January 25, 1989 Dear Joanna:

Yesterday I came across this letter from Cliff in looking for dates and his ship assignments. I remember this letter well, and am so glad Bill didn't include it in the book. However, I know you will really enjoy it, and I know Cliff would

approve of my sending you a copy, in spite of his request for confidentiality. Actually, this seems to be the oldest letter I have from him - pictures older, yee, but not letters. Perhaps this one is what made me save them all from then on, plus the fact that I was now living in ome place and could have the luxury of saving things.

Also I have a date for the Christman card in the front of the book - the one you had not seen, Christmas 1954 (I will have that date for certain when I type up any corrections to the book). I found one drawing on West Virginia stationery but NO date, unfortunately. I found one Christmas card V-mail from the Enterprise and although it wasn't dated, it had to be Christmas 1943, as that was the only Christmas I lived in Westwood, where it was addressed.

We went over to George and Kay Bloom's on Saturday evening and had a lovely time. I took a copy of the book, which they had not seen and he did get out the box of letters from Cliff. They are MARVELOUS - based on just the five or six I was able to see - great drawings and he even wrote parts in a very elaborate cursive - which I have not really seen before. That evening was actually to have dinner and see my nephew, Lou Renner's slide show of his recent mountain climbs and they had about 12 of us there. However, we have set a date for Sat. Feb. 18th and I will go over there by 10 am and spend the day going through all the letters. George doesn't feel he has wartime letters, but we shall see. These were all to his parents, Carl and Betty. Anyway, I'm pretty excited about all this and wilk keep you advised.

We have had some terribly cold weather - colder than I remember around here but haven't had much rain and are still threatened with drought, if we don't get more. At least there is a good snow pack in the mountains which helps.

letter

Date

July 24, 1996

Primary Maker

H. C. (Horace Clifford) Westermann

Medium

Typewritten letter and photocopied handwritten letter with envelope

Description

Martha found the enclosed letter (Smart accession number 2004.259, photocopied) from Cliff. Despite Cliff's request for confidentiality, she is sure he would approve of her sending it to Joanna. She went to George and Kay Bloom's [George, son of HCW's maternal uncle Carl Bloom] and went through some of the letters. She will be back over to spend the day going through all of the letters.

Dimensions

a: letter: 10 15/16 × 8 1/2 in. (27.8 × 21.6 cm) b-e: enclosure: 11 × 8 1/2 in. (27.9 × 21.6 cm)