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Hello Bill!

Jay and I returned a couple of days ago from our trip. We had a wonderful time. We put 2300 miles on our car rental! I met with Lisa Blevins at WSMR and she took us on a fabulous tour! She has been working there since 1978 and her old office used to be in the maternity section of the hospital. She took us in the dental clinic and I got pictures, and she took us into the hospital - right in the delivery room where I was born! The delivery room has computers in it and is used for storage/office space now. We also went by my old house (which, by the way was the only section that they didn't tear down yet). They are building all new homes (they are beautiful!) and someone was living in my old home. About 10 years ago, they refurbished them, and put in all new windows and gutted the inside. I didn't go inside the home (because it wouldn't be the same), but I got my picture in front of it and also a picture of the backyard where my baby pool used to be. She said it will eventually be torn down and that section will be rebuilt as well. Nobody in the dental clinic could believe that I was born there. The hospital is used as a health clinic now - just emergency type procedures and minor things.

I haven't had a chance to upload my photos yet, but as soon as I do, I will send them to you if that's ok. We had such an adventure. We started out in Vegas, drove to Flagstaff, went to the Grand Canyon (a little girl died there the day before in the same spot where we were - Mather Point, South Rim - we didn't realize that the news vans were there for that reason until we got back to our hotel room in Flagstaff and saw the news - tragic), then to Albuquerque for the balloon fiesta, then drove up to Taos to stay in my friend's condo up there (which was un-rented for the time being). After staying in Taos, then we drove back down to Albuquerque to get a picture in Old Towne where I took my first steps, and then off to Cloudcroft. We stayed at a telescope retreat in the mountains there and during the day on Sunday, we went to White Sands National Monument and played in the sand. I loved it there - so much fun! We also went to the space museum in Alamogordo and then on Monday, we went to WSMR for our tour. After meeting with Lisa, we went to the WSMR museum, and then drove straight through back to Las Vegas! Over 10 hours! We originally planned on staying somewhere in AZ for the night, but Jay wanted to get back to Vegas that night for our flight the following night. We were tired, but at least we had one more full day in Vegas. I'm exhausted! I need a vacation after my vacation!

I wanted to share all of this with you, because the most important part of the trip was visiting where I started out and it couldn't have happened without you!!! Thank you so much for all that you did for me. I truly appreciate it. It was so touching to me to be on my old street, to see where my dad used to work, and just experience everything about WSMR that I heard so much about but didn't remember. My grandfather (my mom's dad) was an artist and when he visited out there when I was born, he brought a stretch canvas with him and painted the Organ Mountains from my parent's backyard. That was always one of my favorite paintings that he did (which has been in my parents bedroom for as long as I can remember). To see the Organ Mountains in person, just the way he did when he painted them, was very

moving for me. My grandfather passed away 8 years ago but I felt him with me when I was there. I can't wait to go back - even though next time I do, my old house probably won't be there. I am really going to try to swing it for July. Lisa said she is waiting to hear from you with all the details. She was so nice and I'm really glad she took the time to show us around. She was terrific!

My parents were very happy that I visited WSMR. I kind of wished they were there with me to show me around too, but I'm trying to talk them into visiting in July for the reunion. I have to go - I still haven't unpacked yet! As soon as I upload my pictures (which I'm not real good at doing that kind of stuff on the computer), I promise I will send them to you. It may take me a couple of weeks because I have a packed schedule at work and then on the weekends, I have my Body Shop Spa Parties booked for the next 4 weekends. Everyone wants a spa party before Christmas because I have all the limited holiday stuff in now. UGH!!!

Thanks again, Bill and I'll keep in touch. Have a great weekend (what's left of it!).

Take care,
Danielle Letizia