Thank you and God bless you.
January 11, 1961

Dear Mr. Raymond,

Brief though this note may be, I want you to know we appreciate the gifts of books and cards, and feel so much happier knowing you are happy too.

Above all, we are happy knowing the day with you. We knew Eaton Herminie was happy to see you.

Right now, only cards to look forward to and that is not very thankful.

As always,

Susan M. Amund, R.S.F.
Dear Mr. Raymond,

These are just a few days before Lent.

The "Bohemian Illustrate"

was enjoyed and put out

for the Sisters to enjoy

which they did. Later, the

enclosed clipping was in

the Jubilat paper.

Also, I received and read
"The Miniature Book Collector"

and recognized some titles listed that are in our collection. Miss Daniel Welch is also mentioned in this issue.

I visited Sister Homina, and she wished to be remembered to you. She is as always. Best wishes from each of the "Book Hoarder."

May God be with you, and a profitable Lent.

At always,

Yours in St. Francis,
Sister M. Anselm, O.S.F.
Gestures of Friendship

West Germany Expresses Gratitude

(Copley News Service)

American newspaper editors and many others in the U.S. last week received copies of an extraordinary publication. On the full-color cover was a carefully painted portrait of President John F. Kennedy. Inside were hundreds of beautifully engraved black-and-white and color photos, showing all phases of life in West Berlin.

The cover bore these words: “A message of friendship and gratitude to the American people and their new President.”

This publication was a modern one-shot special edition of one of Germany’s most famous magazines, Berliner Illustrirte. It was printed entirely in English.

Berliner Illustrirte was published for 51 years by the ancient House of Ullsetin, pioneer German printing firm. In 1933, the magazine was seized by the Nazis, and as a foreword explains “in 1941, they got the idea of doing something right and changed Illustrirte to the correct spelling. Illustrierte. The former spelling had become a tradition of the magazine. The last number of the magazine to appear before Hitler’s seizure was Jan. 29, 1933. The last page was 136. For this reason, the pages of this issue begin with 137, and the name is without the ‘E’. In this small way we register our protest against the dead tyranny of Adolf Hitler and its red rebirth under Walter Ulbricht (East German premier).”

The publication includes pictures and articles on the American forces in West Berlin, the stage and screen, the stores, the people and the autobahn. There are also stories and pictures about grim East Berlin and the barbed wire fence that marks the demarcation line between the two cities. It explains, perhaps for the first time so that Americans can understand it that West Berlin is not in East Germany, as the Soviets like to claim, but is an island of West Germany, clearly defined in the treaty signed by the Big Four at the end of the war.

Perhaps the most touching pages of all are those which deal with the Berlin airlift, in which 72 American airmen were killed making a total of 227,728 flights and carrying two million tons of food above the Soviet blockade.

If anyone is uncertain of how the Germans really feel about American troops, the United States itself and the status of West Berlin, this remarkable publication certainly provides the answers.
Feb. 26, 1961

Dear Mr. Raymond,

Greetings!

Sr. Veronica just brought in the painting of the two children you left here on a recent visit to be retouched. I think it might be a little risky to send through the mail, so I wanted to let you know that it will be ready for you whenever you can call for it. I mentioned that it was not standard frame size, and that it may have to be trimmed.
a bit because the corners are badly bent. But perhaps you have the frame.(?) We the "Bobkhothers" appreciate very much all the fine books you sent recently, Mr. Raymond. Many thanks! Would that I could sell my job and have more time to read! "Caritas" was another success. You may be interested in seeing some of our local publicity!

Again thank you and God bless you for all the good you do for O.S.F.

Sincerely,

Sister M. Eduna
Thank You

GOD

Bless You
March 12, 1961

Dear Mr. Raymond,

A much belated but sincere "Thank you" for the number and variety of books you sent some time ago.

These books, alas, were placed in the Community Room. The Sisters took advantage of the opportunity.
to browse through them.
These more comments of enjoyment and appreciation to the generous donor.
There is Forty Hours Devotion at the convent beginning today.
You will be remembered in prayer.
There will be a retreat during the coming Holy Week.
Some of us will be making it.
A kind remembrance from each of the Book-Hoisters.
As always,
How shall I repay the Lord for all his benefits to me?
April 9, 1961

Dear Mrs. Raymond:

Belated Easter Greetings during this holy and beautiful season from all the "Book Lookers."

Thank you for your lovely greeting card with its message. You have not been forgotten by me but to remind you, we do not send Easter cards according to ruling several years ago. But you are remembered in our prayers.

We had a beautiful Easter in every way, preceded by the retreat, which was excellent. The Retreat Master, Father Raymond, Brother of Mercy is promoting the Better World Movement in the United States. The retreat is in Rome. Our entire retreat was according to the teaching of the Better World. I could never give you a satisfactory review on paper as we will receive that for the time when you come and each one can contribute.
Our Easter vacation seemed very short. Needless to say, library materials continued to come in, so the next week was a busy one "catching up." Classes resumed Wednesday.

Sister Hermione's newly ordained grand nephew sang a High Mass at the Convent on Friday. Also, I think it was Sister Hermione's name day.

With prayer and good wishes until we see you, I am as always,

Yours in St. Francis,

Sister M. Anneal, O.S.F.
May 24, 1961

Dear Mr. Raymond,

I am most grateful for the Holy Mass to be offered for my departed mother. Though I and my family shall miss her very much, we would not want it any different. We have many things to be grateful to God. My mother had a stroke, and I appreciate it much.
that I went with her for eight days to assist her in her illness.

My uncle, a brother to my mother, died in the morning and my mother in the evening of the same day, May 31.

When you come to visit, I can tell you some details that might be of interest.

Yours in Jesus and Mary,

Sister M. Ronan, O. S. F.
Thank you and God bless you.
June 8, 1961

Dear Mr. Raymond,

Your visit a few days ago was delightful. I think it was so much more so because everyone was relaxed since no one had to go on schedule.

We are most grateful for the books you brought. They are treasured and being used by the Sisters. Now with vacation they have much more time to browse. The back of the map is already finished and was hung yesterday in the most convenient spot near to the other pictures you have given.

I know you refrained from telling me the fence of the other library. But in our Annual Library Report we give the number and evaluation of the books as near as we can. The pictures etc. can never be included. I do not want
to please you but merely state this and I wish you to do as you wish.

The kitchen department really liked the miniature book as much that they wanted to keep it.

This I must tell you. I left you to select supper for each and then later when they came each was restricted in certain foods except myself and I selected a little from each of the dishes.

Prayers and good wishes from each of the Book Weekends.

As always,

Sister M. Jansal, O. S. F.
Greetings from a very picturesque country, Asheville, N. Carolina, where I am attending a conference on Christian Humanism. Lectures are intellectual and stimulating. Our group saw the historic drama, "Unto These Hills," of the Cherokee Indians in their outdoor Mountainside Theatre. The view from my window in residence presents large pine trees and blue mountains in the skyline. Deepest love.
You are all beautiful. O MARY —
You are the glory, you are the joy,
You are the honor of our people —

J. M. F.  
August 30, 1961

Dear Mr. Raymond,

Since the crowds of
the summer have left
the College, the campus
seems deserted, yet
quiet and peaceful.
Cleaning is going
on everywhere as usual
here, then there.

The issues of the
Miniature Book Collector
came as also the catalog.
According to this, you
have returned from a
vacation which you had.
No doubt it was enjoyable and a relaxation which you definitely deserve and need.

Since I was doing some work in my room instead of the library, I took time out (believe it or not) and read each issue of M.B.C. from cover to cover. I learned many interesting things among them the article of Miss Doris Welch and her miniature books and about the newest addition, the Little Cookie Book. I also read the request for miniature bookplates. Did you send yours in?

During June and August the College has been like a boarding house as far as the Faculty is concerned. Some go, some return, so there has been an average of about thirty here. The weeks are slipping by so soon all will be home preparing for the opening of another school year.

Just now we are having a warm dog spell. The grass has been green all summer, but now...
It is getting brown.

I have seen Sister Harmina several times lately. She always asks "How is he?" that is "you" of course. Did he write?

The "Book Thooked" and others, too are buried in books and notes preparing for their classes. It won't be long now.

Sept 6 we will spend the day at Hill-Res-Cabin.

Best of wishes from each of the "Book Thookers"! You are always glad to see or hear from you when you can.

As always,

Sister M. Anne O.S.F.
Dear Mr. Raymond,

These past two weeks have been busy ones with some deadlines to meet, so I am glad they are past.

Saturday, Sister Paula and I attended the library meeting of the Illinois Unit of the Catholic Library Association at LaSalle Hotel. It was an interesting day.

Each of the ‘Book Flashes’ appreciated your recent visit, and again, we are grateful for the books.

As always, Yours in St. Francis,

Sister M. Auresa, O. S. F.
October 29, 1961

Dear Mr. Raymond,

Enclosed is a complimentary ticket for our production of PYGMALION. You may come on any day that is convenient. You will note from the handbill the dates of production.

You must have a love for the theatre; Sister Aurea showed me the issue of SHOW which you sent. I had been receiving advertisements on it but the price was too high. Thank you so much for this issue. My drama class shall receive an assignment from time to time on the subject matter in SHOW.

Shall we see you at PYGMALION?

Gratefully in St. Francis,

[Signature]

Sister M. La Verne, O.S.F.
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COLLEGE OF ST. FRANCIS
November 5, 1961

Dear Mr. Raymond,

Your note was received and enjoyed. The book, "Strangers in the House" by Father Seeley also arrived. (It's about how I bet you knew them.) The Sunday Visitor carried a review in a recent issue. The miniature book of the Inaugural Address of President -

sently a lovely in every way, the bindings, gold edges, very good print. I also just got the plastic case. It will well protect on its way.

Sister Bertrice has the Kepit's play, and Sister M. June was very happy to see the "Show."

I have been reading her and she in the Magazine magazines. The articles are...
very interesting and the illustrations
nearly added are very good.
I think I have accounted for
the various items even though
some were "hooked".
Enclosed is an item about the
editor of M.B.C. which was with
book advertisements.
The days pass by and soon
Time for mid-semester grades.
Greetings and best wishes from
each of the "Book Hookers" and
don't work too hard.
As always, You're in St. Francis,
Sister M. Queenel, O.S.F.

Department of Art
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Ruth E. Adomeit, Editor, The Miniature Book Collector, 2054 E. 102nd St., Cleveland 6, Ohio, is working on a checklist of miniature Bibles both American and European, printed before 1900. She would appreciate very much knowing of all copies that can be located which are 3 inches or less in height. These little books are not complete Bibles like those published by Bryce in Glasgow, and also under the Oxford Press imprint, but are summaries or condensed versions, sometimes in rhyme, published mainly before 1850. If you have such a little "Thumb Bible" in your collection she will be happy to hear from you. Please copy the information from the title page noting also the number of pages in the book and whether it is illustrated or not. In spite of the large number already recorded there are still unknown copies turning up all the time. As she wants to make this checklist as complete as possible, she'll welcome any assistance from BCW readers.
Dear Mr. Raymond,

I can picture your merry self, a veritable Santa Claus, bustling around the Inn this week attending the Christmas partying and the endless details which go into modern living. Wouldn't you sometimes like to chuck it all and go into the hinterlands where the poor would be so much more appreciative? Last night's 8750 T.V. program (Fri, Dec. 14) on the Peace Corps in Tanganyika made me a little envious. I wonder how I would hold up in the African bush reaching biblicalism! No, I can't say that I want to see my head on a spike.

Christmas Greetings

...and best wishes for a Happy New Year
He closed yesterday, the 15th, and will be packing each pseudo-vacation day full of lots of things desk work is piled high, especially that annual "albatross" around my neck - freshman term papers!

Mr. Raymond, my bro., Joe Schiller (Schiller Field) got the contract for the new Student Union Bldg at Lake Forest College. Hope he drops in the Summer term.

A most happy, peaceful Christmas and New Year.

From

Sister M. Beatrice
Christmas Blessings
Dear Mrs. Raymond,

May the dear Infant Jesus grant you many graces and blessings as you receive Him into your heart on Christmas night.

May your Christmas be blessed.

Sister M. Ann, O.S.F.