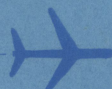


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Dear Family -

If my calculations are correct it is 6:30 p.m. in Stevens Point - which means you have probably finished supper and the youngsters are studying (ahem) and helping clean up - It is good to be able to visualize what you might be doing - you seem closer when I can do that.

Yesterday was spent in getting background material and some understanding of the general picture here. I am some what handicapped by the fact that Mr. Williams has been here only 6 days and has done little in preparation for my visit.

The American Embassy is just across the street from the Hotel and the AID building - right on the waterfront.

There are few major buildings - on all one where, I understand the Ambassador has his living quarters and where a few offices are kept and a rather new larger building - pleasing in architecture and quite ~~handsome~~ handsome. I had lunch in the Employer's Cafeteria of the Embassy and it was good.

It is still early to have anything but just reactions and immediate impressions - in so many ways the people here are, what I would call, surface Americans. They have adopted many of our manners, customs, etc. Yet, I sense anyway, that it is a veneer and it puzzles me. More of that later -

Other observations - I am reminded of what my "mental picture" was of Belgium prior to WWII - there is a great deal of intrigue - and international (as well as national) circles centered here - examples: "evidence" of communist involvement in recent incident at Am. Embassy - a Belgian citizen was robbed, by police, of 45 kilos of gold bars that he brought into the country in a vest he wore under his shirt. Quite evident that he was smuggling. These things make it very interesting!

I hope to get a schedule set up soon so I can get out and meet more of the people.

Miss love of you, very much -

Love Jim