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Dear George--

Certainly you must come with the family. I had thought you might prefer to leave Peter and Margareta, in which case you would have been able to make a definite financial advantage from your trip (as you would by all means deserve). However, I think you can still manage quite comfortably if you prefer to use your resources for their travel, and the girl's. Your girl may find that SKr 1,000 for three months will not go very far here, but if she is willing to forego having an American salary for the sake of the trip, this will still give her some spending money.

I do not think you should use your own PHS grant funds for this trip. If you have a net of \$800 per month, you will have no trouble meeting your expenses on this. You will probably pay 250- 275 for rent, for a luxurious home, which is the main expense that will seem inordinate to you. Restaurant meals are very expensive here, and you may feel that you could not afford too many of them, but the other costs for food and necessities will not be so very different from what you are accustomed to. On that \$800 you should just manage to be able to finance a car for the time of your stay.

I suspect that you will be pestered by some few demands for talks at other universities en route; perhaps these can also be of some financial help, though I hope you will not feel pressed to accept too many engagements.

If your girl is a good worker, and can help you in housework, perhaps some laundry and cooking, as well as care for the children, she will be a worthwhile asset.

On the whole, I can still conscientiously recommend that you continue with your plans. At worst, you will be only slightly pinched, and you will know that you may be foregoing some extravagances for the benefit of having your children with you.

Yours,

John