

Saigon Vietnam  
Saturday Evening  
4 February 1967

My Dear Family -

Evening time - this has been a good day weather-wise - warm - but not too hot - and the humidity has not been too high. This evening as we walked back from the BQP a slight breeze was blowing and it was just enough to keep me from perspiring as I walked. Often I am quite soaked by the time I get back to the hotel - not tonight.

The biggest news today was the cable that came from Washington D.C. authorizing me to return home next week. I thought I was sufficiently adjusted to the possibility of something going wrong that I would have reluctantly accepted it if Washington had said no. But they didn't - if all goes well (and I hope it does) I probably be home when this letter arrives. That is almost too good to be true! I guess I should be disappointed that the time won't be longer - but right now it seems great to anticipate being home - just for a little while and it will aid greatly in the time left after I return to Saigon.

Monday I am to get my ticket and Tuesday 7 February I leave here at 1100. I hope to get some sleep on the plane so I will be as fresh as possible when I get home.

I spent part of the morning talking with Art Hebbert - he received word that his mother-in-law passed away (age 80) and he has not been feeling for good anyway - as



it was good for both of us to have a general discussion - and also ~~to~~ for me to listen to him for a while.

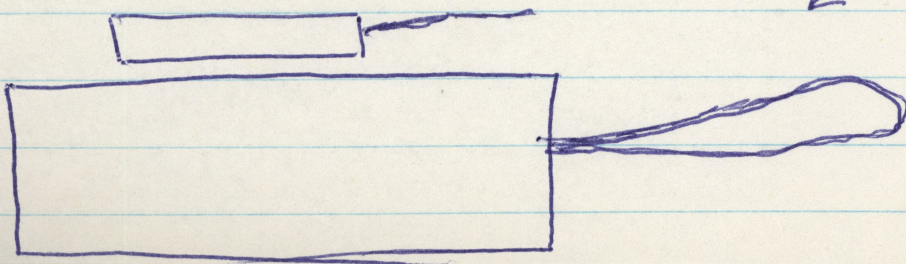
The rest of the team spent the morning at the faculty of pedagogy and they returned at noon.

I had a can of orange juice for lunch and slept for 45 minutes - the late dinner last night took its toll and the mid day nap was welcomed.

at 1400 we had a group (team) meeting - discussed our next steps and reviewed some of our current work. It was a good meeting - a lot of opinion and take, and we were able to do it at a leisurely pace - finishing about 1530. Some of the men wanted to go to the PX others had errands to run, etc. I came back to the hotel about 1615 and "puttered" until the group re-assembled at 1700 for early supper.

The food at the BoQ is good and also reasonable. Tonight I had filet - \$2.00 which included the steak, salad, vegetable and drink (iced tea).

Fire crackers are supposed to be outlawed here - but as I sit writing this it sounds like the 4<sup>th</sup> of July used to sound when I was a boy living in Denver. They have two sizes that are for sale on the street





Last night at dinner the minister told me that they used to have some  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " in diameter and about 8" long. Wow!

I really got the mail today! Bill Vickerstaff sent some clippings, Richards and Phil's letters came and I received three letters from you. I was disappointed to read about your accident Steve - perhaps this added experience will help you realize how easily things happen that "was an accident". Reading about it made me realize again how much added responsibility you are having to carry during my absence - I regret that and know that I do not fully realize all the extra load you have.

It is good that Dick Belmont is close by and able to help out - I hope you can get the car repaired as soon as possible and with out too much added inconvenience.

Yes - the bank is automatically withholding (and paying) the house insurance and the life insurance with Bell Douglas. You will have to pay the Veterans Admin. Insurance and also the auto insurance with Dick Belmont.

Last night the VC blew up a huge ammunition Depot near Tin Doo - the men said it rocked our hotel - but I must have been really sleeping hard for I did not hear a thing. Such is life in Saigon?

Now I'll close - stop writing that is - but continue with my thoughts - and my love - for you.

Dad.