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Dear Mom & Dad,

I've got a few minutes to relax and enjoy myself. I just finished chowing down on some canned spagettie and had some hot coca. Well I got my taxes all figured out and ~~payed~~ paid for 1968. You'll never guess how much income taxes they took from me last year. I worked for six months last year. My gross pay was $5,476.00. That wasn't too bad but get this, I had to pay $1,091.00 for taxes and according to my W2 forms, I only paid $903.80. So I wrote a check for $187.20 to make up the balance. I'm getting married and having a hundred kids so that I don't have to pay that much federal

taxes. I can't see 20% of my income going to Uncle Sam.

I got a letter from Dad a few days ago. I wrote him right back. If you sent a package I haven't received it as of yet. I got a package from Mrs. Pack & Mrs. Carter. I'll have to write & thank these lovely people for sending the cookies. I got a total of 5 of them!

Mr. Frey sent me a $55.00 small tape recorder that uses cartridge type tapes. It's small enough where I can put it in my pack. So I type them tapes and they send me some Recordings. They are 2hr tapes. I'd type you folks but you'de got to have a tape-recorder that uses the cartridge

type tapes. (5)

They gave up a whole bunch of chow today. Oh, by the way, I'm back in the rice paddys. We leave tomorrow and charge a beach and begin running a sweep thru an island only 1000 meters from where I am. All it is, is a piece of land surrounded by a river. There are a lot of gooks over there.

An Hoa was the hardest hit city here in S.V.N. since they've started this Tet offensive. I've spent a lot of time in bunkers dodging incoming mortars and rocket rounds.

Cindy went and cut her hair. It now comes down to her shoulders. I loved it long. I don't know how she looks now. Wish I could

see her. She makes me feel so great and so happy all the time. I know she'll make a wonderful wife for me. Jan and dad do approve of her don't you? I sure hope so. I want the both of you to love her as if she were your daughter because next year she's going to be!

Mr Fry wrote and took me that he and his people who works for him are now working on a development of a bid ~~to~~ ~~motor~~ ~~to run a Jon~~ go by Jupiter in 1975, using an atomic reactor to run a Jon engine which will rush it to 22,500 mph & will arrive at Jupiter in 1981. Just think. I'll be working on that project next year. He works for

Jet Pulpulsion Laboratories at Cal Tech (5) in Pasadena. I'll probably change jobs and work there. It'll mean more money to me. I'll also have lots of more school to go thru too, but it's all worth it.

Well it's time to close. It's getting dark now.

Write soon.

Love,

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