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Dear Eliot,

Oh Eliot, as you used to say to me. This letter is a thank-you letter. I want to thank-you for the learning experience, the confidence and the way you were able to pass on to me some of the important things in life. Sometimes when I have to deal with complicated and especially emotion problems I always resort to thinking of you and our past. You always said you have a big heart and that is so rightfully true. You know I feel the same way about myself. And now that I have a clear mind for quite a while, I do see some light.

Briefly, I work at a Winery (Thomas Meager Winery in San Pasqual for a very wealthy family which are all very impressed with my work. I hope to be involved with their sales soon. Right now I manage the growing of the grapes + more. I have 12 people ^{that} work under me and am having a good time.

I owe a lot too you for the experience you gave me in how to deal with people. You're a philosopher which will never leave my thoughts. You really have a way influencing people in a good way and have taught me how to excell in pressure type situations.

From our experiences, you have passed on to me courage and knowledge of how to be aggressive (I am less aggressive) on handling a family crisis. Thank-you. I'm sending you a copy of a letter I wrote my father. Life really has been pretty simple for me but occasionally some shit gets in the way. You know well enough that when you read the letter, it speaks as it is.

I can write ~~a~~ letter to my Dad like that because I've seen you in action and I pick up and learn from my past. Anyway's thanks again, have a chuckle and just know in my heart I will always love and respect you as a friend

God Bless
Joel