

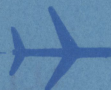
FILIPINAS HOTEL - MANILA

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PAN AMERICAN

IN FLIGHT AIR LETTER



My dear family -

The plane arrived a little ahead of schedule and I was met by Mr. Williams the chief of the Education section of A.I.D. - Philippines and by Abraham Isaac, a Filipino who works for the transportation section of A.I.D. Mr. Williams has been here just 10 days - having come from 4½ years in Korea - and "Abie" has lived here all of his life and has worked for A.I.D. for 13 years. Needless to say Mr. Williams relied so much on Abie as I did and he (Abie) was very helpful in getting me through customs, etc.

This continues to be an interesting experience - as of now I have no luggage! The airline (Pan Am) lost my bag and so all I have is my brief case with camera (which I cannot wear or crush my teeth with) and the IBM dictating machine! Pan Am was most apologetic and is trying to see where it might be - as far as I know it got on the plane at Hawaii but seemingly was not aboard here - they may have taken it off at Guam or it may not have been put aboard at Hawaii. Anyway - I did manage to purchase a clean set of underwear, shirt and a razor and toothbrush so I'll be OK for a few days. It is rather unusual isn't it - all the time spent in packing and buying what we wear things and now they are here!

We drove into Manila and made a brief stop at the A.I.D. building. My hotel is right next to it so that is very convenient. I went out to the Hotel Manila, where Pan Am is located, and "registered my missing luggage" - purchased the items mentioned above and then got settled here at the hotel. My "internal clock" is still aboard the airline and it will take a day or so to settle down - anyway I took a shower and went to bed (at 10:30 AM) - sleeping until 3 pm.

Can't be the guest of the Williams' for dinner this evening and I am looking forward to some food and a chance to get better acquainted with them.

Mr. Williams mentioned that "our man" has not been picked - they waited for my arrival so I will have a chance to be part of the selection! That is wonderful and tomorrow I will read the papers on the 5 candidacies and learn more about the program from here - one of that later.

Miss you all very much and find myself (right now anyway) feeling that Stevens Point is a long way off and too far away.

Tom