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Mr. Richard Shorman Chess Editor The Dailey Review P. O. Box 3127 Hayward, Cal. 94540

Dear Mr. Shorman:

Thank you very much for your friendly, informative, hopeful letter of January 21st. And for the clippings.

Yes, Isaac Kashdan mentioned Kenny Fong as a likely prospect for the Collins' Kids Team when we discussed the trip to Iceland last December. If everything works out, we shall be happy to have Kenny with us on our next Safari. And you?

Our December trip to Reykjavik had to be postpone because satisfactory return trip plane reservations were unavailable. As of now, the trip is tentative rescheduled for Easter vacation (doubtful) or late in June, after school closings.

There will probably be twenty Kids, at least half of them my students and the others from various areas, ten adult supervisors, and a number of parents and friends going. After arriving in Reykjavik, our Icelandic hosts will pay all expenses for the Kids and supervisors. So the players only need to pay their plane fares (which was \$258. in December) and have some spending money. A fund, which is being raised, will help to defray the cost of the plane fares for the boys. Most likely the parents, or someone, will have to chip in too. We will depart from Kennedy Airport, on Icelandic Airlines, be in Reykjavik five days, play three team matches, play a speed tourney, have a GM simultaneous exhibition, have remarkable sightseeing tours, and, if our last trip is an indication, be royally feted by our friendly, chess loving hosts. Everyone was delight with our previous Safari.

If you or Kenny have any questions please send them along and lets keep in touch. I cannot be any more specific about details just at present. Everything must be worked out between Thorstein Thorsteinsson, the Icelandic representative, and myself.

Read the article on Kenny in CHESS LIFE. He has real talent.

Kind regards to you and Kenny. Congratulations on your good work!

Sincerely,

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