

Please return to
me - at 455
Dear Mother,

Nov. 10, 1963

About time I wrote. The exciting results of
lectures are by now well known to you. I
sent a word or two on them to Mike, Edith and
to J + P. The revolution was a great blessing
for Vietnam and I am sure that the future they
deserved. The atmosphere in Saigon is more
relaxed and open than I have ever seen it.
I believe that now there is a real chance that the
people will get behind the war and make progress.

Also exciting news about Eve & Dick. Makes John
a grandfather which is extraordinary and you
a great grandmother. You must be most
impressed with yourself! During the past
week, due to illness of others, I have acted as
Deputy Director of this mission, which was
rather good fun. With the new government, it
will be more fun here, and the last few months
of this tour should go fairly fast. Return in
April, & what happens after that, who knows?
I am at a very senior level, relatively speaking,
and therefore not easy to place. If my luck is bad
I could be out of a job. But I have a lot of friends

here now, and would have something will
come along. It's a question of being in the
right place at the right time.

I have been keeping better records. Took some
good pictures of the revolution, and tape-recorded
the final assault which is quite a historical
document.

I hear it has started to rain again in
the U.S. I am glad, but my woods catch
fire. I had a letter from Mary Burns
deploring my not having married Ann,
which I will answer. I also regret that things
didn't work out, but if they didn't, they
didn't and I don't regret that, if you follow
me.

This is just a line. And before I forget,
trouble again for the \$150. I finally cashed it.
I have paid off everything on the house in W. Va.,
and also repaid the \$3000 I borrowed from the
life insurance co. so I am completely out of debt,
except to you. of course.

lots of love,

John