

Hotel's an excellent German type food restaurant - they have wonderful weinerschnitzel and potato pancakes - great for a diet!!

One comment on a 1958 orientated department for Spencer Ogell's - "over my dying body" - I'd be so blasted sick of this type culture I'd want to get away from it. This last week I've had several run-ins with damn J.N.s (Japanese nationals) - give them a little authority and they become "empire seekers" - also why the US allows J.N.s to run an important function like telephone operators I'll never know - I'd hate to try & get an emergency call through. The Japanese who work & live in their own towns & cities are good people but those who work for the U.S. govt are a "domee" (Japanese for bad) lot.

Well my ride's here & it's time to go to Tokyo - will route again

All my love  
Richard!



Gold Fishes Shop

Two Rolls of 8mm film

1<sup>st</sup> Roll:

Kagon Falls seen from Top of falls  
" " " " bottom of falls

Lake Chuzenji + adjacent Town

Cable cars at Akechidaira EKE (Station)

on way up to Look out point

Mt Nantai - comes out of Lake

Chuzenji Lake

Lake side Hotel - (where I stayed)

2<sup>nd</sup> Roll

Scenes around Lake Chuzenji

Yudaki falls

Yukaki Lake

Lake Yumoto + Yuzata Spa

Senji Plains

Futarasa Shrine

Chuzenji Shrine

Nikko Shrines

Rin-no-ji Temple

Futarasan "

Film may arrive in a month - I hope!!

Please write comments on film - I used my  
free style method of picture taking -

usually shooting pictures of people shooting  
pictures, small children, good looking girls, etc.

longer a federal guaranteed bank - it now  
 comes under state rules as to loaning  
 money, insuring savings (fund back up  
 funds), borrowing money, paying interest etc.  
 I wouldn't be a bit surprised if the Nat'l  
 bank & Perpetual are working together, with  
 Nat'l bank having shares in Perpetual & guaranteeing  
 them; irregardless of personal feelings toward  
 Nat'l "J" they are a fairly sound bank with  
 good management - too many people have  
 too much at risk to let that bank fold.  
 My 4% at "P" covers my 3 1/2% interest  
 paid on my bank loan - I've decided to  
 borrow rather than pay in entirety for  
 my house - evidently my proxy card is  
 also in my desk so you see how little  
 an individual stockholder is unless he organizes  
 & works together with other small stock holders.  
 Just for a matter of interest to show you how  
 well our servicemen overseas are treated -  
 Chase Manhattan Bank - the only  
 U.S. bank on A.F. bases  
 gives no interest  
 on saving acc'ts &  
 charges for checking  
 acc'ts where \$200<sup>00</sup> balance  
 is not kept!! If you're interested  
 in <sup>the</sup> banking system I believe I have a book in my library  
 called "Money & Banking" by Chandler - it's very



Cherry blossoms at Narapark

still more different than the smell of  
summer - I repeat as I have said before  
Japan is a paradise !! Your Christmas  
gift - the gloves - really came in handy - my  
other fur lined pair became so soaked  
in the snow fluy that a new warm  
dry pair came in handy for the evening

Sorry that "J" is giving you trouble  
but then again, philosophically, life would  
be dull without an active volcano  
like her around (i.e. you never know  
when she'll erupt next!!).

I'm sorry I didn't call Ralph on his  
birthday - I do have a gift for him -  
not the most exciting gift for an 8 yr  
old but very orientated some silk  
screen paintings of some old warriors  
(samurai) for his room - I'll send them  
off when I get a chance.

My new Co. is suppose to start in tomorrow  
so I don't know what  
to expect - time to  
say eyes see minus  
(good night).

all my love  
Richard



Osaka Castle

Saturday August 4

Dear Mom + Dad,

after a very unusual flight from the states I'm finally in Japan. In case the telegrams + post cards were incoherent this is what happened:

I left Parks AFB on Thursday at 11:00; upon arriving at Travis AFB I was told that my flight didn't leave until 11:00 the next day. Luckily I had a friend stationed at Travis so I had an enjoyable evening. The next day, Friday, at 11:30 we took off for Hawaii, landing at Hickam AFB about 6:30 their time. In Hawaii I was delayed for three days; this was not hard to take; I lived ~~it~~ up as much as possible, visiting all the famous spots. Sunday at 6:00 P.M. I departed to Wake Island arriving there about 1:30 A.M. Wake Island; engine trouble grounded the plane + we stayed the night. Next morning at 2:00 A.M. we started out for Tokyo; after two hours in the air we

turned around and returned to Wake.  
Grounded once again with engine trouble  
I spent another full day swimming  
& hiking on an island 5 miles by  
2 miles. The next afternoon (2:30 P.M.) we  
departed for Tokyo; finally we  
arrived at Tokyo International at 8:30 P.M.  
Tokyo time. From the airport we rode  
by bus out to Yamoto AFB where I  
am now. I was supposed to continue  
on to Yokota AFB last Thursday but  
as usual the AF red tape has  
crept in. My name has been sent  
to 5<sup>th</sup> AF & I am now twiddling my  
thumbs awaiting assignment. I may be  
sent to the address you have &  
I may not. I'll know by Monday what's  
in store for me. Meanwhile I do nothing  
but go into Tokyo every day. There are  
four of us in the same boat so we're  
bonded together. Tokyo is an interesting

town but I think it will be more enjoyable when I'm settled & can contact some of ~~these~~ people I've been told to contact. I'll be very happy when I can put my clothes in closets & drawers & store my suitcases. Japan will also become more enjoyable when I can conquer this ridiculous language of theirs.

Something amusing happened the first day I arrived at this processing center; after our briefing & the news that a few of us might be reassigned had been mentioned myself & another fellow of some physical build were called into a Captain's office, there we were asked if we would like to play football for 5<sup>th</sup> AF, if we did our assignment would be made immediately & we would be guaranteed a plush job. We, both remembering the recent H.C. L.A. scandal, refused although we did offer our services as basketball players, these were not in demand & our commodity was refused.  
Time to visit the Emperor, will write later.  
Love Patrick.

P.S. Did you get my MARS Telegram?

Dear Mom & Dad;

Was very happy to receive your last letter talking of the "premiere" of the "Japanese Oyell story" or "why did I ever eat so much rice!!"

Tell me, did the roll that had Kamakura, myself & shots of driving in Japan come out - this was the roll that was in the camera when it was broken in Europe. Also did any of the family get to see my "production." As for that water fall shot I was directly under the falls, standing on a rock, getting soaked when I shot it.

After a limited engagement at 614 I would like the film sent over here so I can see my handiwork. Incidentally why not see if Dad would like to see the pictures!!

I imagine by now you are tied up in the Christmas rush well so am I, even the AF has a busy season - we're trying to ship all the



Fishes Flag  
at Boys Festival



Dear Mom + Dad,

I hope this letter finds you in better spirits than when last you wrote; possibly by now the "situation" has been seen in a new light and your off-spring are acting like intelligent beings.

Let's see - I think I'll answer a few questions you posed:

1. the pillow has not arrived yet - give it a few more days + then cancel it + send me the pillow I bought at Scott A.B. - it's a foam rubber pillow + will be sufficient.

2. I don't know the price of an apt. in Tokyo but I will find out. Why you'd want to stay in Japan is a mystery to me, I must however be very flattered and think it's because you want to stay with me - I'm very flattered.

When I was in Nikko I



A Lucky Doll  
Kokeshi

did it again, I bought three more  
Kokomonis - all old - as of yet I haven't  
made up my mind to send them home  
Right now they're hanging in my  
room - my houseboy is really  
impressed - first I bought a Japanese  
comforter and now I'm decorating  
the room with old scrolls that  
tell of Japanese legend. One of the  
scrolls I may send to Jackie as  
a birthday gift - I think she'd like  
it - it has green backing & the  
picture is of the sun & clouds &  
features two storks (signs of good  
luck & long life - the scroll is  
usually hung at New Years or a wedding),  
it's about 5 ft tall - do you think  
it'll fit.

Dad's remark to Gail is quite  
true - our family is in a  
heck of a fix - English & Jewish



"Rikisha - Man"

The middle-east situation is quite interesting; the English, French, & Israeli have really pulled a coup. Old Ike says he'll keep us out of this "police action" I wonder whether he'll say the same thing after he's re-elected November 7. Personally I feel that it took desperate men to take desperate steps - the English & company had their backs to the wall; what else could they do.

My interest is with Hungary and once again another country that is getting dangerously desperate, Russia. If we don't help Mr Nagy we are losing face with the free world - as Mr Truman said, "we are no longer leaders of the free world" How can we be when our Sec. of State is in the hospital & our President is not at his healthiest - our govt should be experts on intestines but certainly aren't too good at foreign



Dolls' Festival  
Hina Matsuri

policy. Today Russia marches into  
rebellious Hungary, tomorrow it may  
be Poland or Germany - when will  
it be the far east again - in other  
words how long will it be before  
we are forced into another W.W.II  
or Korea. I'm not a hero and  
would never take part in actual  
combat so it is easy for me to  
sit in my comfortable chair and say  
we should do something but somehow  
I feel we should because if we don't  
we will merely live in another  
1940 false peace. Dulles doesn't  
carry an umbrella but he sounds  
a bit like Chamberlain. I'm young and  
also impulsive so maybe it's a  
good thing that these are  
merely words in a letter  
to my Parents and not the  
action of a nation.

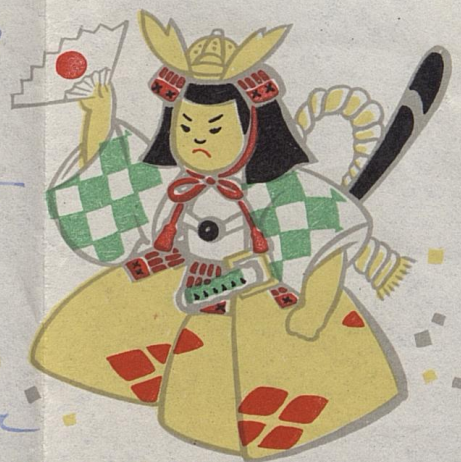


Maiko  
Budding Geisha Girl

As the song goes "Que Cien Cien"  
(what will be, will be) - such is true  
at home & abroad & we must live  
by it. Why else would I be a  
AF officer living in Japan if it  
werent "what will be, will be"

Here in Japan & in the 6023<sup>ed</sup>  
life is as normal as possible;  
I can only assure you that you  
have no need to worry about me -  
I cant tell you our mission but I  
can say that we are more  
defensive than offensive so there  
is little chance I will see the middle  
east or eastern Europe as of the  
immediate future.

My biggest problem now  
is the battle of the bulge -  
I'm down to about <sup>the</sup> 182-185  
range - but being weak  
& it being dinner time  
I'll leave you now for a  
steak (cooked Japanese style v.e. until  
you eat in you're not sure it's cooked!!)



Samurai Doll  
at Boys' Festival

all my love  
Richard

Dear Mom and Dad;

A very merry and prosperous season's greeting to you.....I hope by now the fury of the Christmas season has died down and you can sit back and enjoy your new prosperity ..... I was very happy to hear that the store was doing well and that it was selling the type of goods that you always hoped it would...how did the china dept fair.....did we sell any A.A. cuff links....and do you think an oriental dept could help sales.....not the usual Japanese products but specialties like beautiful silk screens, Kokomona's, oriental dolls made into lamps....incidentally I had some dolls made up for me....both of them are hand made....very beautiful ...they stand about two to three feet tall...originally I had them made for Elizabeth and Sandy but after I saw the finished product I couldn't ship them...they were too gorgeous.....I'm going to have two glass protective boxes made so that the beautiful silks that adorn the two dolls can be preserved and then when I get home to the states I'll have them wired into lamps.....they are really magnificent and could we find some one to make them up and prepare them for shipping I'm sure that they would be a great line in the states.....the dolls can be made in any size so if they were popular enough in the large models in the store we could advertise the smaller ones for mail order business.....this by the way is what I think an original idea.....I've never seen these dolls made into lamps and I'm still not sure if it can be done.....if at all possible I'll get some color shots of the dolls to send home to you...maybe a slide or two when the light is better..... anyway when you come over here in May you will be able to see what I'm talking about and tell me personally if the idea is a hit or a miss.....

While we are discussing your trip I think that it would be unwise for you to cancel your plans for the orient just because I'm coming home to get married.... I think that's all the more reason you should come over here...you'd get a chance to stay with us awhile and see how it is to live in the orient...at the moment I have tentatively rented an apartment near to Tokyo but not too far from JAB...the apartments (pretty close to American style) are owned and run by four Nuns....and as usual pretty nice people....they are going to let me move in about the beginning of March so I can start to get the place ready for our return.....but what I had in mind is that by May we will be able to move closer to the base and if you wanted you could move into the apartment that we are vacating....it is a one bedroom apartment with ample closet space...there is a living room dining room combination, in door plumbing, steam heat, nice upstairs view, kitchen with fairly adequate appliances (no garbage disposal unit to go on the blink) and it is furnished ....not the most beautiful furniture but adequate.....anyway it is just a thought and although the rent is high (120.00 a month) it is still cheaper than a month in the Imperial although I grant you not as nice.....if you did want to look and keep house we could get you the necessary things through the base commissary.... by the way if the rent seems high to you, it is, but considering what the apartment has and considering facilities in Japan it is cheap even if the same rent can get you an apartment in B.H.....the price and the distance from the base are why we won't stay there too long.....I hope to have our house built by the month of May...although with the new Japanese premier I hesitate to buy in Japan...he talks as if he wants to see some of the boys go home...not all of them but enough to make a difference like closing a base (very probably JAB) down and giving it back to the Japanese.....if he starts to act like he's talking I will reverse my field and rent off base quarters rather than buy on base quarters.....who knows I might be home before 1958....well it's up to the honcho's in Washington and Tokyo. So as I started to say I hope that you aren't planning to cancel your trip to the Far East...contrary to what people like Zwern and I sometimes say, Japan is an

interest

interesting place to see....I'm inclosing an add in case that you didn't know that the Japanese Internat'l Trade Fair is going to be 5May to 19 May.....so I hope to see you in Tokyo at that time...after all if you don't come I'll have wasted a lot of time finding interesting places to show you and good restaurants to eat at.

Christmas in Japan was very unlike Christmas in B.H. but it was still enjoyable ....naturally my thoughts were of home and my family....believe it or not I even missed the noise that the kids make ..... they did have one very nice feature over here for the season and that is something that I'm sure Mom would have enjoyed....I remember how she always complains that the radio stations don't play enough Christmas music.....well over here FEN(our one English speaking station in the Tokyo area)played Christmas music all day long and it was only interrupted by good christmas stories like the play(once a movie) Miricle on 34th Street...Edmund Gwenn as usual played the part of Saint Nickolas....well all in all the season has been fun and people have been very hospitpal to me...there have been numerous home open to me .....I ate Christmas dinner over at Pat and Shelly Shragger's home.

I'm sorry that I didn't have time to warn you about Capt. Zwern....I hardly know the man...he knew a lot of the men in the outfit because he flew with us occasionally but outside of eating lunch with me and about five other people on about five occasions he didn't know me...he did however know Herb and Barbara .....now that you've met him I can tell you I think the guy is an ass and I think he has some nerve imposing himself on you(especially on Jackie's birthday)....there are so many other people that may come through L.A. that have really been kind to me that I hope that this shnook hasn't killed your desire to treat them kindly.. ..as I wrote before Pat and Clete Patterson will be coming through soon...Pat is my boss(he's between me and the Col)and both he and Clete have thrown their home open to me.....they are really fine people and not the type thata Capt Zwern is.....anyway if they do come through I wish you would have them over for dinner .....Clete has expressed a desire to met you because as she so flatteringly puts it....I must have very wonderful parents.....she's right and I want to prove tat to her.....

Well that's about the news...lunch hour is over and I'm up to my neck in work now that Joe Martone has been transfered out(he went instead of me)...so I'm afraid I'll have to leave you now so I can try and organize my office staff ....please write soon

all my love

*Richard*

P.S.

*Happy New Year*

P.S. JE

Received Two letters from S.O.'s Today - one with x'mas cards + another with an address of people in Nagoya - Thank you for both but honestly I'd have preferred just a little note saying hello from either of you - - Are you disinheriting me or is my waiting also so Lacks!! All my love (over)





Dear Mom and Dad;

Please excuse the thin transparent paper but it is the best the AF can offer ..... at least it is the best the AF can offer to those of us that steal "office" supplies.

News around here is dull as usual...the biggest event is tonight's first league basketball.....the Orgell version of the UCLA in Japan basketball team plays it's first game.....if nothing else we will be a colourful aggregation ....after several weeks of harrasing the Col I finally got the unit to purchase new uniforms.....we looks very athletic in our black and gold...the numbering on the back of the uniform is a direct steal from UCLA.....I have Don Bragg's number now I only wish I had Don Bragg. More about the Japanese Johnny Wooden later

I was thrilled to hear that the movies came out good.....I'm anxious to see them...when the limited engagement is over at 614 please forward the films.....as for Eric's suggestion of taking slides.....I did....you should have seen me armed to the teeth with my two cameras....one set of shots(the movies) I shot for home distribution and the other lot(slide) I took for local consumption. Some of my slides came out pretty good but these you'll have to wait two years to see...the slides I had returned to me in Japan.....incidentally please take good care of my slides at home...or if it wouldn't be too much of a problem please forward them to me....I'd especially like the slides of Spence AB and Florida.....I'm not in the least bit surprised that the slides didn't impress you...these slides were taken purely for my benefit .... and not really to show beautiful scenes....your comment that there were better and more beautiful things to take pictures of over here is if you pardon my saying so all wrong...there is nothing in Japan that could ever come close to rivaling some of California's and the best of America's beauties..... go take color pictures of Yosemite or Sequoia or go up to Tahoe or down to Laguna or around Menlo and half moon bay....carmel.....etc,etc....Nikko is beautiful I know, I said so a few letters ago...it's beauty does rival the St Laurence and parts of Switzerland but this is only one spot.....California only one state out of 48 has more....incidentally you should see my slides of Hawaii....they are pretty good .....

Still working on trying to get home on a TDY courier trip but it looks doubtful.....I've been playing with the idea of taking a leave and coming home and ~~we~~ we have a plane going to the states in January or February and I'll be home in Japan ready to greet you when you arrive.....it's not that I dislike Japan or that I'm really lonesome for home it's just that a leave back to the states appeals to me.....I'd like to see Gail and possibly talk her into coming back with me or at least coming over here..... as I said I'm playing with the idea and as I write this I'm still thinking about it.....I've had a lot of time to think and I have still more time to think about this so don't worry.....still the idea does appeal to me....living over me together would be a lot of fun.....it certainly would provide me with constant companion who I enjoy being with more than anyone outside of my family.....living condition over here are not the best but then

again there are things over here that over compensate for the living inadequacies. I had repeat myself but as I said I have thought about this quite seriously, talk to my friends (those that come from the same or similar environments), getting their opinion on how they enjoy life over here ...asking their opinion on whether

or not they think it's a good idea....to the 100% they all agree it's an experience that can't be compared to anything that we know at home....when I left home I was not sure then if I should have left Gail at home or tried to bring her with me....since that time I have decided that I was both right and wrong....right in leaving her there while I got settled and wrong in trying to leave her in California until 1958....marriage will only extend my tour in Japan two months so I have little to lose by bringing her over.....as for expenses, while we are in the AF Uncle Sam and your Tax money will take care of us.....at least over here it isn't the survival of keeping up with the Ginsbergs that we have at home.... I think the two of us will grow and mature by our living over here...for once in our lives we will have to depend on ourselves....and if things get too bad the AF can always help us...this is a very friendly community...especially the small unit that I am attached to...also there are friends from home that I have written about previously....Gail was planning to come to Japan this summer anyway so I don't think that there will be too much problem ~~in~~ convincing her she should come earlier and stay longer.....

As for your opinion of Gail I am under the assumption that you like her.....whether you think I can do better or not I don't know nor do I think you really care as long as I'm happy...as you know I'm very desirous of your consent not because you think that's what I want but because you actually like Gail..... the "battles" that surround my sister-in-law I would never want to happen with Gail.....this is another reason that I'd like you to be as happy as I am...this news of matrimony should not be a shock to you we have discussed it several times while I was at home always to leave the subject until I was actually ready to commit myself....I think that I am about ready to commit myself therefore I am writing and telling you of my plans.....naturally I'll inform you of further plans when they are made.... I hope this news doesn't upset or shock you ....I really don't think it should...we've talked about it and I am at that age that men get married.....even if I am the youngest, I am 24.....possibly you think this is an early age to tie myself down (I don't) and you think it may hamper my future...my future is ~~as certain as it can be~~.....after the AF is done with me I fully intend to come back to S.O., if you'll have me, and start learning the business all over again...and while I learn, I hope to continue to help the store grow bigger, better and more profitable....maybe I'll be able to develop some new ideas, maybe I'll be deadwood....I doubt if I will be this latter; I have too much personal interest and pride in the business to sit on my hind end and complain (this is what I see all day long and after a day of hearing complaining and not one constructive criticism I vow to myself I won't become like these poor souls.) I hope and think that the business will be able to afford me.....at least when one works for oneself or family he is certain of at least food and shelter.....and with hard work I'm sure that this food and shelter will soon become Beverly Hills home and steak!! So much for this disertation...I await an answer or at least an acknowledgement of this "idea" I'm playing with.....I'm sure that both of you will have some very good thoughts on the subject...if these thoughts are negative please state them anyway.....I'm sure you won't mind me arguing with you and if I don't heed your advice at least I've been warned but by past experiences I have learned that "my Mother and Father keep getting smarter each year I grow older!".....your advice has been sound in the past and I look forward to it again.....incidentally if I do go through and get married it will be in Beverly, I'd hate for the store to miss out on a chance to get a few extra sales.....I'm sure that everything could be planned before hand so that I could come home, get married and leave for Japan again....if I do continue in this marriage ~~vain~~ of thought I will ~~have~~ to have at least

two months or more to straighten things out over here.....that should put the date around the end of February.....you'd be able to visit us and maybe stay with us out here at JAB in April or May.....I'll tell you more about the housing later...thanks to my job I am an expert on the subject of housing and for that matter any problem that pertains to dependents.....also thanks to my job and position and the unit that I am attached to I can get a few things that the average officer (anything under Major) can't...if I can't get them Herb Futterman(SC graduate) in the Auditor General's office or Shelly Schragger(UCLA and BHHS) in the film making squadron can.....there are very few J's in the AF but the ones over here are in the good jobs.....aside from this I have a little pull thanks to my recent past athletic experience.....I always knew I should have been an athlete.

It is a night and a day since I wrote the first part of this letter; what I wrote still seems good and seems to express my current feelings. I would have finished and mailed this letter sooner but the work load lately has been heavy....you lost a secretary.....I lost three clerks...two have left the unit for good and the other took a three day pass; this employment problem is really bad both in civilian and military....maybe the solution is to raise a large family, indoctrinate them with a good family spirit, teach them the meaning of responsibility, and then make sure that each learns a separate task so that they can keep the business running smoothly.....then again maybe this isn't such a good idea...according to Jackie the cost of raising a family is ultra expensive.....incidentally this is the fourth time I've tried to finish this letter and this is the fourth typewriter I've used.

Rather than fight the elements I think I'll finish this letter now and return to my "job".....I'm sorry that the mail from Japan has lagged off but as you can see everytime I start to write while I'm at work some inconsiderate soul comes in and ruins my morale letters to the states. Anyway I'll do my best to keep the mail coming.....semper maili so the Roman legionaires must have said....keep well and please don't worry too much about your youngest child away in Japan.....

all my love

*Bill*

Dear Mom and Dad;

Once again there is absolutely nothing to write about as far as current news in and around JAB.


I guess the biggest news of the day was my mail.....first let me thank you for the socks and for the other socks that you are going to forward to me, these will replenish my diminishing supply. The other package I received was my early christmas present.....as packages from home are always welcome I opened it immediately....thank you very much for the gloves they are very lovely.....but it was very unnecessary for you to send me a Christmas present.....I'm a very difficult person to buy for so I appreciate your trouble...actually there are very few things that I need that I can't buy over here....socks are the rare exception and the only reason I can't buy them over here is that I can't stand the selection....they have the size and they have many pairs but all very ugly.....therefore when I run out I will send you color descriptions and designs I like plus a check and let you buy me some state side socks.....actually I'm buying very little in the way of clothing for one reason that I am running a close budget every month and for the other reason that I plan to buy my clothing before I go home...there is very little need to buy clothing now and allow it to rot and mold away during the summer months. Anyway thank you again for your christmas gift.

Enclosed is a description of "soma-ware".....you will be receiving some in the mail(when I get a chance to mail it).....these are for home consumption and not for the store...they are a gift from me and there is no need to re-imburse me...this is a bona fide gift. Seriously these are some coffee mugs that I saw and was impressed with so I bought them for you.... also in this similar "soma-ware" design are some very good looking tall high-ball glasses.....I thought these would be kind of nice for a bar .....anyway after you see the coffee mugs you can advise me on the glasses.....the mugs will probably arrive too late for a Chanukah gift(or Christmas if we are still annoyed with the Israeli) so consider them a "presento"(American word that Japanese persist in using to describe a gift...why they can't say present I don't know....guess they consider it more asiatic to say presento)

Saw a horrible movie(the type type that convinces you, you should buy a larger size TV set)called Ambassador's Daughter.....anyway the movie was made in Paris and had nothing but familiar shots.....it made me wish more and more that I had asked for Japan so the AF could have sent me to Europe.

Received the word today(Nov 29th) that the 29th of November was the Karp's silver anniversary.....enclosed in this fat envelope is a Spencer Orgell card that I would appreciate being enclosed in some nice presento(i.e. present) for the Karp's....don't send too lavish a gift but send something that would look like a nice gift from a future in-law....in other words I would like something in sterling that cost about 10.00 and looks like 30.00.....please send the bill in January(the year doesn't matter!!).....if Mr O himself is not looking after "foreign" customers please turn the request over to that nice boy...you know Dick's Father...oh you know, David. Seriously I would appreciate a nice gift being sent. Thanks

Was going to fly over to the Phillipines this weekend on a training trip but my agenda became too busy and believe it or not I had to cancel out....that should impress my boss....anyway they got me going to some school called "U.A.L."...the only things I know



Maiko  
Budding Geisha Girl

about U.A.L. is that it's a southern greeting like...youall is coming, aren't you.....actually I think youU.A.L. means unit ~~managing~~-desupply allowances...why a personnel man has to know about supply I'll never know...and why bother wasting my time with it anyway, it'll be different a week after I get out of that school....everything I "learned" at Personnel school is ancient history(that also includes my golf) ...

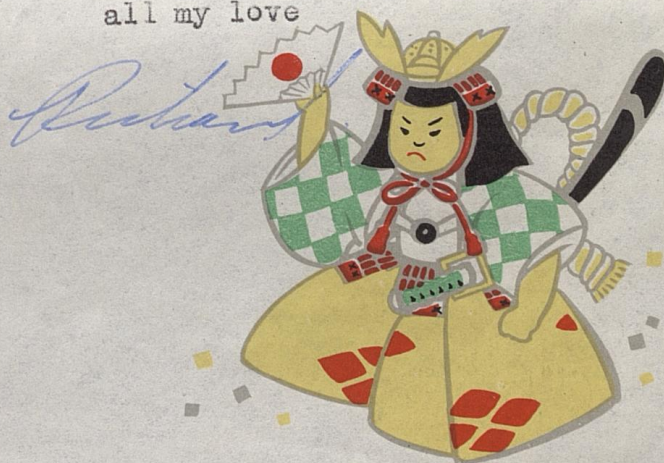
Made reservations at the Gora hotel(an officer's hotel) in Hakona National Park for the week between the 25th and the 31st....if you look on your map you'll see Hakoni is near Mt Fuji....anyway it should be a good rest....the batchelor officers(4) of the 6023rd decided that we would rather spend New Years at the Gora than in the bedlam of the JAB O'club.....according to my fellow officers the new years festivities over here are not for the tender likes of the un-married.I understand the baths at the Gora are excellent and that its ~~is~~ one of the best hotels in Japan.....ah, us lucky class of officers...just think if I was a civilian I couldn't go there I would have to go some nasty old place like the Beverly Club or the Grove.....gee but I'm lucky.....

Has Gail shown you the gift I sent her for X'mas...from her letter I gathered she liked it and it fit.....I sent here a Mickimoyo pearl ring. This was one case that being in the AF paid off, I got a great discount at the Hardy Barracks PX...the same ring at their Ginza store was double the price....the annoying factor is that the customs left on the declaration tag and now Gail also knows the price....I guess she doesn't realize that it's worth more....then again knowing her I don't think she really cares.....I'm really looking forward to seeing her this summer as a matter of fact that is one of the reasons I would like to get a courier job back to the states....I think I mentioned that I was trying to get a courier job in a back letter.....anyway nothing is certain and these courier jobs are on the spur of the moment type assignment so don't be too shocked if I call you from Washington and say I'll be home for a day or two.

Well that's about it....the weekend is coming up and I have nothing planned except for paying a 10,000 dollar "payroll"...maybe I'll sneak into Tokyo Saturday or Sunday.....anyway I'll write if anything new comes up....say would you mind continuing the Saturday and Sunday newspapers through the basketball season.....got to keep in touch with the old alma mater.....

That's it:

all my love



"Samurai Doll"  
at Boys' Festival

Dear Mom and Dad;

It was really great talking to you on the phone last night although I'm afraid a bit expensive for you...we better have a good Christmas season ~~or~~ that call will eat up all the profits.....I must admit that the call relieved my mind of many unanswered questions.....the main one being your reaction to the news of an early marriage....up until I came over here I had planned to put off all marriage plans until 1958 and my release from the AF but once over here I realized how much I missed Gail and that by bringing her over here we would both profit by the experience of living in a foreign country under semi-adverse conditions.....after much thought and many letters exchanged between us I decided that the best course to follow is the one that we are planning or as Gail and I have been calling it "Operation M".....by being over here together my tour in Japan is extended to one month prior to my release date or two extra months in Japan...a small price to pay for an extended "honeymoon" in the "fabled"(?) orient.....

As I was telling you on our phone conversation I have two problems...1. housing and 2...transportation and leave home....

Housing is the big question mark....as I am not married I can not put my name on the housing list for either off or on base housing....I can't even get a dispensation to do this no matter how many strings I try to pull therefore there is only one alternative left open to me and that is to buy a house.....there are two types of homes that I can buy....first...a home off base that is above Japanese standards but below U.S. standards....these homes have base water, electricity and are heated by what is called a space heater.....they are small...about 600 floor feet ...as inadequate as they seem to my inexperienced eye many people are living in them...these homes usually run about 2000 dollars.....this is the initial outlay but it is slowly paid back by the quarters allowance the Gov't allows it's officers.....I figure that even if I couldn't sell the house when I was ready to leave Japan (and this is highly improbable) I would have saved the purchase price by not paying rent.

The second housing alternative is still in the planning and building stage but does offer the best possibilities.....FEAF and 5th AF have approved a plan whereby the Gov't gives so much land from the base to housing and housing in turn with capital from interested persons builds adequate homes.....these homes will be located inside the base nearby to all facilities, they will have proper floor heating, base water (which must sound strange to you but Japanese water must be boiled before it can be used therefore all off base housing units that don't have base water must boil their own water ), base electricity and will also have about 1000 floor feet...the house that I have in mind is a two bed room type that will probably sell for 3,000 dollars (maybe less)...1000 down and the Chase Manhattan Bank will finance the remaining 2,000 at 6% over an 18 month period....the interest will amount to about 185 dollars.....these houses are considered rent free for one year....and then they depreciate about 600 a year....therefore after 2 years an owner may sell his abode for 3000 less 600 or 2400...now if the gov't gives me an allowance of 100 dollars a month for the 18 months I live in my home I will have saved 1800 in rent.....after 18 months I can sell the home for 2700 dollars...so being pessimistic and planning on the fact that I won't be able to sell the house (and this better not happen) all I stand to lose is 1200 plus the interest charges.....and the day that I lose 1200 dollars it is going to be darn cold in hades a matter of fact it will be snowing . Well more on this subject later when I have more information.

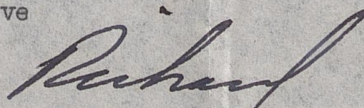
My second problem is not so critical as my first although it is contingent on the first problem.

Leave is not too big a problem especially when I am handling my own leave records and I have a very loyal crew working for me ....as I tried to explain to you over the phone I can come home practically anytime after the beginning of February....I told Gail that I thought the best date would be toward the end of the month or early March.....now this coming home is contingent on the having a home in my possession....as I am forced to fight the "battle of the Dependents" all day long every week the Col and I made a deal; that is that I would not come home to get married until I had adequate housing.....Gail wants to come over here as soon as we are married so I guess I better not only have a home but appliances in it....well there is time to iron out these problems.....and I'm sure that there will be many letters between now and the final planning of a date...in the meantime I'll let the home front make the plans and advise me to what they are.

The news from here is very little....actually most of my time is taken up answering question and signing my name....and most of my active time is spent coaching and playing basketball .....one thing I'll say for this getting married it sure keeps me busy fighting AF red tape and planning futures.

As there are a few people waiting to talk to me and I find it very difficult typing and talking I think I'll say goodbye for now and write again as soon as it is possible

All My Love



Received your letter with the introduction to a Gentleman in Kobe....Kobe is a fair distance from JAB so I doubt if I'll be able to go see him...I'll wait until you get over here.....

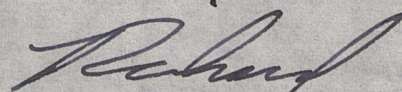
Are you still planning to come to the orient even with my coming home???

In case I didn't say so in previous letters I received all the socks...thank you.....

Finally bought myself an overcoat...trenchcoat style.....angoria and cashmire ....from a Hong Kong tailor.....the coat is very good looking and what's more important is warm....it's trench coat style in a dark gray...practically charcoal...very ivy league.....not too expensive .....

that's it again

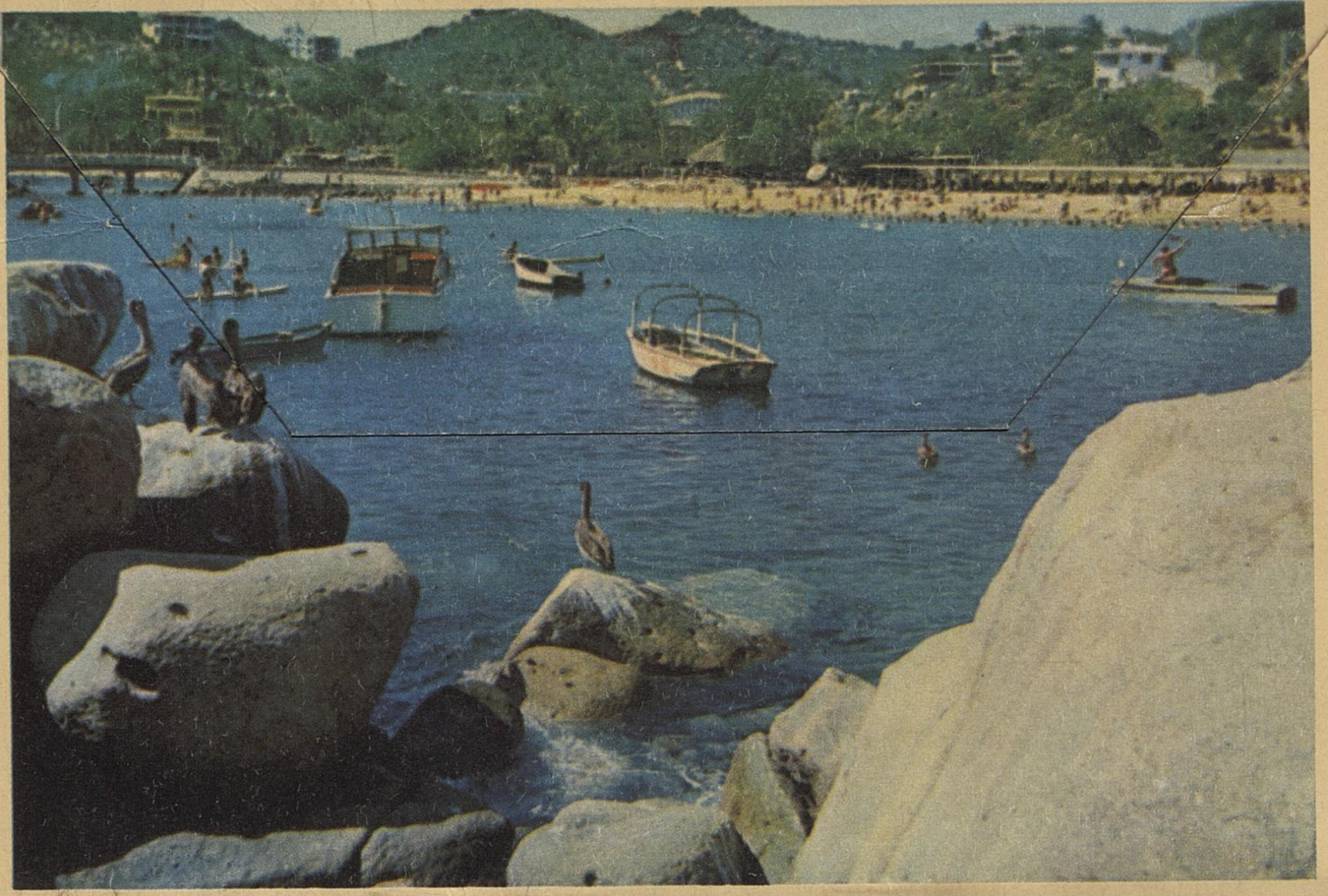
all my love





Mr + Mrs Spencer Orrell  
614 N. Radio Drive  
Beverly Hills, Calif.  
U.S.A.





The weather great - a trifle hot  
 but still nice. You can swim all day +  
 all night. Went fishing today + caught a  
 couple of 10 + 20 lb fish - a black Tuna + a Rooster  
 fish. Going surfing this afternoon + deep sea fishing  
 Tomorrow. See you soon, love + kisses  
 DICK

A.S. We're staying at the Las Americas - Acapulco's best - It's quite nice.



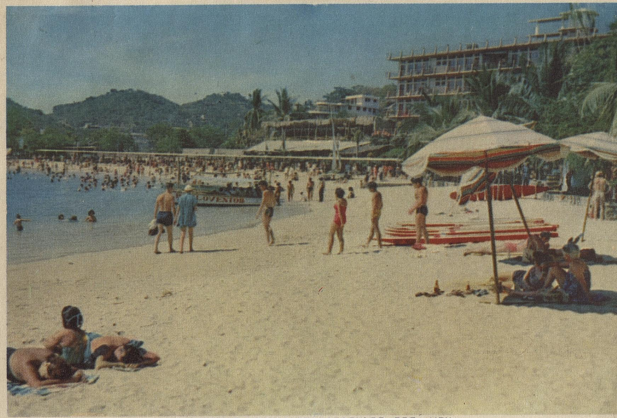
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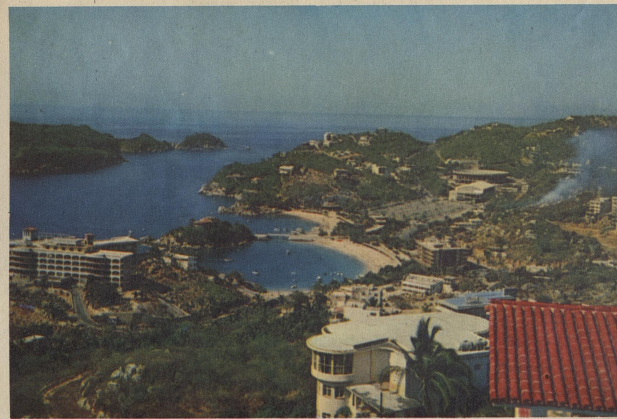
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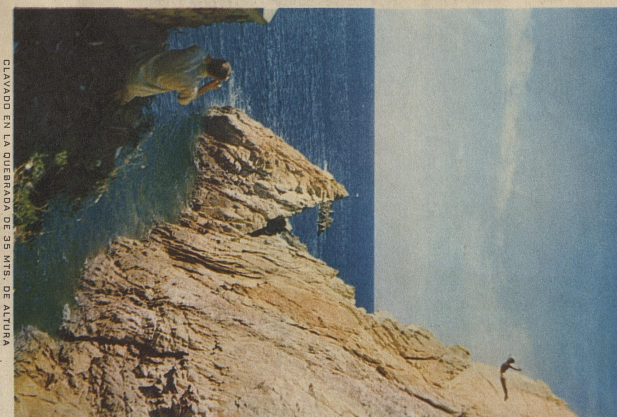
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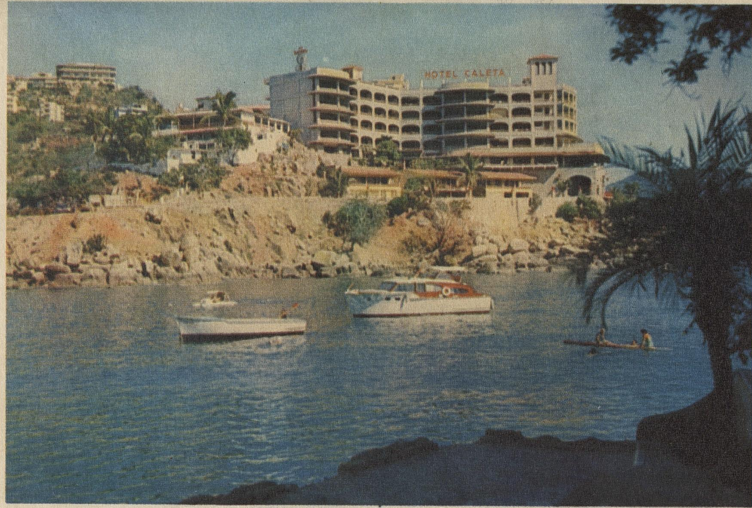


HOTEL CLUB DE PESCA Y CLUB TROPICANA, ACAPULCO, GRO., MEX.



HOTEL PAPAGAYO Y PLAYA DE HORNOS, ACAPULCO, GRO., MEX.  
EXIGENTES Y ALEJADAS DEL BULLICIO.

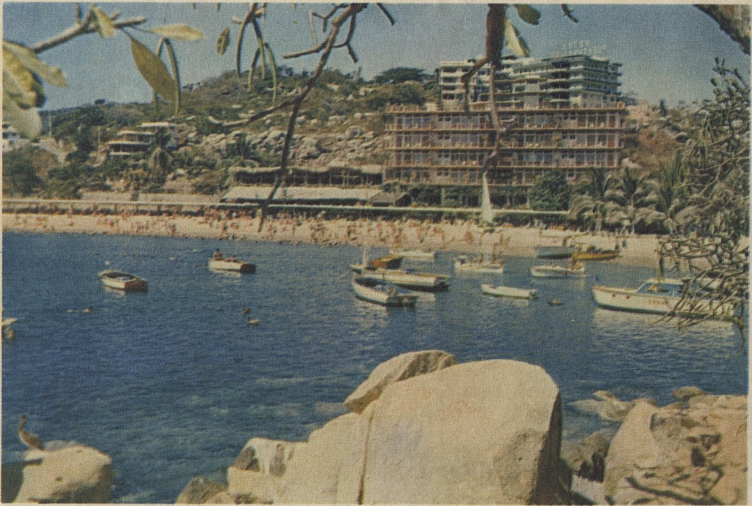
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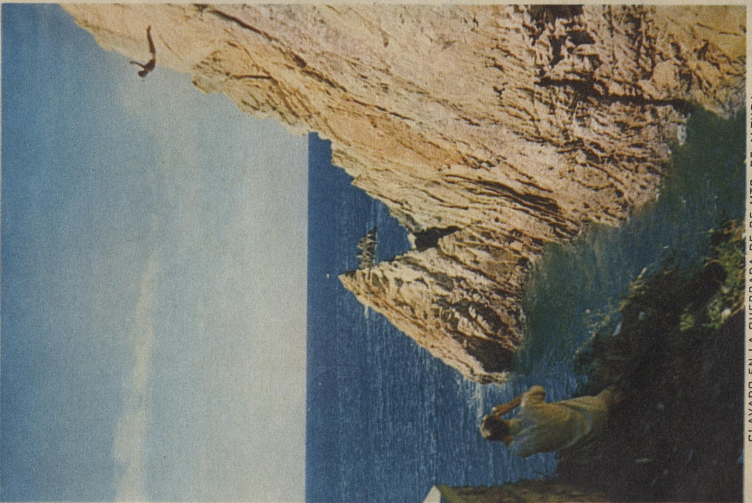
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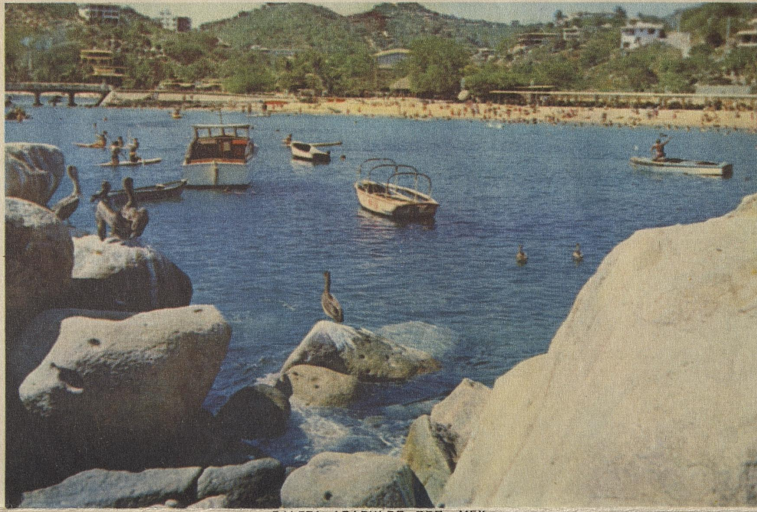
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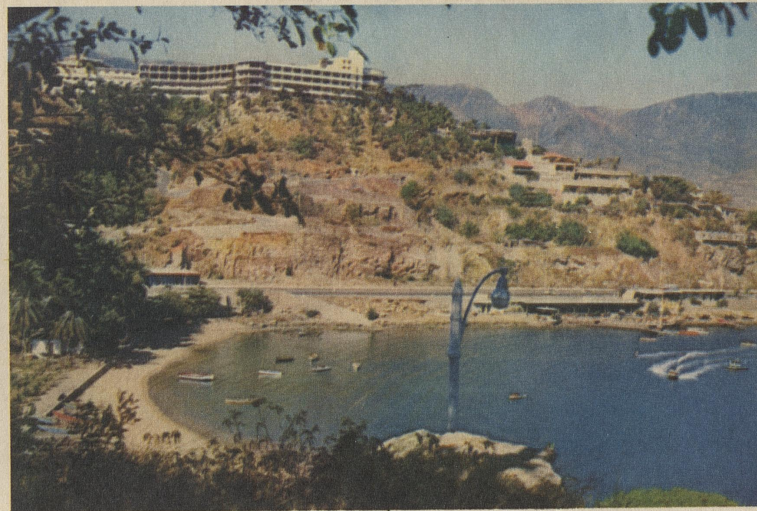
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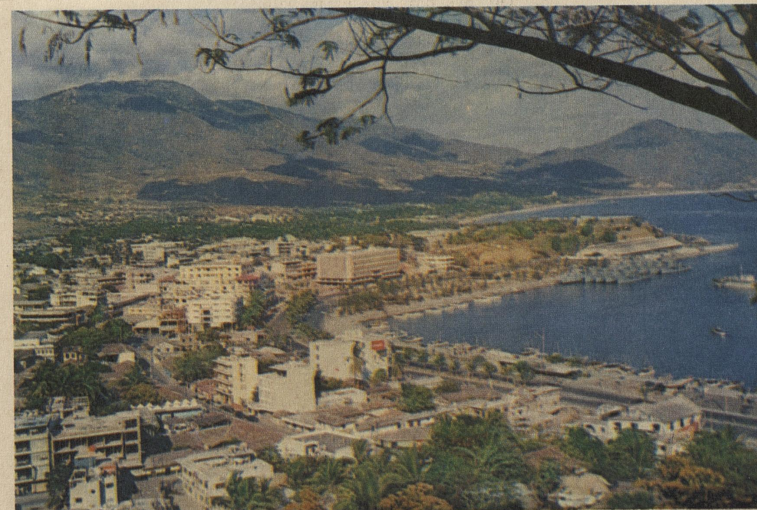
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HOTEL PALACIO TROPICAL, ACAPULCO, GRO., MEX.



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## ACAPULCO

PUERTO NATURAL CON PLAYAS MARAVILLOSAS EN LA COSTA DEL OCEANO PACIFICO. CUENTA CON DOS MARAVILLOSAS LAGUNAS PARA EL DEPORTE DE LA PESCA DE PROFUNDIDAD Y DE AGUA DULCE. EN ESTA ULTIMA ABUNDA EL ROBALO, EL CAMARON Y LA MOJARRA. LA TEMPORADA DEL PEZ VELA, LA TORTUGA, LA CORNUDA, EL MERLIN, ETC., DA PRINCIPIO EN EL MES DE NOVIEMBRE Y FINALIZA EN EL MES DE ABRIL. EXISTEN AVES COMO: PALOMAS ZARZETAS, GARZAS BLANCAS Y DE VARIADOS COLORES.

### CALETA Y CALETILLA

HERMOSAS PLAYAS DONDE POR LAS MAÑANAS SE DAN CITA TODOS LOS VISITANTES, SE ENCUENTRAN PROVISTAS DE LANCHAS CON FONDO DE CRISTAL PARA EXPLORAR EL FONDO DEL MAR. DE VELEROS DESLIZADORES PARA TRANSPORTAR HACIA LA BAHIA Y CONOCER LA BELLA ISLA DE LA ROQUETA, DE PLAYA PERFECTA Y CON UN FARO SITUADO FRENTE A CALETA.

### PLAYAS REVOLCADERO Y PUERTO MARQUEZ

SE LLEGA A ELLAS POR CARRETERA O POR MAR.

### PLAYA ENCANTADA

DE OLEAJE INMENSO, RODEADA POR SU LAGUNA "TRES PALOS"

### PIE DE LA CUESTA

CON SU LAGUNA DE COYUCA Y A UNOS PASOS DEL CAMPO AEREO

PRACTIQUE LA PESCA EN LA LAGUNA DE

### LA QUEBRADA

PASEO MUNDIALMENTE CONOCIDO: DONDE SE ADMIRAN LAS MAS BELLAS PUESTAS DE SOL EN LA QUE CLAVADISTAS NATIVOS DEL PUERTO DAN LAS MAS RARAS EXHIBICIONES A LOS TURISTAS, TIRANDOSE CLAVADOS DESDE 35 Mts. DE ALTURA; POR LAS NOCHES CON ANTORCHAS ILUMINADAS SE TIRAN AL MAR.

### PLAYA DE HORNOS

PUNTO DE REUNION DE QUIEN DESEA DELEITARSE EN LAS ACARICANTES AGUAS DE ESTA PRIMOROSA PLAYA.

APROVECHE. CONOZCA UD. ESTOS HERMOSOS PASEOS

## ACAPULCO

MARAVILLOSO PUERTO TROPICAL QUE EN CUALQUIER EPOCA DEL AÑO, UD. PUEDE VISITAR. A SOLO 445 Kms. DE LA CIUDAD DE MEXICO.

CUENTA CON MARAVILLOSOS HOTELES A LA ALTURA DE LOS MEJORES DEL MUNDO, TAMBIEN CON CASAS DE HUESPEDES Y QUINTAS AMUEBLADAS PARA LOS GUSTOS MAS EXIGENTES Y ALEJADAS DEL BULLICIO.

**TURISTA: ACAPULCO TE ESPERA**

## ACAPULCO

A NATURAL PORT WITH MARVELOUS BEACHES ON THE PACIFIC COAST. IT HAS TWO BEATIFUL LAGOONS FOR SWEET WATER FISHING. IN ONE OF THEM WE FIND MANY ROBALO, SHRIMP AND MOJARRA. THE SEASON FOR SAIL-FISH, TURTLES, SWORD-FISH, MARLIN, ETC. BEGINS IN NOVEMBER AND ENDS IN APRIL. ALSO THERE ARE BIRDS SUCH AS ZARZETA, PIGEONS AND WHITE FLAMINGOES.

### CALETA AND CALETILLA

BEATIFUL BEACHES WHERE EVERYONE GATHERS IN THE MORNINGS AND WHICH HAVE CRYSTAL BOTTOMED SIGHTSEEING BOATS FOR RENT IN ORDER TO EXPLORE THE OCEAN BOTTOM, SAILBOATS FOR CRUICING AROUND THE BAY AND VISITING BEATIFUL ROQUETA ISLAND WITH ITS PERFECT BEACH AND ITS LIGHTHOUSE ACROSS FROM CALETA.

### REVOLCADERO AND PUERTO MARQUEZ BEACHES

ACCESSIBLE BY ROAD OR SEA

### PLAYA ENCANTADA

A BEACH WITH ENORMOUS WAVES, SURROUNDED BY TRES PALOS LAGOON.

### PIE DE LA CUESTA

WITH ITS COYUCA LAGOON, A FEW STEPS FROM THE AIRPORT

ENJOY YOUR FISHING IN LA QUEBRADA LAGOON.

### LA QUEBRADA

INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN PROMENADE FAMOUS FOR ITS SUNSENTS WHERE NATIVE DIVERS PERFORM RARE FEATS, DIVING FROM AS HIGH AS 35 METERS, AT NIGHT THEY DIVE WITH LIGHTED TORCHES.

### PLAYA DE HORNOS

A RENDEZVOUS FOR WHOEVER WISHES TO ENJOY THE CARESSING WATERS OF THIS LOVELY BEACH,

## ACAPULCO

EXTRAORDINARY TROPICAL BEACH WITH YEAR ROUND STEAD CLIMATE, ONLY 445 Kms. FROM MEXICO CITY. LUXURIOUS HOTELES AS GOOD AS ANY IN THE WORLD, WITH ALL TYPES OF ACCOMODATIONS FOR ALL TASTES AND POCKETBOOKS.

**ACAPULCO AWAITS YOU WITH OPEN ARMS**





Dear Mom,

Just a little birthday <sup>gift</sup> from  
Japan, I hope you like <sup>it</sup> and I  
hope you can use it.

Here's hoping you have a  
wonderful birthday and that this  
gift brings you a little happiness.

Sorry I can't be with you  
on the festive day but Uncle  
Sam needs someone to help  
protect his Japanese "friends."

Keep well & God bless you

All my love

Richard.



Dear Mom and Dad;

Found a typewriter, had a spare moment (quite unusual lately) and therefore decided it was time to barrage you with mail.

I wish I could be original and tell you of some great happenings in the Far East but life continues to disappoint the writer instinct in me; some day I'll prepare my Life's novel I'll have to fabricate the entire part about the Far East.

Actually I'm being quite modest; a lot has happened but it's all been in the line of duty; things like court martials, homosexuals, etc.....now all I need is a dope addict and I'll have dealt with about every type case there is. Please don't begin to think that I'm attached to a delinquent unit; it's only spring and during spring a man's fancy turns to alcohol, opium, and sex.....after all wasn't it in the spring time that the colleges had their panty raids. If anything real interesting comes up I'll write you further in the meantime merely call me, as the Legal Office has nicknamed me, Caine Mutiny C outmartial

.....  
Gail seems to be amusing herself....the otherday she went with the "girls" of the 6023d to Yokohama to visit a hat factory - very fascinating so I was told.

So I have returned to ish but also with the change from typewriter to pen the day has changed to evening & I'm back at the apartment.

Our social life has been quite interesting & diversified. Passover dinner Monday - a gala affair but rather a farce in my eyes; at most it gave Gail "a chance to meet other young couples like ourselves" but alas we found that "we are the only young couple like ourselves" although a couple of girls did come over & give Gail the secret password & handshake of P.E.P. - she's taken to drink now!! Tuesday night we missed the second order not because of lack of religion but lack of endurance - both of us collapsed early & made an early evening of it. Wednesday night we took SAB's newest father, Phil Blumfox, to dinner & stayed to dine, dance & see a melodie floor show. Thursday we entertained at home with a lush beef stroganoff dinner (even Andy Wintgrade, our guest, was impressed) & dazzy bidge playing. And now, Friday night, we are once again enjoying a literary evening. Tomorrow is siphreing day, so we'll rest tonight.

The latest news on the house is that we may be moving in the day you read this letter - all is not perfect but we're ready to move & then make perfect.

Dear Mom and Dad;

Here I sit in the wee hours of the morning trying to compose a letter; my poor next door neighbor is probably regretting the day he ever lent me his typewriter....incidentally this typewriter spells as poorly as mine does.

The news around here is very scaree....the alert has been lifted and the work continues...the idea is to get everything done before Christmas so we can take leave...the only problem is that I have no leave to take and even if I did I still would be on call.

Ah, yes I forgot this is black Sunday....SC defeated UCLA and I now owe a fifth of scotch to one of my associates.

Thanksgiving was a very happy day...that was the exact day that the alert status was lifted.....I had my turkey dinner over at Herb and Barbara Futterman's...it was a real nice dinner complete with champagne(we live it up in the AF) and five pies, two mincemeat and three pumpkin.....the party consisted of six adults and two under two children...shades of Ralph, Elizabeth and Richard the Li.....after dinner I was more stuffed than the turkey had been.

Well it looks like the world is returning to normal and I think it will remain that way despite what the pessimists say.....USSR made it's temporary bid, the USA showed off it's might, England and France showed Nasser that they were tired of his antics and above all the UN made strides...it organized a police force that although probably equipped by the USA is not manned by it.....I think that this police force will become a permanent thing and will be used to settle future Hungrys and Egypts. The Russians certainly lost face....even India went against them. The next problem to be resolved I think will be this one over here, I think the UN and USA will finally recognize China and then recognize Chang's forces as Formosa....the best solution to this problem would be Chang's returning to the mainland peacefully to form a coalition gov't with the Red Chinas.....this would be a smooth move on the part of Red China...for after all how long can Chang last...when he dies the gov't will go back to the Red China form be it communism or what ever they call it.....enough of this Jon Foster Dulles talk.

The two of you are really becoming the sports...off to Vegas every other weekend....you're becoming as bad as your youngest son.....if you want a good gambling game play roulette.....bet with 10cents on the numbers....never bet fully on the number bet it on halves, quarters and even eighths. At the same time bet on the two to one bets on the side....i.e. first twelve second twelve and third twelve...if this doesn't work switch to the one to one bets of colors or odds and evens.....now that you've won on the roulette go over to the dice table and blow your winnings but above all stay away from the slot machines....you have no control over your bet at least at the tables you can try and figure out how to lose.

Well it's about time to go to bed....will write later but don't worry if the letters are delinquent I'm really quite busy and find time slipping by me...incidentally I'm back at being Joe College....I'm sitting in on a few courses to see if there is anything new to be learned..

once again my love to all

all my love

*Richard*



"Rikisha-Man"

Dear Mom and Dad;

I finally stole a typewriter; of course it's only on a temporary basis but I might as well take advantage of these modern conveniences.

Had a very enjoyable evening last night.....I went over to Herb and Barbara Flutterman's home for dinner.....Barbara's Mother is visiting them from the "Land of the Big P.X.(USA); these are the people I mentioned to you in a earlier letter.....I met them down at Yokuska Naval Base.....Herb is in the Auditor General's office attached to Johnson AB.....anyway it was like old home week talking about Spencer Orgell's, the Luau, Teitleboom the jail bird, and the many other fascinating things in and around L.A.. Barbara's mother seems to know you or David(she's not sure which is my Father...David looks too old and Dad looks too young)...her name is Abramson....her husband is in the Insurance business and knows Eddie Kosberg and the Horowitz's. She's spent several weeks over here learning to be an AF dependent....her Husband joins her next week and they continue around the world...all the stops except Eyygypt, Israel, and Saudi Arabia.....she should be home before you leave so I told her to drop in and pay my respects to you...possibly she can clue you in on some "real" bargains.....she and her husband are staying at the Nagatsu(the Imperial////(japanese name is Tei ku koo), was too crowded and they couldn't get rooms).....she now claims the Nagatsu is a better hotel...."never happen"...the Nagatsu is a little newer but it doesn't have the charm of the Imperial....the Imperial is more like a good European Hotel and the Nagatsu looks and appears to be a good Statler Hotel. Mrs Abramson is a very nice woman but she's one of these type people that have all the answers and knows all about a country after being here a week or two; she did however give me a steer or two on some good cloth which I am indebted to her for....someday soon I may get that overcoat I need and want.

Yesterday I had to go down to Atasugi Naval Base on a squadron mission so I took advantage of the trip to use the facilities of the Ships Stores. The Ships Stores are often times superior to our PX's...somehow or other the navy seems to get merchandise the AF never even thinks of and in most cases where the PX and Ships Stores carry the same item the Ships Store is cheaper.....I had a ball spending money....I went all through their Santa Claus land and bought presents for the kids....I now have a surplus of toys but I did enjoy myself.....I bought a mono-rail toy for one of the boys....that's if he ever gets it....when I got back to the BOQ last night I set the entire set up and had so much fun that I sort to hate to give the toy up.

From your very kind letters I take it that the Kokomona was not such a big hit.....I'm still interested in learning it's value.....Dad's point about the box not looking old is a good one that with my inexperience I completely over looked...possibly the box does not belong to the painting? As I said before, one's perspective goes completely astray when one begins to live in a foreign land.....when it comes to silver or china I can tell good from bad but in paintings, screens, etc I am lost.....I judge a piece of art by the standards of the Japanese....their outlook is different to the "oriental motieffs" in Beverly Hills.....anyway I hope the reproduction Kokomones are more of a hit...until further word I have curtailed my buying.....unless I see something that "just has to be bought".

Today I was suppose to go to Urawa City on more business but to be honest I am tired of driving the Japanese roads(Wed. I was down at Yokohama, Yesterday I was at Atasugi) so I sent a reliable airman instead and I'm now taking life easy here.....of recent I've been a traveling man...in the three weeks I've had my car I've driven 1,000 miles...and that's driving....as in Europe(contrary to USA) distances are judged not in miles but in time....it is an excellent road when there is a quarter of mile of straight road.....I'm glad I have my Ford...it has good springs and the bumps don't feel so bad.....I probably could have made some more money(relatively speaking) if I had shipped the Hillman over here....Four door cars/.....large or small are in demand over here.... a friend of mine who has a 4 door hardtop Buick Riviera(cost \$3500) was offered \$9,000 if he could deliver immediately...there

are ways and means by which he could do this but as he is in the Judge Advocates office he knows what can happen if the Military decides it's time to make an example of some one.....needless to say he didn't sell his car....yet!

I think you will enjoy it over here, especially if I can show you a little about how the Military lives over here....if I were to write about the conditions people would shrugg them off by saying I was homesick or I've lived a spoiled life...things couldn't possibly be that bad over there especially in a Military base... Well things are certainly below the standards of Georgia and the people who rave about Japan are the people who never get outside the Imperial(they never even learn the real Japanese name for the hotel). I hope that I can show you Japan as it should be seen....this is a very backward country....still only a relatively few years out of a feudal state....but at the same time it is a very interesting country...the lack of heat, water and toilet fascilities doesn't relly bother me as much as it does the young married couples over here because to me it's sort of an adventure...my free time is my own and I can wander and explore to my hearts content. Just the other day coming home from my courier trip to Yokohoma I got caught in the middle of a Japanese festival....there I was in my blue and white Ford and all around me where people wearing costumes and beating drums while immediately in front of me was this 8 foot hand-carried shrine.....as it was impossible to drive I took my camera out of the glove compartment and snapped a few shots....I'm afraid it was too dark to get any real good pictures....the motion picture camera was back in my room awaiting some film that I was too broke to buy...incidentally the film is \$3.50 over here(prise of developing included)...if you want film for your trip why not just buy enough for the trip here and then I can buy the rest for you here.....as part of your oriental education I plan to take you through several PX's and Ships Stores as well as the Commisary.... ah, yes I am panning to give you a tour of the average 2/it's life in Japan.... nobody back home can imagine the life.....it is impossible to describe muddy roads where when it rains the car goes into holes that submerge the car up to the window, "Kamakazi" cabs(70 or 80 yen cabs...usually small Hillmans, Morris, Prince, Volkswaggon, etc.) smells that would wake a sleeping man and other discomforts and more so it is impossible to describe the culture of these people, the family traditions, the often festivals, the beautiful but crowded farm lands, the impish children, and the unexplainable "Japanese way of doing things". Yes, I think you'll enjoy your stay here especially when you recognize that this entire modern Japanese culture is borrowed from Europe or the USA.

Well it's time to get to work....there are a few monor problems to mull over with my first sargeant and then there are some SOP'S(Standard Operating Procedures) that should be re-written.....this being a junior executive does have a few pit falls such as work.

Take care of yourselves and love to all

all my love

*Richard*