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Dear Jonathon,

"Good things come to those who wait." I'm sure you've heard
this phrase many times in your young life, but the words do
have meaning.

I received your first letter, but holidays, work, vacations
and other activities prevented me from responding to you in
a suitable manner.

In this box you will find "treasures" beyond your wildest
imagination. Within it, you will find bits and pieces of my
past which may fuel your future. I've enclosed almost
everything you've been curious about.

As you look through the box, you will find source code
(both printed and on diskette) for most of my BASIC and
Assembly language games. You will find graphics charts
showing how animated characters are developed. You will
find "sketch" pads showing how games are conceived and
turned into reality. You will find reference manuals for
direct sector I/O. You will find utility disks which allow
you to edit disks sector-by-sector.

You will find Assembly language books, my personal
Editor/Assembler manual with "notes" found in it that may
enlighten your imagination. You will even find a newspaper
article from my early days in Lubbock. The box is full of
things for you to explore ... and to learn.

I've also included two cartridges for you. One is Strike
Three!, the last game I ever developed for the 99/4A (I
think you will also find the source code for it on disk and
on a printed listing). The other is a cartridge made for
aspiring Assembly Language developers called TI WORKSHOP. I
used this cartridge to do all my development.

In order for you to read most of the disks, tho, you will
need a double-sided disk drive. Although some of the disks
are single-sided (90K), most of my source code is on
double-sided disks.

It has been so long since I've done any development,
Jonathon, that I don't have the knowledge to answer all of
your questions. There is a man, however, named Bill Moseid
who I have spoken to and would welcome your inquisitions.

Bill was the President of Databiotics and really knows the /4A. Here is his address and phone number:

Bill Moseid
22411 Mountain Laurel Way
Diamond Bar, CA 91765
(714) 861-8146

Give Bill a call or write him a letter. He's expecting to hear from you. As for me, I've given you about everything I have left. Had you called 1-year earlier, I could have given you a lot more.

The rest is up to you. Use what I've packed in the box to build upon your knowledge. I'd like to help you more, but I really can't. Good luck in school and stay with computers ... it is a wonderful field.

Sincerely,

John Phillips