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Or, 3) Like Butch and Sundance, Thelma and Louise, Finn and Joe have fled to the hills....Anyway, if I could tell you the Green Beach story, re: Hawaii, I could tell you about anything...Actually, option 1 is most accurate. Finn hated the car ride, was clearly scared, but not obstreporous, on the way there. Once there, we (Carolyn came too) were shocked to find Finn (who barks only occassionally at home -- and usually just to get Buck's attention when she wants to play -- and never aggressively) barking/growling (I think just out of fear) at a lot of the other dogs. Some human companions of the puppies in our class (all, as you might imagine, quite a bit smaller than Finn) seemed a little concerned. But Finn got over that fairly quickly and the rest of the class went OK/fair. Finn, having been raised primarily by me (ie, the worst disciplinarian of all time), is not much for rules/commands generally, but she did as well as most of the other dogs. These classes, it is now clear to me, are mostly for the humans, not the dogs, in that what they're trying to do is to teach you how to teach your dog. In short, Finn is a C- and I'm a D- at best. Carolyn finds my unwillingness to get into the spirit of these "obedience" classes a mite annoying, I must say, and was almost inclined to take the leash into her own hands, as it were. Luckily for me, and to her additional annoyance, my presence so distracted Finn that she wouldn't listen to Carolyn, either! Finn and I were both happy when it ended, but we are nonetheless committed to going back this Wednesday. Having said all the above, it's clearly useful for Finn to see and get used to other dogs besides Buck, so the classes are of value for that alone, I guess. To: Joseph Freeman/ARRBcc: From: Kevin Tiernan/ARRBDate: 03/30/98 05:04:32 PMSubject: Re: Carolyn's April trip confirmedJoe,Of course we want you to come to Washington. I hope it happens.One of two things must have happened at dog obedience class: 1)It was okay and you are reserving judgement for a couple of weeks, and Finn didn't freak out (or throw up) too badly in the car; or 2) You had such a horrible experience that you have vowed never to talk about it with anyone. Which is it?Kevin

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