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My Dear Family -

Sunday afternoon and it is raining just now. We have had rain every afternoon or evening that I have been here - average rainfall is 100" and while the rainy season is "about over" we have been getting our share.

Yesterday was sight seeing day for me. At 8am I left the hotel and rode over to Sangley Navy Base with one of the AIO-education men. He had some errands to do so I rode along. It took about 45 minutes by car and we were there for about 2½ hours. I purchased some film, had breakfast and wandered around the base while he did some shopping and did some errands for his wife. We returned to the hotel about 12:30 - in time for me to take a shower and get ready for the American express tour of Manila. The Williams and I shared a car and had a three hour tour. I took my camera along to Sangley and also on the tour of Manila - taking pictures all along the way. When I came back to the hotel I went to change film - only to find that there wasn't any in the camera! I remember now that when I finished the roll in Hawaii I took it out but didn't put a new one in the camera - oh me.

Our trip of Manila was interesting - starting with Intramuros - the old walled city - founded in the 16th century and quite an historic site in Manila - then we went through the palace - the President being in the U.S. and also toured the executive offices. From there we went to Fort McKinley - the national cemetery (some 15,000 Americans are buried there) and also toured one of the sections "where the millionaires live".

I was back at the hotel by 4:30 - read the evening paper and changed into a suit and tie.

At 7pm a car from St. Andrews Seminary picked me up and I went out

And had a wonderful evening with Father and Mrs. Duman. He is the Dean of the Seminary and she, as you know, is from Stevens Point. Betty Officer and Father Lewis had written to the Duman's indicating that I was to be here.

The Duman's have a lovely home and we enjoyed a fine meal - roast pork, sautéed potatoes, green beans, avocado salad and ice cream for desert. We visited about the Philippines, Stevens Point, and the work that they are doing at St Andrews. The car brought me back to the hotel by 11:30 and I didn't take long to get to sleep.

I wanted to go to church this A.M. but neither the hotel or the taxi people were helpful in locating the Protestant Independent Church - so I ended up taking my camera and walking south along Roxas (Dewey) Blvd and taking some pictures. The sun was out and it was hot - it didn't take long for me to be bathed in sweat so I returned to the hotel and caught a taxi for the Sea Front.

Sea Front is the name of the U.S. employees association club. A former Navy base converted to a club for civilian employees of the U.S.A. They have a good dining room, excellent swimming pool and library. I forgot my swim suit when I packed in Stevens Point so I purchased one this noon for 8 pesos (about \$2.25) and spent a couple of hours swimming. The water was excellent and the exercise was most refreshing - just what I needed. This evening I am to have dinner at the Sea Front with the Willsons.

Tomorrow I spend a part of the day at the Philippine Normal College - where two of the candidates are and I am looking forward to what the day has to offer. Also I pick up my tickets for the trip to visit the other three candidates - so I'll be able to share with you, when I write tomorrow night, my schedule for the next 7 days.

You have all been in my thoughts a great deal and I miss each one of you very much!

Love,
Jim