

Luang Prabang
Laos
Feb. 23, 1966

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Well, I am running out of paper so will close for now.
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Have already sent W-2 form from IRS. and with in
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If any other information needed let me know.

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