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20 Jan 67

HI ERIN,

HOW ARE YOU? COLLEEN

WILL READ THIS TO

YOU.

YOU KNOW WHAT?

THAT'S WHAT.

LET MEGAN PLAY

WITH YOU EVEN IF SHE'S

TROUBLE AT ~~THESE~~ TIMES.

SHE HAS TO LEARN HOW

TO PLAY NICE FROM

COLLEEN + KAELE + YOU.

I WON'T BE HOME FOR

A LONG TIME. BUT  
BE SURE TO PRAY  
FOR ME AND MAKE  
A PICTURE FOR ME NOW  
AND THEN.

KISS JIMMY + MEGAN  
FOR ME.

GOD BLESS YOU

LOVE,

DADDY

20 Jan 67  
SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR COLLEEN,

I MISS YOU. MOM SAYS

YOU GOT SICK. ARE

YOU BETTER NOW?

THERE'S NO SNOW HERE

— ONLY FOG AND RAIN.

I HOPE YOU ARE

HELPING MOM WITH THE

HOUSE WORK. YOU AND

KAELA ARE GOING TO

HAVE TO BE BIG GIRLS

WHILE I'M GONE. PLAY NICE

WITH EACH OTHER AND  
SHARE. HELP MOM WITH  
THE HOUSE AND THE LITTLE  
ONES.

YOU KNOW WHAT?

I LIKE YOU - A LOT!

LET ME KNOW THE NEW  
WORDS YOU LEARN. CAN  
YOU READ MOST OF THESE  
WORDS? THAT'S A GOOD  
GIRL.

GOD BLESS YOU.  
LOVE.  
DADDY

20 Jan 67

DEAR KAELEA

HI NICE GIRL. MISS

YOU. MOM SAYS YOU'RE

BEING A REAL GOOD GIRL.

ARE YOU HELPING HER

WITH THE LITTLE ONES?

THAT'S THE GIRL.

HAVE YOU BEEN OUT

IN THE SNOW? WE DON'T

HAVE ANY HERE AT ALL. ONLY

RAIN & FOG.

I'M GOING TO FLY OVER

THE OCEAN TOMORROW. HAVE

COLLEEN SHOW YOU<sup>U</sup> WHERE

I'M GOING. IT'S CALLED  
VIET NAM.

BE A GOOD GIRL FOR  
MOMMY - LIKE YOU ALWAYS  
ARE

LOVE YOU VERY MUCH,  
SWEETIE. GOD BLESS  
YOU.

LOVE,

DADDY

20 Jan 67

HI MEGAN,

ARE YOU BEING A GOOD  
GIRL ? PUT UP YOUR  
DUKES!

LOVE YOU.

LIKE YOU , TOO

GOD BLESS YOU

L.

LOVE,

DADDY

15 Feb 67  
Phuoc V.N  
MACV  
11<sup>15</sup><sub>PM</sub> Wednesday.

HI MEGAN,

I LIKE YOU. DO YOU PLAY  
NICE WITH JIMMY? YOU'RE GETTING  
TO BE A BIG GIRL NOW.

PUT UP YOU'RE DUKES!

BE NICE GIRL FOR MOM  
AND HELP TAKE CARE OF

JIMMY. GIVE HIM A KISS FOR

ME.

DO YOU LIKE THE SNOW, YET?  
DRAW ME A PICTURE.

LOVE YOU,

DADDY, VIET NAM.

24 June 67  
Plechu RVN  
Saturday  
evening

HI KAELE,

HOW ARE SWEETIE? MOM SAYS  
YOU'VE BEEN A REAL GOOD GIRL FOR  
HER.

DID YOU LEARN LOTS AT TINY  
TOTS THIS YEAR? THAT'S FINE.

YOU AND TOMMY BONIN WENT TOGETHER.  
DIDN'T YOU? MOM SAID YOU DID  
REAL WELL ON THE SONGS.

HOW DO YOU LIKE SUMMER?

NO GOOD WITH ALL THE RAIN, HUH?

DON'T WORRY THE RAIN WILL GO AWAY,  
THEN YOU'LL HAVE LOTS OF FUN.

SUMMERS ARE FOR PICNICS AND TRIKES  
AND SWIMMING AND RUNNING OUTSIDE AND  
STUFF — AND THAT'S A LOT OF FUN.

ARE YOU HELPING COLLEEN AND  
MOM TAKE CARE OF THE LITTLE ONES?  
THAT'S THE GIRL. YOU'RE ALMOST  
5 and  $\frac{1}{2}$  years old now, AREN'T YOU?

BE GOOD TO ERIN AND MEGAN  
AND JIMMY. HAVE LOTS OF FUN  
FOR ME. — AND PRAY FOR ME, PLEASE.

LOVE YOU VERY MUCH, SWEETIE.  
. LOVE, DADDY.

25 Nov 64

Sat. morning

12<sup>30</sup> AM

MACV, PKW, RVN

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25 Nov

HI COLLEEN,

HI, SWEETIE PIE! HAVEN'T  
WRITTEN A LETTER TO YOU IN A  
LONG, LONG TIME. THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR LETTERS FROM TIME  
TO TIME.

IT WAS FUN TALKING TO YOU  
IN HAWAII, WASN'T IT? I'LL  
BE HOME IN TWO MONTHS AND  
THEN WE'LL BE A FAMILY AGAIN  
LIKE BEFORE. IT'S BEEN A  
LONG YEAR, HASN'T IT? DO YOU  
KNOW WHY I HAD TO GO AWAY?  
OUR COUNTRY IS IN TROUBLE  
OVER HERE AND SHE ASKED ME  
TO HELP HER. WHEN OUR COUNTRY  
NEEDS OUR HELP, THEN WE HAVE  
TO HELP HER. THAT'S WHAT  
THE PLEDGE TO ALLEGIANCE IS  
ALL ABOUT. DO YOU THINK YOU  
UNDERSTAND?

PRETTY SOON AMERICA AND  
THE PRESIDENT WILL SAY THEY  
DON'T NEED MY HELP IN VIETNAM  
ANYMORE AND I CAN COME HOME  
TO BE WITH YOU GUYS AGAIN.

ARE YOU WORKING REAL HARD IN  
SCHOOL? HOW DO YOU LIKE SECOND  
GRADE? I BET IT'S FUN GOING  
TO SCHOOL ON THE SAME BUS AS  
KAELA.

PRETTY SOON IS CHRISTMAS. I'M  
GOING TO MISS SANTA CLAUS AND  
THE CHRISTMAS TREE THIS YEAR.  
WILL BE HOME SOMETIME IN THE  
END OF JANUARY WHEN IT'S REAL  
COLD. MAYBE WE CAN HAVE A  
PRETEND CHRISTMAS THEN, OKAY?

WORK REAL HARD AT SCHOOL  
LIKE YOU ALWAYS DO, SWEETIE.  
I'LL BET YOU'VE GROWN A MILE  
SINCE I SAW YOU LAST TIME. HAVE  
YOUR NEW TEETH COME IN YET?

PRAY FOR ME, SWEETIE AND I'LL  
SAY SOME FOR YOU. THANKS.

LOVE YOU VERY MUCH,

DADDY.

P.S Here's \$2.00 IN VIETNAMESE  
MONEY FOR SHOW AND TELL.  
SEE THE FACE WHEN YOU HOLD IT  
UP TO THE LIGHT?

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25 NOV

12<sup>30</sup> noon  
25 NOV 67  
USAF Base  
PNU RVN

HI ERIN,

NOW ARE YOU DOING, SWEETIE?  
ARE YA HELPING MOM REAL  
MUCH?

SURE WILL BE GLAD TO  
SEE YOU. DO YOU KNOW WHEN  
CHRISTMAS IS? WELL, I  
CAN'T COME SEE YOU TILL  
AFTER CHRISTMAS. DO YOU  
KNOW HOW MANY DAYS 30  
DAYS IS? WELL, I'LL BE  
HOME 30 DAYS AFTER  
CHRISTMAS, OKAY?

CAN YOU HEAR? WILL YOU  
DRAW ME SOME PICTURES FOR  
CHRISTMAS, PLEASE?

BE GOOD TO JIMMY AND  
MEGAN AND WEAR A HAPPY  
FACE OKAY? I HAVE YOUR  
PICTURE ON MY WALL AND  
LOOK AT IT MANY TIMES A  
DAY. I LIKE YOU.

LOVE,  
DADDY

25 Nov 67  
Sat 1<sup>00</sup> PM  
USAF Disp.  
PKU, RVN

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25 Nov

HI MEGAN,

NOW ARE YA DOING? ARE  
YOU PLAYING REAL NICE WITH  
JIMMY? SURE DO MISS YOU.

ASK COLLEEN, KAECA & ERIN TO  
SHOW YOU HOW MANY DAYS  
BEFORE I GET HOME.

DID YOU GET A LOT OF STUFF  
FOR HALLOWEEN? WHAT KIND  
OF FUNNY FACE DID YOU HAVE?  
I'LL BET YOU HAVE SNOW  
OUTSIDE BY NOW.

BE A REAL GOOD GIRL FOR  
MOM, WON'T YOU? I LIKE YOU  
REAL MUCH BECAUSE YOU TRY  
TO BE GOOD GIRL.

DO YOU LIKE JIMMY? BE SURE  
TO SAY HELLO TO HIM FOR ME.  
BECAUSE I MISS HIM TOO.

~~IT~~ ~~WEN~~

Kay - will go to Saigon in the  
morning with Rich - rest & relaxation.  
Be good and hang loose  
LOVE, DADDY.

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25 Nov

1:00  
AMSat. morning  
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MACV, PKW  
RVN.

HI KAELE,

HOW ARE YOU, SWEET HEART?  
HAVEN'T TALKED TO YOU IN A LONG  
TIME, HAVE I. I'M SORRY.

HAVE YOUR VERY PRETTY  
SCHOOL PICTURE UP ON MY WALL  
IN MY OFFICE. YOU CERTAINLY ARE  
GETTING BIG.

HOW MANY DAYS TO CHRISTMAS?  
DID YOU HAVE A NICE THANKSGIVING?  
SURE WISH I COULD BE WITH  
YOU. BUT I'LL BE HOME ABOUT  
THIRTY DAYS AFTER CHRISTMAS,  
OKAY? THEN WE'LL BE A  
FAMILY AGAIN.

IS IT COLD IN MINNESOTA?  
SOMETIMES AT NITE IT GETS  
COLD HERE BUT WE NEVER HAVE  
SNOW.

DO YOU LIKE MRS. SMITH?  
SHE'S A NICE TEACHER ISN'T SHE?

CAN'T WAIT TO GIVE YOU A BIG  
BEAR HUG AND SIT AND WATCH  
THE SNOW AND BE WITH YOU GUYS.  
BE GOOD FOR MOM AND YOU AND  
COLLEEN HELP HER ALL YOU CAN,

OKAY.5

I'M SENDING SOME TOBACCO  
FROM THE MONTAGNARDS. THEY GROW  
IT IN THEIR FRONT YARDS. (Maybe a  
mistake Ray, I dunno - thought it would  
be interesting. Delete this part if you think  
it's unwise). ALSO SOME MONEY  
WE USE IN VIETNAM ~~IN~~ INSTEAD OF  
REGULAR MONEY.

LOVE YOU VERY MUCH, SWEETIE.  
BE GOOD. SEE YOU IN JUST 60  
DAYS.

LOVE YOU.  
PRAY FOR ME

DADDY

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USAF Academy  
PKU, RVN

HI TIGER,

DON'T THINK YOU KNOW  
WHAT I'M SAYING, BUT HERE  
GOES.

DAD LOVES YOU VERY MUCH.  
PLAY REAL NICE WITH MEGAN  
AND ERIN, OKAY. HELP MOM  
BY BEING A REAL GOOD BOY.

WILL SEE YOU SOON.

LOVE,

DADDY