

Saigon, Vietnam

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Tuesday Evening

My Dear Family -

It is a warm (not really) summer night - you know what I'd like to do? - lets go out to the lake - build a fire at the beach - have a good swim and then cook marshmallows - OK? -

Sounds to you as if I have gone Asian - with snow on the ground where you are a fire at the lake, swimming and all is rather remote. Anyway it is good to think (and dream) about.

Another full day here working on the draft of our preliminary report, we are still making good progress and (my fingers are crossed) if all goes along at the present pace we will be "out of the woods" on this phase by Friday night of this week.

I spent my day working part of the time here in the room (quieter and fewer interruptions), part in the office and then up to Vince Conroy's room to check on his progress.

John Cleaver needed some things from the PX and since he does not have a card yet I took him out this afternoon and got his things along with some snacks for this evening.

Florida State has a team here looking at Agriculture Education and we met with them this afternoon late - had a social hour with them and then the two groups went down to eat together.

I rode down with the men but came right back. I have been eating too much the past few days and am trying to slack off again so I went without supper tonight. Besides I came back in time to catch the barber who stayed and cut my hair.

That was followed by a shower - "shampooing" of my hair - now I feel refreshed again and look back on the day with some sense of satisfaction.

Rich - your letter came in today's mail. Thank you very much for writing and please know that I will answer you real soon. It was great to hear from you though and you would understand how much I mean that if you knew how much I think about you and your other brothers and your sister.

This morning I presented Mr. An - the manager of the Key Hotel - with the gifts our team purchased for his wedding. He is to be married Saturday 11 March - and we picked up a couple of sheets, two large and two small towels. I got some wedding wrapping paper at the PX and wrapped the packages last night. He seemed pleased with the idea that we had thought of him and it was a good thing for the team to do.

Now I'll close - but not before telling you of my love and pride in each of you and saying how thankful I am that we are a family.

Love

Dad.