Dear Britt,

How nice to hear from you!  Thanks for writing.  I'm glad you got my packet.

I am glad to hear how well your career is going in Portland.  So, you start another play right after *Hamlet* closes.  That's great but you must be awfully busy what with working and all.  Success in the arts requires a certain dedication and you have it.  I'm so glad for you.

My cat, Miss Sneezey, seems to have survived her near-death experience from smoke inhalation.  She still has quite a cough but other then that her behavior is back to normal.  It was a close call as she was really sick for the first few days after the fire.  I'm sure she must have used up one of her nine lives.

My trip to Barcelona was quite a success and I am still decompressing.  My presentation was well received and the only rub was I was over-booked with interviews and never found time to just go out exploring.  Barcelona is a very cool city though and I would like to go back.

So I hope you give me a call next time you get up to Seattle so we can get together.

Until then, everything best;

Jim