

IVS/ED
Luang Prabang
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Dear Folks,

I was hoping to spend the 4th in Vientiane and leave for Hong Kong the next day but there was only four seats available and my name wasn't quite high enough on the list. So I will be spending the 4th in Luang Prabang. There is another flight to Hong Kong on the 11th and I have sent my name in for that flight. Since the plane is a Caribou, which does not have a bathroom or a heater, I might be able to make the trip. I decided to try to get to Hong Kong right away because ~~later~~ thinking about cancelling the flight because of security around Da Nang Air Force Base in Vietnam. In any event if I go I will leave for Hong Kong on the 11th and return on the 17th.

I have still been traveling back and forth between Luang Prabang and Vientiane, but not as often as before. I have been trying to get down every two weeks. I find it difficult to leave for any long periods of time due to the students working out at school. I have a good long project for them that will allow me to get to Hong Kong and back.

Every time I go to Vientiane I get a different story about what I will be doing next year. They are supposed to have at least three men training to come over here now. If one of the IVS'ers here decides to come back for two more years and all three men in training make it to Laos, then I will be transferred to Vientiane and assume the duties of overall farm manager and would be in-charge of production and would coordinate things within the farm and also work with Pakse and L.P. Right now there is more chances against it than there is for it. As you can see there ~~is~~ a lot of variables.

I hope that you received my letter stating that there was a package at the post office in Vientiane for me. Last week I was able to get it sent up and it was the suit and the rest of the things that you sent along. As far as the shoes, I am planning on buying a pair in Hong Kong.

From what I can find out, I will buy two sets of china in Hong Kong and have one sent home and bring the other back with me. When the first set arrives, I will send the second one.

The next thing, I would like you to check into the contract with Ralph Currie and see when you can get the money from my old car. The reason for this is that I can order a car while I am still overseas and save from 20%-30% depending on price of car. Higher price, higher saving. Before closing the deal you might talk with local dealer and see if he knows anything about ordering a car while still overseas. It might still be possible to get the car through Currie and he still could get something out of it. (Service charge at least) Maybe Gaumer knows something about it.

Has my last newsletter been mailed out from Washington yet? I finally received a copy but I didn't know how the timing corresponded with everybody else's.

If I leave the 11th I will drop you a line from there. (postcard)
Must close for now and go eat before the restaurant closes.

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