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Dear Ruth & Bill:

Well, we've been back from Ocracoke just about a month now and we're ready to come right back there. Honestly, we loved every minute of our stay at the Silver Lake. In fact, we were so impressed that we've almost decided against our trip to the Black Hills and Bad Lands next year for a return visit to Ocracoke.

I think one of the special highlights of the entire vacation was the plane trip. Bill, if you recall, we were all snapping pictures like mad and we got some really fine shots. We're mighty proud of our aerial pictures and show them off to all our friends at the drop of a hat. It gives us a chance to re-live that delightful stay on Ocracoke.

Most people in this area have never heard of Cape Hatteras and especially Ocracoke so we love telling them about the unusual vacation spot we found. Just yesterday a Mrs. Anderson phoned me to inquire about Ocracoke. She'd heard through our neighbor that we vacationed there and they are leaving this Friday for a two week stay at the Wahab Hotel--their first visit to Ocracoke. I hurried to explain that we felt the Silver Lake would be a much more desirable spot since it was nearer the lake with a view of the entire town from the front porch. Especially I told them how impressed we were with you both and how pleasant and comfortable our stay with you had been. We're hoping they can get their deposit refunded so they can stay with you. At any rate, we asked them to drop in and say hello.

We also recommended the plane trip which seemed to interest Mrs. Anderson. We hope they too will make the trip by plane for we know they'll thoroughly enjoy it as we did. To see the islands from the air gives one an entirely different impression. You can see the houses hidden back among the trees that you never dreamed were there. You have no idea of the actual expanse of sand and isolated area until viewed from the air.