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SEASON'S GREETINGS

As predicted in last year's letter, 1994 has been a year of change for me. I retired from the National Research Council (NRC) on May 31 and became a septuagenarian in June. Business travel took me to Nashville, TN in January for the annual meeting of the American Meteorological Society (AMS); February to southern California for a meeting of my committee; University of Wisconsin at Madison in May where I gave an invited talk on weather satellites in honor of my good friend Vern Suomi; and at the end of May to Norman, OK and Boulder, CO for meetings of the committee.

One of my worries on retiring was that I would loose contact with technical activities. However, so far that has not been a problem. I'm doing a modest amount of volunteer work for the AMS and for the NRC. Much of it can be done at home with the aid of a computer, and a modem for e-mail.

Since retirement, however, things haven't gone as I expected they would. A bout last spring with the electrical system of my heart now seems to be under control with a variety of medicines. But I either am suffering from side effects of the medicines or unrelated, yet to be diagnosed, maladies. So at the moment I am still undergoing a variety of tests and being probed by various specialists. In the meantime, I feel comfortable "at rest" but have very little energy compared to earlier times. Thus, hiking and sailing have been impacted in 1994, although it hasn't kept me from travelling. I managed to go out on Eole only one weekend last summer; fortunately it was a magnificent one. Unless my vigor improves considerably by next spring it looks like the time has come to convert from a sailboat to a trawler!

Three days after I retired, I flew to Oregon for the 50th anniversary of my WWII army class at Reed College in Portland. I also drove down the Oregon coast (beautiful) and visited the Willamette valley for wine tasting. In August I spent two weeks with the Ruttenbergs in Boulder and Breckenridge, CO. On September 7, the Ruttenbergs and I flew to Amsterdam where we met the Cartwrights from Geneva. Then to Paris and Burgundy in France, Geneva and Mürren in Switzerland, and home on September 28. I left again on October 2 for China as part of an AMS delegation for a meeting in Beijing. We also visited Xi'an, Huangshan (magnificent), and Shanghai. On the way back I visited friends and relatives in the San Francisco area and Lake Tahoe, and wine tasting in Napa valley, arriving home October 27th tired but happy.

Life seems to be on an even keel with Peggy, Molly, Martha and their families. Peggy has moved to a better job in a law office in Washington, Molly is enjoying being at home with Emily and Patrick, and Martha continues to teach at a day care center.

Here's wishing you a **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

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