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DEAR CHARLEY,

HOPE THIS LETTER FINDS YOU + AKIRO WELL. SORRY FOR THE LONG DELAY. THE FAMILY IS GETTING ALONG WELL.

MY SON MARK GRADUATED FROM DEVRY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY TWO YEARS AGO + IS NOW WORKING FOR THE SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY. HE SITS IN A NICE AIR CONDITIONED OFFICE BEHIND A COMPUTER TERMINAL + TELLS THE FIELD REPAIR PERSONNEL WHERE THE PROBLEM IS. ON HIS FIRST FULL YEAR WORKING THERE HE GROSSED MORE MONEY THAN I DID ON MY 25TH YEAR ON THE POLICE DEPT. NOW, MAYBE HE CAN REPAY ME BACK THE LOAN THAT I TOOK OUT TO SEND HIM TO SCHOOL. HE MOVED OUT AFTER HE LANDED THE JOB + IS ON HIS OWN. MARK IS GETTING MARRIED IN SEPTEMBER (LABOR DAY WEEKEND) TO A GIRL FROM IOWA. HE'S 23YRS OLD NOW. SHE'LL BE 21 IN SEPTEMBER.

MY DAUGHTER BECKY IS NOW ATTENDING DEVRY. GUESS WHO'S PAYING? SHE'S BEEN THERE A YEAR NOW + HAS TWO MORE YEARS TO GO. BECKY WILL ALSO BE 21 YRS OLD IN SEPTEMBER. WHERE DID THE YEARS GO?

I STILL HAVE SHERRY WORKING. I FINALLY HAD TO COME OUT OF RETIREMENT AND GO BACK TO WORK TO PAY THE BILLS AND BUY BECKY A CAR TO DRIVE TO SCHOOL. I JUST DIDN'T TRUST THAT CLUNKER (MY OLD WORK CAR) THAT SHE WAS DRIVING. SHE DRIVES TO SCHOOL 25 MILES ONE WAY TO THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE CITY. ANYWAY, I DECIDED TO TRY A DIFFERENT

CAREER AND WENT TO WORK IN A FLORAL SHOP AS A DELIVERY DRIVER. I DELIVER FLOWERS TO BUSINESSES, RESIDENCES, HOSPITALS AND FUNERAL HOMES. I WAS LOOKING FOR SOMETHING LOW-KEYED. I'VE HAD ENOUGH EXCITEMENT IN MY LIFETIME. THE FLORAL SHOP IS OWNED BY A MOM + POP DUO + NOT A NATIONAL CHAIN, THE SALARY DOESN'T EVEN COME CLOSE TO MY OLD POLICE SALARY BUT IT HELPS IN PAYING THE BILLS, COLLEGE + OTHERWISE. I DIDN'T WANT A SECURITY GUARD JOB OR WEAR A UNIFORM, FOR A WHILE ANYWAY IF THIS DELIVERY DRIVER POSITION DOESN'T WORK OUT, I CARRY A VASE OF FLOWERS NOW INSTEAD OF A PISTOL.

THE $\frac{1}{3}$ REUNION IS BEING HELD IN VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. SEPT 13-17 AT THE VIRGINIA BEACH DOUBLE TREE HOTEL, 1900 PAVILION DRIVE. SHERRY + I ARE GOING TO THE REUNION + HAVE MADE RESERVATIONS. GREG VANDERGRIFF IS GOING. BILL BENNETT IS UNSURE WHEN I CALLED HIM THIS WEEK. SOMEONE IS GOING TO TRY + REACH ED SELLS + LET HIM KNOW OF THE REUNION. I CALLED JIMMY UPSHAW BUT HE'S UNSURE.

THOSE ARE THE ONLY 1969 BRAVO $\frac{1}{3}$ MEMBERS I'VE HEARD SO FAR. OF COURSE SOME 1968 BRAVO $\frac{1}{3}$ MEMBERS HAVE CONTACTED ME FOR THE REUNION.

I HOPE TO GET UP TO D.C. AND VIEW THE VIETNAM VETERANS WALL DURING THE REUNION. SHERRY + I WILL HAVE TO GET BACK HOME TO GO TO WORK AFTERWARDS.

NOT MUCH ELSE GOING ON EXCEPT WEDDING PLANS, REUNION, KIDS + WORK. SO MUCH FOR RETIREMENT. LET ME KNOW IF YOU'RE GOING TO THE REUNION. HOPE SO. TAKE CARE. SEMPER FI!

YOUR BUDDY

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