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Dear Chuck and Akito

Our congratulations and greetings for this new year. I guess it's about time for an update and a picture of our growing family.

I am still employed for the U.S., Dept. of Medicine and Surgery. Since my last letter, we have moved to Chicago for one year and last July I was transferred to the VA Medical Center in Houston Texas, ya'll. My actual title is Assistant Chief, Prosthetic Treatment Center. Our Center is an Allied Health Service



lending technical advice and fabricating a variety of prosthetic and orthotic devices. My last two years have been a period of training in administrative and technical background of this field. Very interesting and challenging. Administrator of a Medical Center is still down the road.

We have bought a new but simple home 25 mi. north of Houston in Humble (just the place for a bold Chicagoan). We've acquired some land for a summer home 50 mi. further north on Lake Livingston. (Can this be the American dream?)

My mother, brother, and sister are all doing fine. While in Chicago my Dad became ill and was diagnosed cancer of the lungs. He died 10/13/79. He was tough as nails to the end.

Our Christian family has been blessed and we praise the Lord continually for His strength. I think I have traveled the full circle since the war and its demoralizing effects back to a loving heart.

In the last few years I have seen the movies on



Viet - Nam. All except Apocalypse
Now. Although they stimulate
and expose shared feelings of
certain experiences, there
is a Hollywood overshadow-
ing. My wife enjoyed the
Deer Hunter to my surprise.

Dear friends our family
keeps you in ~~our~~ ^{its} prayers and
we hope you ^{will} share some
of your experiences with
us soon. Don't follow my
silly example of waiting so
long to answer.

God Bless
Gene & family

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