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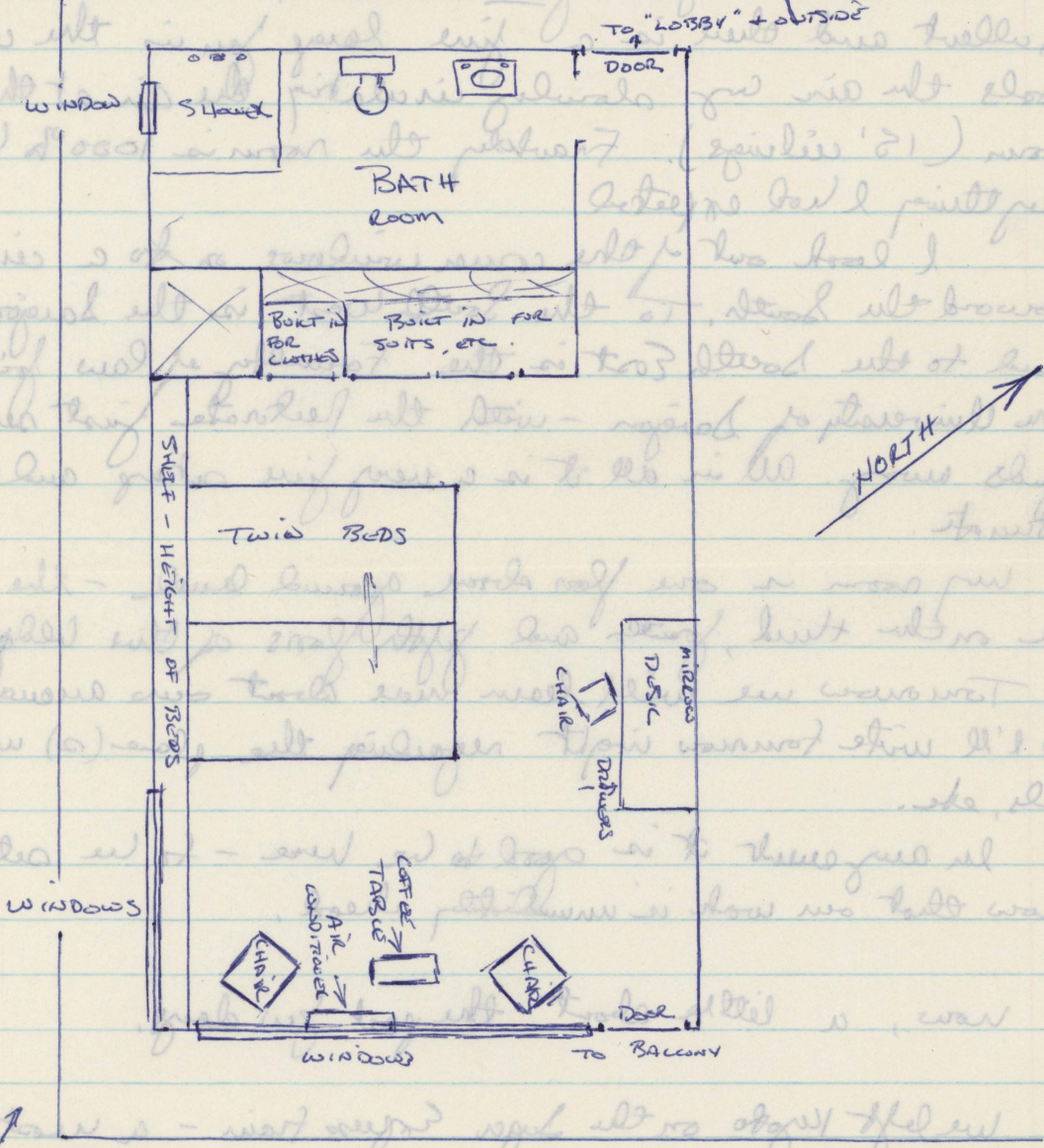
My Dear Family -

This is my first letter to you from Saigon, South Vietnam!

I am writing from an air conditioned room in a very new section of the LY Hotel. (LY is pronounced Lee) and I can look out of one of my windows and see the Reebate of the University of Saigon.

All the planning and preparation of the past weeks and months - now coming to the point and the "on the scene" start of our work.

Let me start by describing my room and something about the "Hotel" - at least as much as I know right now -



BALCONY RUNNING AROUND FLOOR OF HOTEL

write letter

write letter, again

10/11/74 just finished drawing the future of my room and we had a meeting of the team - now as I resume this letter it is 2300 and we have had a fine supper at Bob La Follette's apartment - I am back in my room and have just completed washing today's clothes - now to continue this letter to you -

There are about 25 rooms in this "hotel" - I put it in quotes because it is more like an apartment bldg - no dining room - no other facilities except a desk in the hall by the stair well - but the important thing is that it is much better than anything I had expected - the room is clean the bed has a wonderful firm mattress, the air conditioner is excellent and there is a fine large fan in the ceiling that cools the air by slowly circulating the air at the top of the room (15' ceilings). Frankly the room is 1000% better than anything I had expected.

I look out of the corner windows on to a circle - toward the South, to the South West is the Saigon water works and to the South East is the Faculty of Law facilities of the University of Saigon - with the Red Cross just several hundred yards away. All in all it is a very fine setup and we are most fortunate.

My room is one floor above ground level - the other men are on the third, fourth and fifth floors of this bldg.

Tomorrow we will learn more about our arrangements here - and I'll write tomorrow night regarding the place(s) we take our meals, etc.

In any event it is good to be here - to be settled, and to know that our work is immediately ahead.

now, a little about the past few days.

We left Kyoto on the Super Express train - a most interesting ride to Tokyo and then on to Hong Kong. We spent yesterday

morning doing some shopping - I have managed to have some
 Tai silk sent home to Cindy and to you, Jon, - the red is for
 you Jon and the green is for both you and Cindy - 3 yards of
 red and 6 yards of green - I thought you might like to have
 Easter dresses made out of the green - but do what you
 want.

In the afternoon the others went on a tour of Kowloon and
 Hong Kong - I walked down to the water front area and took
 many pictures. Also I purchased a "screen" to go on the
 mantle - above the fireplace - it and the silk should
 be delivered by the middle of February. I hope the size
 and color of the screen are right - let me know what
 you think of it when it comes. Accidentally I had the screen
 insured against damage so check it over when it arrives.

Last night we had dinner with the Wangs - eating at
 the Golden Crown restaurant - it was an excellent Chinese
 dinner and all of us enjoyed very much the company of
 the Wangs - they seemed to appreciate the dinner and
 particularly the picture I gave to them.

We were back at the hotel by 10 pm and since I
 was very tired I went right to bed.

Our plane was a little late in leaving Hong Kong - we
 flew in an Air Vietnam Caravelle jet - but arrived here
 after a fine flight and an excellent luncheon.

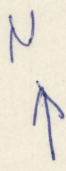
Bob La Follette, Mr. Weimer (Bob's boss) and several
 Vietnamese educators were on hand to greet and see that
 all went well.

Well - all during this I find my mind thinking of you -
 all of you - what you are doing and how you all are. I miss
 each one very much and want you to know of my love, and
 my prayers for your well being.

I am tired so I'll stop now and mail this in the morning.
 Much love -

Dad.

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TO MAJ AIRPORT ROAD

CITY

FACULTY OF LAW -
UNIV SAIGON

Hotel

SAIGON WATER
WORKS

CHANNEL OF SAIGON

CITY

CITY

RIVER

