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Dear Dan ...

You got away without my saying goodbye properly, which is probably just as well. I hate goodbyes, and from what I have he ard dince I returned from Penang, you had about all of the farewells that the human body could stand.

It has been interesting in Vietnam since you left; starting the night you left Pleiku. I got back just in time for the first rocket attack, and we have been having a lot of fun and games since then. It has been tough on the montagnards, caught in the middle, but a lot of VMC are no longer around, having caught the hard end of a bullet in and around Pleiku city as well as at Ban Me Thout and Kontoum. It has not been as bad as the unwitnessed news reports have made it out to be, but it has been bad. Over 600 VC and NVA killed in the Pleiku area alone, and more than 4100 in II corps area. I haven't quite figured out what they hope to accomplish with this big push, but they have sure taken some staggering losses in the process.

Enclosed are a few things you might want to have. On page 28 of the Legion magazine is one of the best rundowns on VN and its future I have read in a long time. It is the same things we said for six months, and I could almost have written it myself, it's so good! I did write the piece on the blue letter paper. Wrote it one night when Johnny Walker and I had been communing, and the writing juices began to flow. It, like Bill's, is a personal tribute to a man we love and admire....

All of the best to you, Dan'l, to you and to yours. If the fates degree, our paths will cross again sometime. Till then,

Be good Charlie



Dear Doc,

Recieved your letter and would have answered sooner but you can't believe the trouble we have had with these Choppers this last 29 days. Capt Osborne and Maj Hastings had to sit down in a field with a frozen engine and it has been one thing after another.

Berrio's home address is, 51 Antler Road So. Yarmouth, Mass. Hope you can contact him all right. He was to leave the hospital in Japan in about 10 days and go back to the States. I don't know where they were planning on keeping him after he got there. At any rate they told him that he was finished as far as Vietnam was concerned.

Two more items of interest. We were mortared last night, no damage. Gen Vin Loc II Corps Commander has been relieved of his duties.

That's about all the latest, Good luck in your civillian endeavors, I will be right behind you selling Real Estate in Shreveport, Louisiana on June 1st.

Sincerely,

Marcus L. Burrough, SMSGT, USAF

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Shreveportm La. 71109 (after Jun 1st)

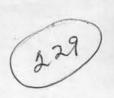
223 20 March 1968 Dear Nan, Here I am back in the damn Far East again, this time it's Osan aB South Korea for a 90 day TDY. I left Bergstrom on 8 February after 60 days of marriage There is a good chance though that I shall be going back by the end of the month. I How is civilian life treating you! I saw your picture in the lie Force Times standing in front of Crossbow There are a lot of people here from theiker among them rophy Majwell (whowrote a letter to his senator and to last week) It/Col Holman from the 4th ACS, Maj. Disbrow from the 1st ACS and a few others. It looks like old I got married on 10 December in athens stayed there for 6 days after the wedding and went to Rome for 3 days. We then flew to New York where I picked up my new Volvo P-4800 and dlove to Washington for a couple of days. I friend of mine there threw a cocklail party for Jack Kildy came. We had the big wedd nobile on the 28th of December and Spivey and Hodriques were in allendance. I had them sit up at the head table. There was plenty of booge and plenty of freek dansing (remember

the old Hava Nagilahs we used to do?) After our return to Bergstrom this baloney with the Pueblo come up and here I am. and here I am. This is one of the most screwed up situations I have ever seen. I am supposed to be "working" in a command center as an air surveillance officer but all I do is read and write letters. The rumors about our getting home are constant but until I'm on the plane I won't believe it. From what I understand the Gueblo isn't even mentioned in the states any more. I would take 90 days in bleike over this any a I have only danced once on the stage since I've been here and that was with a Korean midget. It really has been a drag and I can't wait to get back to my darling We live on base now and the address is 428 Simpson Street Bergstrom QFB, Quetin, Tesas 78743. If you are ever down that way my house is yours.

Well I must be closing for now. Take care of yourself and give my best to the wife and kids. Your ole buddy The Golden Freek



Case of beer 8 packof Pop tollers Chip dip 2 gallow carton



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DEAR DR. CONLON,

22 July 68

and figure its a good time for me to drop you a line.

being taken care of best we can, though I dought if any one gets out as much as you did. We are much better organizationed to help the villagers with their problems; both individual and Innuntry type problems. Crossbow sales are better than ever and we are trying to find new markets in other parts of the country. If we too arm't successful with new markets we may be flooded with crossbows in our warehouse. Sales are better than ever but the Montagnous are also making bows foster.

The two slides give you an idea what your looms look like.

Right now all the looms are stacked up at the Day. Training Ctr.

None of the booms are operative of presents it seems they sent every thing we needed except two parts; a chair of a ballsearing, with out these two parts for each loom.

I will work. There is an order for them but kow long it'll take to process it and get the pasts here. I'm afraid it will be to late the lumber will not before It we get them in use.

(over,

I'm not writing this to make you angry just to let you know how things a going. We have a new boss now his name is It al Harry Cortese. He seems like a nice guy. and Lick says he like him I'm writing to you hoping you can help in in us with a small problem. A doctor who work with the people over here once said. "the greatest preventive medicine the Montagnardy can use is soap' well our supply is very low. if you can get any organization to send some we'd love to get it. Your not the only person I'm askings. I figure that all the members of the Purple liver society" would be enterested in doing something stateside if they can help, So I'm going to drop you all a latter.
Well Lick and I have to got to chow so I hope every things fine with you and we'll hear from you soon Sgt. Comean



## MOST REV. PAUL L. SEITZ TÕA GIÁM MỤC KONTUM Caa-Nguyên Trung-Phân South Viet Nam

I am writing to you from Kontum, South Vietnam. My Diocese is situated at the end of the Ho-Chi-Minh trail. We are surrounded by jungle and forest, a sea of green with mountains fading into the distance.

The area is a natural guerilla fortress and the villages are scattered and vulnerable. Our people are the Montagnards. They have a culture, a civilization and a relatively high and pure morality even though they are so isolated.

They welcome our presence here and rely on us in many ways. Can we find a home locally for an orphaned child? Medical treatment for a sick or wounded relative? Food for those who are hungry? So many cries for help. We can, and will, answer them while we have the funds and the personnel.

Previously we had 88 parishes but 26 of these have been razed and their people evacuated due to war. When peace returns we shall have to reconstruct all these parochial centers. Already, in certain areas, reconstruction has commenced.

Will you please give us a helping hand? A gift sent in the enclosed envelope will be paid into my bank account at the Bank of New Hampshire, Nashua. (Confirmation may be obtained from there of the authenticity of my appeal.) I pay no percentages or commissions.

Here is an opportunity for you to directly assist these courageous people in their distress and show them in a practical way your Christian love for them. \$5 or \$10 can do so much here at present.

God bless you.

It takes some time before I hear whether you have received my recent letter. Mails are slow to and from Kontum. You may have already sent a gift and if so please forgive me and may God bless you for your understanding help.

+Paul L. Seitz Bishop of Kontum

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Your stamp Here Will Aid Mission Funds In Viet-Nam

Most Reverend Paul L. Seitz Diocese of Kontum (South Viet-Nam) c/o Box 507 Nashua, N. H. 03060 U. S. A.

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EVERY MONTH

Most Reverend Bishop Seitz,

Please remember my Intentions in your Masses and prayers.

to help you with your relief work in South Viet-Nam.

Please use BLOCK LETTERS when writing name and full postal address.

NAME (Mr. Mrs. Miss)

ADDRESS:

I do not/require an acknowledgment.

THAILAND LADS THUE	The following are names and addresses of friends who may help your missions. I understand that my name will not be mentioned if you should correspond with them.		
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