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Mrs. Ralph A^{AGNES} Gordon
1550 Amherst
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Dear Mrs. Ralph A^{AGNES} Gordon:

In order to brighten your new year, I enclose herewith a handsome picture of a male person and a picture of a female person to be posted on your living room wall.

These pictures together with a good write up of our Ontario Fall Championship appeared in the Globe and Mail and if you have not already seen the write up, I may send you a copy on the receipt of 10¢.

Our team has now been selected for the Worlds Championship in Italy and when Charlie Goren called me the other day I said it is not really a team, it is more of a collection and believe me it is. Viz, P. E. Sheardown, Bruce Gowdy, Bruce Elliott, Harry Bork, Sam Kehela and the worlds greatest player.

In view of the fact that there are no resemblances of partnerships with this collection it will be necessary for members of the group to play only among themselves in future tournaments and I would therefore ask that you tell Mr. Stewart O'Hagan that we are unable to play with him in the Cavendish Tournament here but would be pleased to make an arrangement with him for a tournament some time after our return from Italy. I am sure he will understand if you give him the reason.

I was always of the opinion that you were the most unlikely choice for the U.S. ladies team for Italy but having been informed who the other members of the team are, I have changed my opinion. You are only the sixth most unlikely.

Our collection is very anxious to have a match either for two full days or one full day of 80 boards, I.M.P. scoring

against the Buffalo team at the earliest possible date and we are quite prepared to come to Buffalo or entertain you people here as you see fit. I expect you to get working on this immediately so that arrangements can be completed at the Cavendish Tournament.

This will serve as your Christmas card for 1959 and 1960.

With the usual lack of love and affection,

Yours truly,

X
E. R. MURRAY