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Dear Dee, Beth, Anne, and Douthits,

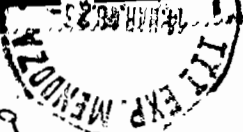
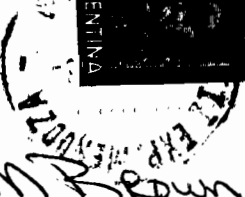
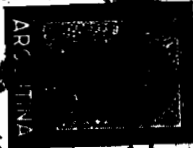
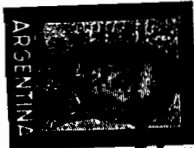
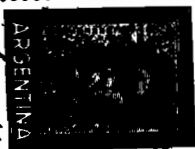
Here it is the end of January, and we're wondering just when you will be heading toward Honolulu. The tempo of the war has accelerated so much since the New Year that we have ^{been} terribly concerned, and have feared that Barry might not be given his vacation. I wonder how much war news you get there. I don't wish to be a "joy-killer", but really the situation is darker now than it has ever been—the seizure of the U.S.S. Pueblo by the North Koreans, the attack on Saigon yesterday by the Viet Cong, the moving of more of our troops into the demilitarized zone, the calling up of thousands of our reserves, and various other steps really have put our country in a tense situation. Surely hope Barry gets out for

his vacation as - according to some commentators - it is thought that this is their last major push before agreeing to meet for negotiations.

Beloit is fine after having been ill with a severe case of flu. I "doped" myself to keep from getting it and have escaped it so far. Beloit's work has remained good all winter.

I substitute a day or two a week - taught yesterday at Parrish School. It's fun to see how the various schools operate. Think I'm going over to see Bev and Caroline today as soon as I finish my letter writing. See Mel and Linda every week - they're fine. Randy will stay "in" through August - then go back to college for his degree. Mama has spent two weeks in the hospital - is much improved and home now. The Stones are fine - The Colony Shoppe has been having a big sale - $\frac{1}{3}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ off which were really bargains, and I bought a few things. Ha!

The pictures of the girls were sweet, and thanks for sending them. Beloit and I love them so dearly. Hope you all are having all the fun you can. You are fortunate to be with your parents, and know they're enjoying you all. Take care! Love and kisses and hugs to all,
Gramma and Granddaddy



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