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Chu Lai
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Dear Family -

I did say that I'd be home earlier than we thought, didn't I? As it stands now, there's no reason why you shouldn't expect me to be back by the middle of November. After a number of false starts, the Division is on its way to finally eliminating itself. Of course, that means quite a bit of work getting Chu Lai ready for the ARVN's and training people from our successor organization to take over our job. Still, I can hardly complain, inasmuch as it's all to the purpose of getting home. I'll also have to get my own private stand-down underway - start shipping items back and eliminating what I don't need. So, please, from now on packages of any sort are not needed & will add to the confusion - after all, I'll be home in a few weeks. I just hope the postal system in the Chu Lai - Da Nang area doesn't break down completely under the strain.

For the first time since I've been over here, yesterday, I pulled K.P. & as much as the Vietnamese national elections are today, it was thought best to let the civilian workers on base off for the 2 days. Even so, one wonders what they'll do with their time off. (If I can be forgiven trying to reproduce a form of pigeon-English, we have one woman's comment - "Only one man run - no vote - beaucoup fight.") Thank

heavens this isn't Da Nang, where the ville is contiguous with most of the base - things have become rather upsetting there. However, An Tan is small, essentially rural, and isolated from Chu Lai base - so we're quite insulated from the results of our own governments folly.

KP, to return to the original subject, was absolutely delightful - after the office it was a restful change, although I've developed doubts about the wisdom of eating there. However, that isn't really necessary - since we've been falling into rather large stocks of food of late - and doing our evening cooking at the hookah.

There's very little else to relate. I still find time for some reading - including the news that arrived with the last envelope.

Luna,
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