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My Dear Family -

Two letters from home today? Your letters written on Saturday and Sunday, January 14 and 15, came in today's mail for me and it was wonderful to get them and to know of your week end and activities at the house and with each member of the family!

I still am going to answer Phil's letter and promise that I will answer any others that I get for a member of the family.

Today was spent largely in doing some office work in preparation of our trip tomorrow and to clean up some things following our trip yesterday.

I spent most of the morning in conference with Bob LaFollette, Harold Winer (acting director of Education - AID) and Jim Singletary. We discussed some possible changes in work and I'll send you some information on it as things progress. It was a worthwhile conference and I hope something good comes out of it.

Mr. Winer informed me that the copy of the contract had been received here and we are scheduled to get our per diem - reduced accordingly to take care of the costs of our housing. It means that we will draw \$16 per day - \$8 will be held for housing and \$8 will be paid to each one of us, on a monthly basis, for meals, etc. It is good to get that taken care of and I believe that

The team members were very pleased when I told them.

After lunch we went over to the Dispensary and I had my plague shot (3rd one) - I plan to go back Saturday afternoon for the game of football. You may be interested in my health - I am fine, I have cut way down on the amount of food I consume - usually eating a fairly good breakfast - light lunch and light supper unless we are out some place or "going on the local market." In addition, I am sleeping well - about 8 hours a night.

You mentioned the bills - Jim, I am glad you went ahead and paid the taxes - fine, I suggest you send the American Express Bill to me and hold the Mexican bill - they said it would be OK for me to wait and pay that later. After Bill Viker stuff gets money from the government we will get expenses, etc. worked out - then I'll be in a better position to handle some of those things.

Late this afternoon - I had a meeting with Mr. Lien - the secretary general of the Union of Sengha. He is a fine young man (32 years old) - very anxious to see change take place and wanting to be of the greatest service to our team and its work. Our interview lasted an hour and while we had to use an interpreter we found that basic communication was established. It went well.

Today's mail also brought letters from Dan Houlton and Gordon Hapjebek - with some news from the campus.

Our plane leaves at 0700 so tomorrow starts at 0500 - with departure from the hotel at 0600. The early mornings don't bother me (Ha) so I am happy to get an early start - some of our boys complain a little but there isn't much choice.

Now I'll close - with all my love to you - and I'll be talking with you again tomorrow - Jim.

Love
Jim