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My Dear Family -

I had planned earlier to do some yanking this evening but our dinner party lasted later than I thought so I get that done tomorrow noon.

This evening I hosted the Williams and Pres and Mrs Rowing (of Philippine Normal College) for dinner at the Sea Front. I asked the girl in the Education section of AIO to make the arrangements for me on Friday, while I was up north, and everything was fine. I wanted the Borlagas (he will be with us at W.S.U.) to join us but they had already made plans to be out of town (I call it town - Manila is a city of over 2 million people) this weekend. The Williams picked me up at 7:30 and we met the Rowing at Sea Front. Sunday night is Buffet night and we enjoyed a fine dinner of roast beef, Chinese food, and an assortment of salads and vegetables - very good. We had a leisurely meal and it was 10:30 before we left the "club" - the Rowing offering to bring me back to the hotel.

The Williams have certainly been fine to me and I want to be certain to remember them with a gift when I get home. They have been most thoughtful and have gone far beyond what would be expected to make my stay profitable and enjoyable.

This morning I wanted to attend church at the Central Methodist Church but was too late in getting away and the taxi driver didn't know where it was. I came back to the hotel, got my swimming suit and towel and went out to the Sea Front for a leisurely swim and some sun. It was very

relaxing and enjoyed it.

I have not done a lot of shopping here but did get a few things that are "typical" of what the people make and use - I will mail them tomorrow and they should come some time after I get home. In order to clear the APO and customs it was necessary to put different names on the tags as I have addressed the packages to the various youngsters but we will open them and sort the things out when I am there.

I have a few last minute things to do in the morning and then should be all set for departure at 4:40 pm (1640) - I am looking forward to leaving and wish that I was headed home now. I know it will be good to see Hong Kong and Japan but I am ready to come home. It is wonderful to think that a week from today I'll be in Seattle and a week from tomorrow night I'll be home!

This has been a worthwhile experience in so many ways. Of course I have missed you so much and come home with a new appreciation of each member of my family. Also, though, I have gained a new appreciation for our country and being away sharpens my perspective and increases my love for the U.S. Many people say that this happens with foreign travel - and it has for me.

My love for each of you goes with this letter - I say good bye to the Philippines knowing that I am on my way to you.

Love

Jim