one other guest — let me know — or I'll call you — for status in terms of deadline.

Are you Pres. mad for lady ean?

Sincerely,
Jed Williamson
Pres. - American Alpine Club.

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~~Secretary-Treasurer~~

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Office: 617-262-0060

16 March 1992

Dear Mr Vaughan,

It was a pleasure talking with you today and I look forward to seeing you in May if things work out.

Enclosed is the most recent list of members. Have a look at it and note any members you would like to have at a dinner. I can make some phone calls and send out some notices and make some arrangements at the Harvard Club.

Perhaps you could get back to me by mail or phone sometime in the middle of April (or before) to confirm your trip to Boston. If it's still on, I can get cracking on organizing a dinner.

Regards,
Robert Stephenson

John O. Field

Mr. Norman D. Vaughn
483 Bay Road
Hamilton, MA 01936

May 19, 1987

Dear Mr. Vaughn:

G. Helen Brown notified us in the Harvard Travellers Club that you would miss the April meeting because of participation in the Anchorage to Nome sled dog race. Few members have so exciting a reason to be absent!

The thought occurs to me: Might this adventure (or any other distinctive travel experiences that you have had) translate into a talk before the Club? As you know, we emphasize illustrated presentations; and I know that a talk by you would be much appreciated by the membership.

If you would like to pursue the matter, please give me a call. There is an outside chance that I might be able to get you on next year's program,

but we are probably talking about the 1988-9 season.

Yours sincerely,

John Field

Phone: 731-0579

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HARVARD TRAVELLERS CLUB

Mr Norman D. Vaughan
1934 Commodore Drive
Anchorage, Alaska 99507

22 November 1991

Dear Mr Vaughan:

I have thought many times of writing you to pursue the possibility of your speaking to the Club on one or more of your many travels and exploratory projects. Having edited the last three or four Club Yearbooks I was always fascinated by your list of travels and said to myself what a perfect speaker for the Club. I must have been dissuaded by the fact you are quite a few thousand miles from Boston because I never followed through on it.

A number of things have now caused me to write to you and extend the invitation to join us at a meeting and recount some aspects of your long and varied career on the ice and elsewhere: As the new president of the Club I feel a responsibility of seeking out the most interesting speakers possible particularly if they are members. Also, recent mention of you in the National Georgraphic and the Antarctican Society newsletter has again got me thinking. And less than a year ago I met Phil Kolvoord who I learned is a friend of yours. I asked Phil about the prospects of your speaking (he's been to a Club meeting before and knows the routine) and he was very enthusiastic. He thought you'd be a grand success.

It probably comes down mostly to opportunity, whether you have any plans to be in the lower 48 and particularly in New England anytime in the coming year or so. Our programs for this season, through May, are set but on the other hand we could do some shifting around if necessary. One possiblity is the November 1992 meeting (probably the 3rd or the 10th) in as that will be the 90th anniversary of the Club and we are anxious to have a particularly memorable program as a consequence. At the moment, all 92-93 season dates are open (although the dates themselves haven't been settled on).

I hope you will give this some consideration. We would be very honored to have you speak and I would do my best to make it a grand occasion. I would be anxious to learn your views: You can write me at the above address or reach me by phone at my office (617-262-0060) or in New Hampshire on weekends (603-532-6066).

Sincerely,

Robert B. Stephenson
President

PS: For your information I'm enclosing a sheet that we've done up for prospective speakers which may be helpful.

Earth Almanac

WILL STEGER, APA/BLACK STAR

New Antarctic Compact: Dog Has Had Its Day

"Dogs shall not be introduced onto land or ice shelves, and dogs currently in those areas shall be removed by April 1, 1994." Those cold words, tucked into a new Antarctic agreement, spell the end of the trail for huskies like these on Will Steger's team making the first traverse of the continent by dogsled last year (NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, November 1990).

Time and technology have rendered working dogs in the Antarctic superfluous. Only Britain, Argentina, and Australia still keep camp dogs at their scientific stations. The impending ban stems from fears that dogs could spread disease to indigenous seal populations. Crabeater and leopard seals were recently found to carry antibodies against canine distemper—meaning that somehow the animals had already been exposed to the virus.

Carsten E. Borchgrevink, a Norwegian, became the first to use dogs in Antarctica in 1899. Dogs also helped Robert Scott, Ernest Shackleton, and Roald Amundsen make known an unknown continent.

But there may be one last dog trek, quite literally for old times' sake. Norman Vaughan (above right) served as a dog handler on Richard Byrd's 1928-1930 expedition, making him part of the first American team to use dogs in the Antarctic. Now Vaughan wants to

LOUIS A. SAPIENZA

be part of the last. He hopes to return with dogs in 1993—at the age of 88—to climb Mount Vaughan, a 10,302-foot peak named for him, although he will need a special permit to do so. Vaughan figures that he and his team will travel a thousand miles by dogsled, carrying instruments to measure air pollution.

"I'm promoting the idea that old people should throw away their armchairs," Vaughan declares. "I'm having a marvelous, adventurous life." An ardent aviation buff, he recently journeyed to Greenland as part of a group that excavated from more than 250 feet of ice one of two B-17 bombers that crashed during World War II.

Recycled Cans Aid Mining, Raise Objections

Dutiful allies of the earth, San Franciscans have hauled ten million steel cans to the curb since the city's recycling program began in 1989. But a ruckus has been raised by the Utah destination of most cans—the world's largest open-pit copper mine (below).

The cans are shredded to make an iron-rich solution that separates copper out of the poorest grade of copper ore. This enables the 2.5-mile-wide mine to produce an extra 6,500 tons of metal a year.

Thus recycling "is actually helping a destructive process—open-pit mining," argues John McCaull of Californians Against Waste. Amy Perlmutter, San Francisco's recycling coordinator, counters: "The process reduces the rate at which mining takes place." As the issue is sorted out, both sides urge the public to keep the cans coming.

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THREE-TOED JACAMAR RANGE

Three-toed Jacamar

Genus: *Jacamaralcyon*

Species: *tridactyla*

Adult size: Length, 16cm

Adult weight: 18g

Habitat: Open woodland near rivers in southeastern Brazil

Surviving number: Unknown

Photographed by Luiz Claudio Marigo

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Mr Vaughan: Enclosed is the notice which is about to go out. Please look over and contact me if anything is amiss. Check particularly the date (MONDAY MAY 4th). If I don't hear from you before Tuesday the 14th of April I will assume all is still OK and will send the notice out.

It won't be easy to arrange for video equipment so I think we should forget the Dr Gould video that you offered.

I know of the Crocker Snows but I can't locate them. Will you contact them directly or get to me their addresses.

I will also send the invitation to Paul Dalrymple and Phil Kolvoord. Will you give me a ring when you get to the Boston area?

Robert B. Stephenson

Mount Vaughan Antarctic Expedition

NORMAN D. VAUGHAN 1934 COMMODORE DR. ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99507 907-349-4023

March 29, 1992

Mr. Robert B. Stephenson
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Dear Mr. Stephenson,

Thank you very much for your suggestion. I would very much like to accept the idea of having a dinner with special friends. Would the night of Monday, May 4, be suitable for you? If so, it would be a great pleasure for me to plan on that night.

I am enclosing the Harvard Travellers Club list that you sent me. I have highlighted the names of the people that might like to come.

I will have a video to show that Dr. Laurence Gould took during our geological party's expedition. I would be glad to show this if you have easy access to a VCR and monitor.

Please let me know if these arrangements are satisfactory.

Sincerely,

Norman D. Vaughan

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EXPEDITION UPDATE

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Good Wishes For The New Year! *With this update we give you our very best for Christmas past and the New Year. Time seems to pass by so quickly. Hopefully we all can savor every moment and enjoy every day of the new year, learning from our highs and lows, never taking anything too seriously, and realizing that what is most important in life are the bonds we share with friends and family. Even though we may not let you know often enough, we appreciate each and every one of you who are a part of our lives. We want you to know that during this special time of year that we think of you more often because you have been so good and such an inspiration to us.*

MINNESOTA / WISCONSIN TRIP

We had a busy and very productive trip to Minnesota in November. I spoke to five classrooms ranging in age from Kindergarten to highschool seniors and met my Waterloo with second graders. If you ever want to be humbled, speak to two hundred 5, 6, and 7 year olds! I'm afraid I had forgotten that their attention span is zero, that they don't like a "lecture," and that they are too young to even know who Admiral Byrd was. At the age of 86, I certainly learned a great deal from first and second graders!

photo by Louis A. Sapienza

Norman Vaughan on the Greenland Expedition of 1990.

After gratefully speaking to a much older group at Hamline University for an hour, I had a wonderful hour at WCCO (the number 1 station in the country) on the Jim Rogers radio show. This is a call-in program, but Jim Rogers got so involved talking about Antarctica and polar affairs that he forgot to take phone calls!

The purpose of our trip to Minnesota was to give a presentation at the Science Museum of Minnesota. It went very well with the largest turnout they had had for this seven part series on the Antarctic. The most thrilling for me was seeing for the first time a video of footage shot on our geological expedition. This was provided by Carleton College.

Vaughan with the original Kohler generator used on the 1928 Byrd Antarctic Expedition.

Next on the agenda was a meeting with Lands' End again at Hamline University. Martha Ricketts of the Center for Global Environmental Education explained the educational program to four representatives who had travelled to St. Paul especially for this meeting. As you know, we are hoping that Lands' End will underwrite the huge educational program. No promises yet, but things are looking very good. We will know by mid-January.

Following the meeting with Lands' End, we visited the Kohler Company in Kohler, Wisconsin. Kohler provided the generator for Admiral Byrd on our first expedition. They had just started making generators then and used this Byrd endorsement extensivley. The president, Herbert V. Kohler, Jr., is even the godson of Admiral Byrd. Kohler will be providing us with a generator for Antarctica as well as one for our training camp at Trapper Creek. We also anticipate some financial support from them. They were major contributors in 1928 and even have a display of the Byrd Antarctic Expedition generator in their museum with a life-size cut-out poster of Admiral Byrd standing by this generator which Admiral Byrd brought back from Little America. I remember this generator serving us well in 1928-1930, supplying all electricity for our camp of 42 men. They took pictures of me in front of this display. We are very impressed with the Kohler Company. It is a huge and wonderful organization.

SPONSORSHIP

We are fortunate and proud to add Jennifer B. Johnston to our organization. She has been the Issues Advocacy Manager for the Alliance (oil

companies with interest in Alaska) and is now under contract to coordinate all our corporate solicitation. Her abilities are well established. We know that she will do an excellent job. It is a relief to have someone to take over this very important responsibility. It is hard to train dogs, assemble equipment, and raise funds simultaneously. Jennifer's talents come at just the right time.

DowBrands, Inc., manufacturers of Ziploc bags, are supporting us again in the Iditarod. We are proud to have this great company as a sponsor. Their Ziploc bags will be with us everyday. All of our man and dog food will be packaged in their "Freezer" bags. We will be using Ziploc bags in the Antarctic too.

We anticipate a visit from the Zimmer representative, Jess Jackson. He will take video footage to be shown to doctors demonstrating how well a Zimmer knee works. We are having great fun with this sponsorship. My Zimmer total knee replacement is doing just fine. No pain. And I'm able to do more than ever before.

Hugh Johnston from the Trimble Company has been keeping in close contact and expects to have time to work with us in January teaching us how to use the Pathfinder (global positioning system). In the meantime, our new team member, Vernon Tejas, is experimenting with the handheld unit on the job at Prudoe.

We are so proud to be associated with such fine companies as DOW, Kohler, Lands' End, Trimble, Zimmer, Eagle Pet Food Products, and 10th & M Seafoods. We like doing business with the best - and they are!

Wish List

- **Transferable frequent flyer coupons**
- **Coupons for discounts on rental cars and hotels**
- **Bookkeeping/CPA services**

We are also very pleased to have received another $1000 contribution to the Mount Vaughan Antarctic Expedition.

NEW TEAM MEMBER!

We are proud to announce Vernon Tejas as our third team member. He is an Alaskan from Texas (Tejas) who is best known for making the first successful solo winter ascent of Mount McKinley. In his spare time he mountain bikes and skies in preparation for the Iditabike and Triathalon. When he isn't climbing mountains, he is climbing radio towers in the winter on the slope for Alascom. When we asked for recommendations of a mountaineer, Vern's name was always the first one given. During the summer he is a guide on Mount McKinley for Genet Expeditions and has been to the summit over twenty times. Among his other mountaineering accomplishments, he completed the first solo ascent of Mount

Vinson, the highest peak in the Antarctic, using a parasail for the descent and has biked up and down Aconcagua, the highest mountain in South America! There will be more about Vern in a later Expedition Update.

We are still casting about for our fourth expedition team member. It also looks like we will have two to three members at our base camp for communications, resupply, emergencies, and backup.

TWO CORPORATIONS

Expeditions are run like businesses these days. So we now have two corporations: Mount Vaughan Antarctic Expedition, Inc., a 501C3 not-for-profit corporation, and Adventure Quest, Inc., a for-profit corporation. Anything that has to do with education will come under the auspices of the Mount Vaughan Antarctic Expedition, Inc. All other activities (management of the expedition and its commercial endeavors such as corporate sponsorship, speaking engagements, films, books, and TV contracts) will be under Adventure Quest, Inc. This seems to be the way Uncle Sam prefers things.

TRANSPORTATION

We are still getting in quotes for our transportation costs. Karen Byrum of Pelly Construction has just given us a cost estimate of about $500,000. We are researching all avenues. Resources are limited and we need the best available.

PUBLICITY

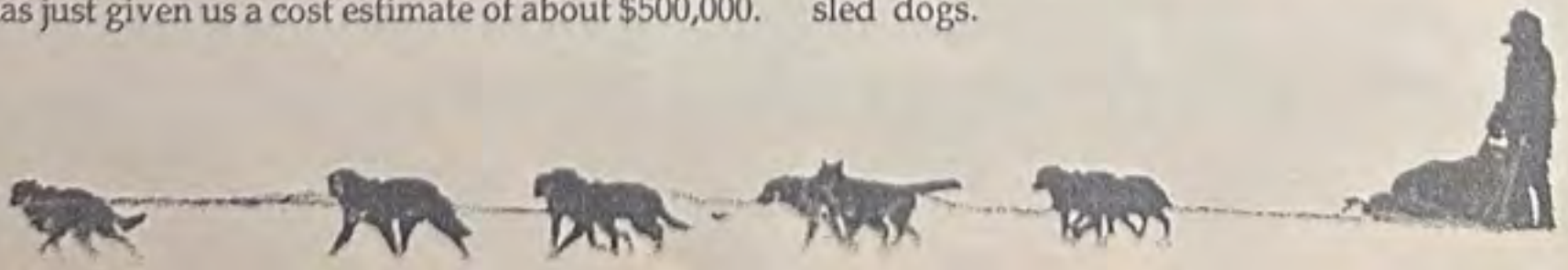
Did you see the next to last page of the November issue of the "National Geographic?" Our expedition is featured in an article announcing the new treaty's ban on dogs. It's a nice spread and a great photograph provided by Lou Sapienza, a professional cold weather photographer who took that picture in Greenland. (See page one of this newsletter.)

ADVISORS

Our advisory group is growing. In addition to Bradford Washburn and Will Martin, we now have the following advisors:

Dr. Luis Proenza, Vice Chancellor for Research and Dean of the Graduate School, at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. He is well ensconced with Arctic and Antarctic affairs and organizations such as the Center for Global Change, PICO, Arcus, and the Arctic Institute of North America.

Karen Schmidt, DVM, is the chief veterinarian for the 1992 Iditarod Sled Dog Race. We have the utmost confidence in her abilities because not only is she an excellent vet, but is also a dog driver and truly understands the special needs of sled dogs.



Philip Kolvoord of Essex Junction, Vermont is a lawyer, adventurer, and Antarctic scholar. He has offered to be available for legal council. His assistance will be invaluable.

Ruth Siple, wife of Paul Siple the Boy Scout on BAEI 1928-30 and the youngest member of the expedition, is an Antarctic historian and honorary president of the Antarctican Society.

Paul Dalrymple, adventurer, Antarctician, and savant, is an absolutely great guy who keeps me laughing every month with his quips about me in the Antarctican Society monthly newsletter. He wrote last month "there is no way to get rid of Norman Vaughan except to shoot him!

ANTARCTIC TREATY UPDATE

We have had some disconcerting news. Article 4 of the "Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty" states that "Dogs shall not be introduced onto land or ice shelves and dogs currently in those areas shall be removed by April 1, 1994."

This was shocking news which came to us after we had planned the Mount Vaughan Antarctic Expedition, but with an April 1, 1994 deadline we thought we would be OK since we plan to return by then. The source of opposition was the stated fear that dogs would bring distemper to the seals of Antarctica.

Then from Will Martin and Elizabeth Leighton, both of whom serve on the Antarctic treaty committee, we learned that the United States is adamant about living up to the protocol of the treaty immediately to set a good example. This means that we probably cannot take our own dogs to the Antarctic even though the expedition ends before the deadline of April 1, 1994.

Three nations have dogs on the continent - the Australians, Argentians, and Great Britian. They are all still fighting this part of the protocol although they have agreed to it in principle. So maybe there is still a chance for our own dogs. But in the meantime, we are working out our options.

We have made an offer to both the British, Australians, and Argentinians to take their sled dogs on the expedition and then bring them back to the Unites States where we have already found homes for 14 of the dogs. We will keep you

NEWS FLASH!

I have just been invited to the 1992 Winter Olympics, January 24-26 in Albertville, France as the guest of honor at the "Grand Prix de Savoie." In 1932, sled dog racing was a demonstration sport at the Olympics at Lake Placid. I am the sole surviving participant. Now 60 years later, dogs will once again be at the Olympics and so will I.

informed. It seems that every expedition has a major hurdle of some sort, but there is always a way to accomplish your goal. We will definitely figure out a way.

A FINAL NOTE

In December I passed another milestone, my 86th birthday. Carolyn was away from Trapper Creek on expedition business, and I drove sled dogs, my favorite hobby. Carolyn was back the next day, and we celebrated with a moose steak and carbonated cranberry juice.

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December 3, 1991

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Dear Mr. Stephenson,

Congratulations on being the new president of the Harvard Travellers Club. You are among a very distinguished list of travellers.

I am distinctly honored at your invitation to speak before the Club. I have always wanted to do just that. I felt that the group would like to hear of the unusual things that I have been fortunate to experience: driving dogs, giving Pope John Paul II a dog sled ride, entering the Iditarod for 13 times, going deeper in the Greenland ice sheet than anyone else has ever gone (256'), and going back to the Antarctic for the third time closing the era of dog driving on that continent. I was the first American to drive a team in the Antarctic when Admiral Byrd asked me to drive him back into the interior to pick the site for Little America only a few minutes after we had all landed on the ice.

With all of these obligations, I cannot set a date far in advance. At this moment I have no plans to be in Boston. I have family in Ipswich, and they are anxious for me to come anytime, but have had to put it off now for two years.

Thank you sincerely for inviting me to speak, but I must decline at this time just because I can't give you a date. If I know of an upcoming trip to the east, I will let you know in case you have a cancellation or can make a postponement.

Gratefully and most sincerely,

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20 Dec 1991

Dear Mr. Vaughan,

Thanks for your letter of December 3rd.
I am delighted that in the event you find yourself anywhere near Boston in the next year or so, we might arrange a talk.
I wish you luck on your current expedition.
If you are doing fundraising for it and have anything in the nature of a brochure or fundraising package, send some along and I'll see what I can do at an upcoming meeting.

Your "PS" asked whether you are still recorded as a honorary member. My records (and the last YearBook - 1988) have you listed as having elected in 1931, elected a Fellow in 1963 and as a life member. No mention of Honorary Member - although you certainly should be. If somehow we have inadvertently "stripped" you of Honorary Membership, please let me know.

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I hope you have a happy holiday and best of luck in all your activities.

Sincerely,

Robert B Stephenson

Trapper Creek AK. PO Box 174 Zip 99683

Dear Mr. Stephenson —

Am out at my dog-training cabin getting ready for the next Iditarod - Feb 29, 1992. I'm crazy to do it - I'm 86 but it is my 13th race and the XXth anniversary of the Iditarod sled Dog Race.

Sorry, I have no immediate plans for a Boston visit but should this materialize, I'll write or call you. I would be honored to address the Harvard Traveller's Club.

Next week Carolyn (my wife) and I leave for Europe as guests of the Olympic Committee. Since 1932 when I ran the Lake Placid race I have been trying to get the Olympic Committee to reinstitute dog racing. After 60 years, I might succeed.

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