

Saigon, Vietnam  
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Wednesday Evening

My Dear Family -

Well, tonight I decided I wouldn't go to supper - rather stay here in my room and get some letters written. Uncle Comyn stayed and talked until 1900 and then said he was hungry and wanted company walking down to the BOQ. So I weakened and walked down with him - I had a hamburger and a dish of strawberry ice cream - and got back just a few minutes ago.

The walk down and back was good exercise so I benefited from that.

I didn't get other letters written but I did get a tape off to Bill Vickerstaff - he wrote earlier in the week and raised a series of items that needed a response - so I got them off tape writing to you.

Today has been spent working on the preliminary report - checking just this item and then that one - and going back and forth between the office and the hotel.

Last of the day was spent in conference with Bob LaFollette - and also Mr. Wiers. Several matters had accumulated and I went down and talked with both men.

If we keep up our present pace I want the men to let down over the weekend - taking Saturday afternoon and Sunday for personal matters. We have been "close to the wheel" the past two weeks and they need and will appreciate a break. They have accepted tasks willingly during this period and I appreciate the way they work and are taking this part of our assignment.

If things are going OK tomorrow I want to go out to the P<sup>x</sup> and mail a package and pick up a few things. The things I purchased up at Dalat have been here in the room for almost a month - and I would like to get them in the mail.

I did get a note off to the Tho's (he is the Minister of Education) with you and Linda's Ao Dai measurements - I will probably hear from them in the next few days regarding color, etc. I believe that I told you that she offered to have "her tailor" do the sewing.

In front of me, as I sit here at the desk, is your picture and many times as I sit here I look at it - at each of you and that helps to bring you closer to me.

My love for each one of you goes with this letter.

Dad.