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Dear Dennis,

I can't remember if I wrote you before I left. In any case, I was very happy to learn of 1st woman. Obviously, Bucha is a faster swimmer but I also feel I deserve it, and it was somewhat of a retribution after the Lake Ontario crossing.

I went to Cairo even though there was no race (C. Plitt showed up from Argentina thinking the swim was on). I doubt that they will get up the money we are asking for future races. At least Zorkani doesn't seem to think so and he should know. It's too bad because it's one country where long-distance swimming is really popular. You wouldn't believe the national heroes that people like Sahar M. are over there. Even I was treated like a princess and there wasn't even a race. Well, we'll see.

I spent some time photographing the big game in Kenya & Tanzania and have vowed never to go to a zoo again. Then I climbed the big Kilimanjaro — frostbitten and vomiting from the altitude, I made it to the top. It was a marathon swim, girl-conquers-mountain experience, and quite a thrill. Have been across Africa to the west coast and now that money is running out, I am taking a last few days in the sea and sun of the Canary Islands and preparing to go back to school, work, the energy of New York City and the warmth of a lover's bed.

Would you do me a favor and forward this card to Margaret — don't have her address. Thanks.

Hope everything's OK with you. Drop me a line any time.

And my phone in NYC is (212) 243-8879 in case you need it.

My best,
Diana

*Send me back, and
then I'll answer her.

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