

Saigon - Vietnam  
20 February 1967  
Monday.

Dear Family:-

The dinner last night was a welcome "change of pace" - Our group returned from Hue shortly after 5pm and after talking with them for a while we went down to the Rex BOQ and had the "cookout special" you could choose the kind of steak you wanted - sirloin, tenderloin, T Bone - (I chose tenderloin) cook it yourself - then add mashed potatoes - green beans, baked beans, salad, coffee and acid sea - all for 2<sup>50</sup>. We sat out under a canopy - on top of the building and ate - leisurely - and it was 2100 by the time I had walked home.

The group had a good return visit to Hue - they feel that most, if not all, of their questions were answered and they have a much better understanding of the University now than existed before. They feel that something must be done to help Hue (we all agree to that) but there is disagreement as to timing. Vice Conway wants to do something now - I feel that we should wait until our report is completed and then Hue is in the same context as the other Universities. I hope I am able to persuade the team members to my position - it would be most unfortunate if we urged immediate action and then were ~~self~~ rebuffed by the embassy.

Today has been spent in continued writing of our present status - and discussion of next steps we plan to have the outline of the preliminary report completed by this

weekend - then spend next week discussing the points step by step and doing the writing of each after we have discussed it. This phase is the creative part and will be the most exciting and the most frustrating. It will be a good test of our team however and I am anxious to "get on with it"

This has been another beautiful summer day - reasonably comfortable out of the sun and very comfortable when a breeze is blowing.

Four of our group go to Centra tomorrow for two days - Harry, Don, Mel, and Vince - returning Wednesday afternoon. This completes the traveling we will do in "Phase one" and we will stick pretty close to home the next two weeks to do our work on the preliminary draft. Then we go back out - to meet with and to discuss the ~~final~~ preliminary report - back in to modify and re-write the final draft and then out to discuss it (final draft) with our counterparts. This means we must use every minute that we have - and I think that most of the team members are beginning to realize the deadlines we have and what must be done to achieve our goals.

So - the time is going and I remain busy - but at the same time my mind and heart are full of you - and that is what sustains me and makes this worth doing.

Love

Dad