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Dear Mom & Dad, This is my second day on base - and officially I can say that it is permanent. I took it that you all curious, about the trip over, well here it is: - left Travis AFB at 8 PM on the 16th of April - and arrived at Anchorage, Alaska five hours later - refueled and reboarded plane after our long lay over - then flew for Yakima AFB, Texas - which is a long of flying were involved - on arrival we departed plane and waited around for and hour or so - to refuel & get on our way again - by the way it was a ~~little~~ to touch ground again. From Yakima then on to Pine Bluff which took 5 1/2 more flying hours. The plane was a DC-8, the airline was Seaboard World and as you can imagine the plane was a jet power - which on runways took up a good distance to become airborne.

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The squadron I was assigned to seems pretty good - I'll be doing the same type of work as before - and so far of what I can see - I like it. All the guys seem pretty decent - the only thing I'm not quite enthused about is working seven days a week - with a half a day off each week.

I have my own Mommy room - to keep my room - clothes + boots looking well - and to see such a thing - for two boxes of soap + shoe polish a month. In here they have a Turkish bath + massage parlor - thank God for little things.

My only concern right now is adjusting to the climate + the people, whom seem very happy + lucky. I've got to learn Vietnamese going to it by. - the more I find of it I'll let you know about it. I thank you all for making home a place I have fun + to come home to. Tell everyone I'm going to write.

Love
Harold