

Saturday Night
Saigon, Vietnam
4 March 1967

My Dear Family -

The "Grand Ole Opry" is on the Armed Forces Radio Station. I remember, as I listen, hearing the program by the same name on the radio when I was a boy - it, and Saturday Night Band Dance. While the type of music is the same somehow it doesn't seem like Saturday night. I guess I have commented about it before - but with the weather being what it is - the days seem to be the same - and one seems to blend into the next.

We have had a full day but it has been a good one and we seem to be moving again - we met for two hours this morning - as a group that is, and for another 4 hours this afternoon. We hammered out the rough drafts of the components of our major sections of the preliminary report. That is all but the last section and we will meet tomorrow morning at 1000 on that.

Our outline will have 4 major sections: 1) Introduction: a definition of the task; 2) Problems and Solutions; 3) Next Steps: Sequence and Control; 4) Appendix. We are well along on parts 1, 2 & 4 - with the basic ideas ~~by~~ hammered out and now the task of editing and writing (writing and editing that is - in that order). And the job of doing part 3.

We have a lot of work ahead of us but it looks like we may make it.

I walked down town & back this noon - had a grilled cheese sandwich at the lex. - and it was good exercise to

get out.

I still need you, Jan, and Cindy to trace the outline of your foot on a piece of paper so I can look for some shoes. Please do it right away so I can find something.

Dr. Tho, the Minister of Education, said his wife would help with Ao-Dai's so I'll opt at that this next week. Dr. Tho said they had a good tailor and would be happy to help out. That will be good.

These days are tiring - it is hard work to hammer out some of these concepts and I find myself worn out at the end of the day.

Today's mail brought the sections of the February 12 & 19th NY Times - and also a letter from Mother. She wrote about Grandmother Hueland's fall and hospitalization - and also that she was writing to you.

I notice that my writing is getting smaller - guess I better quit and get some sleep.

My love to you -

Dad.

Saigon Vietnam
6 March 1967
Monday night

Jan Darling -

I have just finished a good shower - now I feel refreshed and relaxed and I want to talk with you for a while before going to bed.

Before taking my shower I got a note off to Phil for his birthday - I wanted to send something to him but have looked the post couple weeks and didn't find anything that seemed suitable. \$5 is enclosed with his note and that can supplement what you send him.

I certainly joined well today with the mail - all from Stevens Point - and letters from you (copies of the 28th), Gordon, Bill and Kurt. Also a short note from Mrs. Burns along with a note from Mr. Herman (Philosophy Dept), Roland Tynan, and Paul Bulger (resident at Buffalo New York. ~~to~~ Isnt that great! It really made me feel good - to read the mail and especially to read and re-read your letters.

I certainly hope things work out for Steve - perhaps my letter wasn't right but I tried to share my mind and heart with him - without guessing. I'll look forward to hearing from you in the next few days - to see how things come along.

Wonderful news about Cindy - I can imagine how pleased she must be now - she has been patient and

it has been a long time. Tell her she should celebrate by writing a letter to me! Did the virus stain her teeth at all? -

This has been a hard day but we too are making progress. Vince is doing a great job on the report - doing the writing now as a result of our meetings, etc. We are about half through with the preliminary report and should make our Friday deadline.

We did hit a snag - a major one - on the first part of the appendix - the status of current conditions. I had asked the fellows to give the copy to Art Sackett to be edited - well Art said it was all done and gave it to the secretary to type on memos graph sticks. Three of the fellows started proofing today and the copy is terrible. Errors in sentence structure - capitalization, etc. I still don't know what I'll do - guess we may have to not include it in the preliminary draft and then go to work on correcting it and then re-typing - stick for the final draft. Anyway I'll wait until tomorrow to make that decision.

I haven't gotten answers off to some of the letters I have received this past week but will wait and do that after the preliminary report is finished.

Thanks for sending the "foot sizes" - now I'll be able to get some shopping done next week.

How soon do they expect to finish the kitchen - will it be done by Palm Sunday?

After Church Sunday I stopped by the church office and requested flowers to be placed honoring Phil - on next Sunday and in memory of Dad on the 16th of April - that is three days before his birthday. If mention is made in the bulletin I'll send you a copy.

I am glad you enjoy my letters - it is wonderful to spend part of each day with you this way and I certainly look forward to hearing from you and anticipate a letter once in a while from the youngsters.

My love is yours - tonight and always, darling.

Jim