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Dear George:

I apologize for taking so long to send you these photos. I have been incredibly busy with all of this absurd TEDs litigation. The Secretary has stated publicly that he has no legal option but to require TEDs and then turned around two days later and said that he is suspending the regulations. In the interim, we have imposed a 105 minute tow time restriction (see enclosed) on shrimp trawls. Meanwhile the Kemp's continues to decline. Its government at its worst. They should be ashamed of themselves.

I hope you can use these photos. Some are obviously better than others. We visited three sites. The first site was either Vai-ati (number 2a. on Emory's map) or near there. I don't believe it is Vai-ati though because the drawings of the petroglyphs (Fig. 131, p. 175 in Emory) do not match what we saw, especially what appears to be a canoe on the boulders we saw. I refer to this as Vai-ati II. Coincidentally, the guy that took us to this site grew up in a house on the grounds of the Marae Vaiotaha (Site 221, Fig. 116, p. 162 Emory)! It was his granfather's place (now his mother's) that Emory spoke of. Photos of that site included too.

Ellacott thought Vai-ati II was a new site too. There was another site nearby but it was on private property and we didn't have permission to see it. That is the site, I believe, described on p. 175 of Emory. Ellacott told us that no white man had been to the site we went to in at least 50 years, if ever! The first few photos give you an idea of the jungle terrain. The boulders site on the edge of a pool in a ravine at the edge of a plot of farmed land. Nearby, there appear to be remains of a marae as well.

The second site is Marae Vaiotaha, referred to above, on Ellacott's Place. All that remains there is some rubble (including an old stone anchor) and two upright stones delineating the court.

The third, and final site that I have photos of, is at Faanui. It was the best preserved of all the sites we saw. The petroglyphs were better at Vai-ati II, however. This site was right beside the road and easily accesible. There was another site on the "back" side of the island right beside the road but I didn't take photos of that one (it wasn't in great shape). There are apparently sites all over Borabora but they are difficult to find unless you know where to look, and even then its no piece of

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cake! Our Ellacott friend introduced us to a guy who had been up near the base of Otemanu the day before and literally stumbled onto an arch-like structure made of two huge white uprights with a slab across the top. He thought there was a tomb nearby and was frightened away.

This is great stuff! I'm into it! I really appreciate your turning me on to this. Now I'm hooked! Let me know when you're planning any expeditions - I would love to go with you. Keep me posted on all of your adventures. I'll live it vicariously. I would also be interested in any books on the subject or related subjects that you could refer me to.

Thank you very much for all of the information you sent me. I certainly enjoy talking to you. I look forward to meeting you some day. I'm sure because of my abiding interest in turtles that will someday happen. Thanks again.

Kind regards,

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