Gordon,

I too have been meaning to contact you. First, I want to thank you for the very kind words. I am most humbled. These past few months has been a time where I have reflected on my life and especially the people that have crossed my path. I remember as if it was yesterday, the day you came into my office in Los Gatos and showed by dad and myself the Condor database. How little did I know then the ride that was waiting for me - Condor Computer, GKE, uGRAF, DiagSoft, QAPlus, FE, Factory, ETSC, ... But most importantly when I reminisce about this time, about you and all the others that where part of this there is this great happiness and smile that emanates from deep within me. I am so blessed by your friendship over these years. I am looking forward to getting together again and renewing that friendship and just see where it takes us.

I have always been amazed at all your ideas, I believe that it would be better to say your vision. I always felt a real synergy, most likely energy when we talk, dream, and build. Yes, we can work together in a "collaborative manner", I look forward to that opportunity again. I also have a long list of projects that I am working through to identify the viability of each. What one to start and what I am going to tackle first after Applied Materials.

I have started teaching Elliot programming and am really amazed how quickly he is picking up the key tenets. We are starting with Python and hitting the principles of computer science. Then we will move on to C++/C#, Objective-C, and Java. Have started reading and studying Android and iPhone/iPad development as well. I have a project I will share with you that I am moving from the PC to the iPad.

Was in Santa Cruz this evening and picked up the book by E.F. Schumacher "Small is Beautiful: Economics as if People Mattered". In the mid 70's there was a PBS series about him and his economic principles. I found it very powerful then and realize that it addresses what is happening now with the current state of our economy, and how well it fits into your Entrepreneur Incubator project that you shared with me.

I have 10 days left at Applied on my "mandatory" transition as I help to move my job and projects to India. Have realized that that it is not the work or projects that sadden me, but not working with all the people that have crossed my path during these years at Applied that I call now "friend". I have quite a network of supporters in Europe, Asia, Israel, and even India. As you can guess everything at Applied is going to India and Asia. The leadership is following inexpensive labor and have created an environment here in the US and Europe of fear in the rank and file. Everyone I talk to all tell me that they know that their time is just around the corner within the next one or two years. Your Entrepreneur Incubator project could very well be the catalyst that is needed to help begin the turn around needed here and abroad.

On a lighter side I know realize that I should of read that book, "My Job is Going to India". :-) But after contemplation I know that the Universe has answered my real request and provided the freedom to be once again me.

About getting together, do you have time during the Thanksgiving holiday to meet? How about Friday or Saturday? My last day of this transition is the 29th of November (the Monday after Thanksgiving). I'll talk to Gloria in the morning and check our calendar and then give you a call later in the morning.

Looking forward to our meeting. Hope you are feeling better and your health is on the mend. We have been keeping you and your family, especially Eric and your son in law in our prayers.

Skip

-----Original Message-----
From: Gordon Kraft [mailto:gkraft@mac.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 11, 2010 11:11 AM
To: cbarkis@att.net
Subject: getting back in touch

hi Skip,

I have gotten sidetracked working on my Kraft Family Tree and I have not forgotten the email that I still owe you.

In general, Rene asked me to help him, and since that time about 6 months

ago, I have realized that even though I am working from my home, I could do the same kind of thing, by reconnecting to some of my most respected friends. In a software development environment your skills and personality and most importantly, trust is at the top of my Friends and Family list...

Given the state of the economy, and the large number of my friends looking to find something better... I thought maybe we could talk about some of my ideas becoming available in the Apple APP store, etc.

I never learned C++ and Xcode is beginning to make sense with my uneducated trials of being a Apple Developer, this is something I understand but am not progressing on... So maybe we could work in a collaborative manner and I would understand a little more, and you could, if agreeable, make it real.

Gordon