

My Dear Family -

1515 o'clock
approx 8000 feet -
over Vietnam -
23 January 1967

Another full and interesting day - it started out at 0500 - shaving + having a can of orange juice in my room - we left the hotel at 0600 and picked Bob Latolatta and his Vietnamese assistant, Mr. Binh (Phonounced Binay), up on the way to the air port. We then left Saigon at about 0710 via Air America in a twin Beech air craft - 8 plus the pilot - the plane was full.

The flying time to Dalet is usually 60 minutes but the further north we went the more cloud and rain cover we encountered - (we circled Dalet a couple of times but could not see the city or the air port - the pilot asked if we wanted to go back to Saigon or fly over to HNATRANG - we said let's go to Huachong - so we did it landing there about two hours and 45 minutes from the time we departed from

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Bon Wain - who was at Bradley when we
were - is USAID Education chief in HASTANG -
he was to meet us in Dalat - since that is in
his "region" - when we got out of the plane
at Huatrong - there was her - and also was
Marion Klein. Ron had planned to fly to Dalat
but couldn't because of the weather.

We have wanted to go to Huatrong any
way since it is the site of the National
Oceanographic Institute - so we adjusted our
plans and spent the time up to 1230 at
the institute - with its director Dr. Hoi
(pronounced Hi) and toured the facilities
and talked with a number of his staff
personnel. It is quite an experience - to visit
and see what they do with very
limited resources. They have six or seven
basic laboratories and a museum for facilities
for visiting students who come for short term

programs.

I hope I can make a tape tonight and send it back so people at home can share some of the experiences that I had there.

Hutchinson is famous for its sea food - since it is right on the coast of the South China Sea and has shrimp, lobster and sole in great abundance. Needless to say we went to a local restaurant and had lobster (two halves), french bread and fried rice. It was an excellent meal and it cost 300 P.¹³ which is about \$ 2.40. That is with the inflation that they are having here.

After lunch we took a brief tour of the city (approx 15,000) and then I stopped in Mairin's apartment for a minute before we headed out to the airport - a wild stay here that Air America uses.

Now we are flying back to Saigon - Four of the men are playing bridge - Don and Howard are watching the cloud cover out the window and Mr. ~~Bink~~ Bink is in the co-pilot's seat - he is hilled! we should

We on the ground in a half hour or so - and they look to the City Hotel.

On the way to Huetang you flew over ~~the~~ can banks (can say) Bay - the big military base that President Jilin visited. The clouds were very low, so we saw them about 100 feet above the water - banks between islands and then flying low along the side the coast - quite a thrill for all of us.

Now as I look out the window I see the ground - the clouds are thinner here and the land here is just unlike certain parts of the United States - trees - open fields - rivers and a few roads.

In front of me (I am in the very back) is a thermos of hot water and some instant coffee - so I'll see who wants some coffee.

Bye for now - and my love to you.
 Dad

about is checking - we arrived at 1630
 and our cars were there at 1730 - when
 I got back to the hotel you letter just
 written last week and mailed on the 14th -
 was waiting. (4 days from S.P. to here is good).
 It was wonderful to hear from you - to
 hear about things at home (even the cold weather
 and the snow) and to visualize what you
 have been doing.

I was shocked to read of Larry Kallende's
 death - it is difficult to understand and to
 comprehend. It was good to see the central air port
 decision and the Mayor's decision not to run.

Steve & Chuck - I wish I were there to give
 some assistance in snow shoveling - perhaps there
 will be a let up in the snow for a while -
 although it is supposed to get worse in February
 and March!

I wonder how deep the snow is around our

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Cabin? Wouldn't it be great to go out and spend the week!

We have been getting the Asian edition of Time magazine and I'll look for the Goodies copy - thanks for mentioning it.

Many times during the night and often during the day I can hear the concussion of the bombing and artillery fire - (mostly it is due to the North East of our Hotel although this past weekend there was some activity to the South of our hotel).

They talk here in terms of "security" when you inquire about a place they say - it is secure - or it is not secure - there is constant conversation regarding it and that way you know if you go some place it is going to be OK - they would not permit us to go if it was not "secure" -

longer subject and
no answer is given about