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Yacht 'Swanhilde'
c/- E. Corkett,
304 Buena Vista,
Balboa, California 92661.
September 11th.

Dear Mr. Temianka,

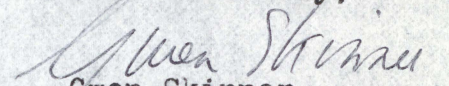
My writing to you may come as a complete surprise, or it is perhaps so long since our mutual friend Sandy Averl in New Zealand mentioned the Skinner family, that I will need to explain who we are.

I played the violin in the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra for many years, and have known Sandy for a long time also. When our family, husband Bernie, daughter Megan, son Paul and myself, set out from home in our 40ft yacht, Sandy assured me that we must contact her friends the Temianka's, Henri, Emmy, Daniel and David, when we reached Los Angeles. We left NZ in May 1968 and arrived at Newport a few days ago. I looked in the telephone book, but could not find your name, and so perhaps you are not listed.

We are tied up on the private jetty of the family Corkett, very close to the Newport Yacht Club on Buena Vista at Balboa, and expect to be in this area for a couple of months. Paul, who is 8 years old, started school yesterday at the Newport Beach Grammar School. He went to school in Honolulu for the 8 months we stayed there, so he is getting a rather peculiar education, with a long spell in the offing, when we continue down into Mexico, of 'home teaching' ---- though I'm inclined to think we make him work harder!

Although I feel they wouldn't mind, we nevertheless do not like to impose upon the Corkett family with phone calls, as the boat is quite a way from the house, so if you are interested to meet us, as we certainly are to meet you, perhaps you wouldn't mind dropping us a note with a phone number that we can call.

Yours Sincerely,


Gwen Skinner.