

**Subject:** Hi, Love

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*Tom Blees*  
*sent email*

Hiya Granny,

I'm so glad we got to spend even that little time together yesterday. I'll look forward to visiting you at your home pretty soon so we can relax and just enjoy a nice long visit. I know Alidra really wanted to just spend some private time with you, so I figured I shouldn't horn in. I hope you end up having a wonderful ride on Sunday.

I decided to take the next whole week off from work to try and get my book finished, so hopefully I'll have the rest to send you soon. One change I'm going to make in the chapters I sent to you is I'm going to go back and cut out some of the blatantly political stuff. Though there's not a lot of it, the anti-Bush commentary is somewhat gratuitous (though heartfelt) and will just turn some people off, and I want both sides to read this and be open to it. After all, by the time they're finished they'll see that I'm advocating a revolutionary system that will leave most of Bush's cronies out in the cold, but they'd be much more likely to support the concept if it's presented to them in a more dispassionate way. As you read it keep that in mind and please tell me if you agree with that strategy. I want to make allies everywhere I can. There will be enough people who'll be outraged by the time they finish reading it.

Once I'm finished with it all I'll email the rest to you, and then you and I can talk about who you might be able to help me get it to. Bill Moyers is high on my list, but perhaps you might consider letting his son read it first so that he can present it enthusiastically to Bill. After all, Bill does have people knocking down his door to read their books. I think if he could get a recommendation from both you and John it would prompt him to check it out, especially considering it's relatively short and deals with such urgent issues. Maybe you could think of some others who could help. I definitely intend to contact Jimmy Carter's daughter in law again, she was quite accomodating with the first book and would probably help out. Lest you think I'm sounding too self-confident about the enthusiasm people feel for this book, I can tell you that everybody who gets wind of it, from PhD scientists to the man on the street, gets really enthused. Look at that guy yesterday who accosted us at our table. That's a very common reaction that I've gotten, and even my brothers talk about how people they talk to about it get all excited and end up begging them for a copy. People want hope, they want to know there's a way out from these problems that are plaguing all of us. And I think most of them are tired of platitudes and pie in the sky. Don't you think so?

If you happen to talk to Jim Hightower in the near future,

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please let him know that this is in the works and I'll soon have a copy available for him. I know he's going to be enthusiastic, even the early skeleton of the idea got him going.

Okay, I'm going to knuckle down now and write. I hope you have a great trip and I look forward to visiting with you in a month or so. I'll make sure to coordinate with you to make sure you'll be around when I come to Boston.

Much love,  
Tom