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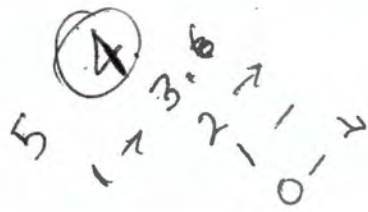
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Dear Larry,

Thank you for your letter. I am so sorry that I never let you know what happened since I last received your letter. I got the "things" you sent all right. Thanks.

I have been very busy this semester. My Chem & Physics are taking so much of my hours. I am carrying 19 credits. 5 in Chemistry - a very interesting course. It is Qualitative Analysis. We find out the ions contained in certain unknown solutions by experiments. I have six hours of lab work every week besides 3 lectures. My German is not good yet, I get mixed up with English, sometimes, when I write "is", I sometimes write "ist", the German form. I can carry on a little conversation though. My math is quite easy. We are now on hyperbolic functions & Polar coordinates. I do not have to spend too much time studying. Physics is getting worse & worse, I have to study harder & harder for its exams. I have one credit in HPE, one in glass-blowing. I like it because I might need it, besides the fact that it is really amazing to see how we can play with glass just like Honey.

Well, Larry, I mid-term grade report on, showed a 3.6. I got a B for Chem. I am now working harder on it so that I might be able to bring it up to an A. That would be nice, right?

My finals will be through before the 31 of May. If you plan to come to Hilo, remember, it is on a different island than Honolulu, the extra trip costs \$5 I think, if you go on to the mainland. It can take you around the island, and see the volcanoes, the orchids, and all the other things.

I am not needing them yet, so if you don't have time, forget about it. Maybe it is 2000 Kip. I don't remember well. If you can please get me six rackets I have 3 rackets, my brother has one, and I want to have them restring, my steel one, at least well, soon to bother you. Be sure to let me know if you are coming.
Somyong.

During Easter, our Tennis team went to Honolulu to play in the Intercollegiate Tournament. I also played two soccer matches. Our school team got second place even though all the singles were eliminated before the semis. I reached the quaters and lost to the 4th seeded guy. I heard Chansamone is champ again. Have you played much Tennis? I plan to play more this summer.

How are things back in Vientiane? I heard about the fires one after another. How is Dong Dok? Please tell the teachers and students at the English Section, especially the nice looking girls, that I say "hello", or the Lao version of it - Sabaidi.

How is your like running? Are you going to take a car to Laos this time. I still remember once you told me you liked Pontiacs. This year, Pontiac has very beautiful cars. If I had the money, the GTO would be my choice. It is a complete change.

Well, I think that's enough from me. Please let me know if you're coming to Hilo. It is half an hour away by jet, of course I mean from Honolulu. Boun Hana, my brother, is leaving for Illinois on May 29, I think. I stay here. Well, take care. Hope you have a nice time before you leave. And if you don't mind, please send me some Dunlop Tennis gut (waterproof) from Veng Lao sport. They cost about \$5 or 2500 Kip. I will pay you when you come here, or I will tell my parents to pay you if you don't come here (on trip).

